

October 11, 2026

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Tripp Yancey

Opening Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Randell Koon

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Tavin Fitzgerald

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (10/14/26)

OUR RECORD

October 4, 2026

Sunday Bible Study:

Sunday Morning Worship:

Sunday Evening Worship:

Wednesday Night Bible Study:

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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

TAKE HEED LEST YE FALL Mark Lindley

The opening part of First Corinthians 10 is a review of Israel's wilderness wanderings. God had led His people out of Egyptian bondage and across the Red Sea. God blessed the people in the wilderness, providing them with the necessities of life. Nevertheless, the Israelites were not grateful as they should have been. Rather, the people often worshiped idols, lusted after evil things, tempted God, and committed fornication (I Corinthian 10:1-10).

The sad, tragic consequences of their actions are set forth in verse 5: "But with many of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness." They had an opportunity to enter the Promised Land, but they failed to obey the Lord and perished in the wilderness.

Could this happen to Christians today? The apostle Paul answers that question: "Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall" (I Corinthians 10:11-12). Please take notice of the word "fall."

Now, consider the following: 1) The words in First Corinthians were written to Christians; 2) The passage teaches that God's people of the Old Testament fell short of the land that had been promised to them and they died in the wilderness; 3) These words serve as an "ensample" to us today; 4) These words teach that a Christian, a member of God's church (cf. I Corinthians 1:2), could "fall" and miss the Promised Land of heaven.

This passage shows once and for all that the doctrine of "Once Saved, Always Saved" is false. Any person who studies this passage will have to see this indisputable fact. The illustration Paul gives is just too clear to miss: many Israelites, God's people of the Old Testament, missed the Promised Land; Christians, God's people today, can fall into sin and miss the reward of heaven. That is the illustration and the application Paul makes.

The good news is that one does not "have" to fall away. Paul goes on to affirm that with every temptation, God will provide a way of escape that we may be able to bear the temptation (verse 13). As Christians look to the Lord for strength, He will provide the strength needed to overcome and to inherit the heavenly Land of Promise.

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

BIBLE PREACHERS: PAUL ON THE STAIRS
James Pilgrim

False doctrine produces division. (Acts 21:34; 19:32). This certainly was the case with Paul in Jerusalem. He was saved from death by “the chief captain.” (Acts 21:27-34). Paul, surprised the chief captain when he spoke in Greek. He asked him if he could speak to him. Paul then identified himself as a Jew of Tarsus, Cilicia, and asked if could speak to the people. (Acts 21:39). When given license to do so, Paul, standing on the stairs of the castle (Tower of Antonio), “beckoned with the hand unto the people. And when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew tongue,....(Acts 21:34, 40).

Paul begins his sermon by addressing those present, saying, “Men, brethren and fathers.” (Acts 22:1). Paul was a Jew, and he immediately bonded with them. Speaking in the Hebrew tongue, he drew “more silence.” (Verse 2). Paul further gained their respect telling them that he was a Jew born in Tarsus, Cilicia, taught the law by Gamaliel, was zealous as they were, persecuting, even killing men and women, on his way to Damascus to bring others to Jerusalem to be punished. (Verse 5). One can picture the Jews agreeing with all Paul said up to this point, even thinking that they may have been wrong about him.

BUT, however positive about him, that was all about to change, because he was about to tell them about his conversion and present life and work. (Verses 6-22). Paul begins by telling them of his journey to Damascus, the great light that shinned around him about noon, the voice he heard, saying, “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” his asking, “Who art thou Lord?”, and his being told, “I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou percutest.” (Verses 6-8). He then told them that his fellow-travelers heard a sound and saw a light, but did not see Jesus, and did not understand the words spoken in the sound. (Verse 9).

Paul then told his audience that he asked Jesus, “What shall I do, Lord?” Jesus did not say, “Nothing. I did it all for you; I finished it. Salvation is by grace alone, by mercy alone, by my blood alone.” Neither did Jesus did say, “Salvation is by faith only.” Jesus did not say, “Just say the sinner’s prayer, and find a good church, and join it.” Jesus DID say, “Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.” (Acts 22:10). Paul was obedient, being helped by his company. (Verses 11-16). Notice what he was told to do, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.” (Verses 16, 10). One wonders how many of Paul’s company, upon hearing and seeing these things followed Paul in being baptized. (1 Corinthians 11:1). The word says nothing of this, but it seems very likely that they did the same thing.

Lastly, Paul tells them how because of their negative reactions God sent him “far hence unto the Gentiles.” (Verse 21). Paul hesitated to go at first, telling God that the Jews knew who Saul was, but he obeyed God. (John 14:15; 15:14; Matthew 12:50).

“And they gave him audience unto this word, and then lifted up their voices, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. And as they cried out, and cast off their clothes, and threw dust into the air,....(Acts 22:22, 23). The chief captain had Paul bound and examined by scourging. (Verse 24). Paul asked a centurion if it were lawful to beat an uncondemned Roman? (Verses 25). It appears that the beating of Paul ceased, and he was brought before the chief priests and all their council.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:13 and Ephesians 1:22, 23. Acts 9:1-18 and Acts 26. Acts 2:41, 47. Galatians 3:26, 27. Romans 5:1; Acts 17:30, 31; Romans 10:32, 33; 6:1-7; and 1 Peter 3:20, 21.

Bible preaching is what is to be done, but one may have to pay a steep price for so doing, as did Paul and others. Likely, in America, we will face no more than ridicule.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Monday, October 12, 2026
Speaker: Anna Palmer
South Main Events
102 South Main Street, Ripley, MS

PINE VALE CHILDREN’S HOME
2026 Fall Food Drive
We will be doing monetary donations.
Donation Box is in the foyer.
Deadline October 11th.

SLEEPING BAGS NEEDED
The **World Ukraine Mission** is in need of sleeping bags for children. Please leave them on the tables by the Teacher’s Supply Room.
Deadline is October 31st.

TRUNK-R-TREAT
OCTOBER 31st 5:30 PM

FALL FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
NOVEMBER 8TH
10 AM - BIBLE STUDY
10:45 - AM WORSHIP
12 NOON - FELLOWSHIP MEAL
1:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE

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BAPTISED

We rejoice with **Alison Abernathy** (Granddaughter of Gail & Mickey Chandler), who was baptized into Christ on Sunday, October 4. We are so proud of her and want to encourage her as she begins her spiritual walk.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

❖**SICK SUNDAY:** Debbie Chapman, Stephanie McAlister

❖**IN HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman

❖**HAVING SURGERY:** Myra Palmer (back), Mallory Smith (heart), Johnathon Ledbury (brain- Larry Wood’s great-nephew), Samuel Pilgrim (hip- James & Sammie’s son), Rhonda Newby (Connie Koon’s Sister)

❖**HAVING TEST:** Nellie Wallace (Steve Morrison’s Granddaughter)

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖**CANCER:** Dennis Hopper, (John’s Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), Harold Hankins, Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison’s Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison’s Niece)

❖**SHUT-INS:** ***Home:*** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael ***Tippah County Health & Rehab:*** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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