November 22, 2026

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading
Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer
Kevin Shackelford(A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)
Keith Newby (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Tim McMillin

Count and Usher
Bryan Davis & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brock Lindley (11/25/26)

OUR RECORD
November 15, 2026
Sunday Bible Study: 83
Sunday Morning Worship: 103
Sunday Evening Worship: 71
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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).

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PREACHER: **Mark Lindley**

"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

Mark Lindley

The above question comes from Psalm 116:12. Because God had blessed the psalmist so abundantly, he wanted to give God something in return. The author of Psalm 116 had faced some terrible trial (the specifics of which are not revealed), but God delivered him. Having been rescued from his pit of despair, the psalmist felt a deep sense of indebtedness to God.

Certainly, we would all agree that the question the psalmist asked is appropriate for us to ask as well. When someone does us a favor, we tend to want to return the favor. We might even ask, "Now, what can I do for you?" We should feel this same sense of gratitude toward God, because He blesses us with innumerable gifts. James wrote, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights…" (James 1:17).

Just consider the necessities of life which God so richly provides. We must have food, water, air to breathe, the warmth of the sun and numerous other blessings in order to live upon this earth. God, however, provides. The Scriptures teach that the world belongs to God: "If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for **the world is mine, and the fulness thereof**" (Psalm 50:12). Therefore, we eat His food, drink His water, breathe His air, and are warmed by His sun. God gives us these gifts, and we should be grateful that He doesn't send us a billing statement!

In addition, God provides spiritual blessings, without which, mankind would be lost. We are indebted to God because of His marvelous love which prompted Him to send His only Son to die on the cross. Paul wrote, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). How could we ever repay the debt we owe? The truth is, we can't. However, we can give ourselves in service to Him thereby showing our gratitude for all He has done for us. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). Let us resolve to show our gratitude to God by living each day for Him. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

EVERY WHERE IT IS SPOKEN AGAINST
James Pilgrim

Paul arrived in Rome as a prisoner, but in his own place ("own hired house", Verse 30) with a soldier. (Acts 28:14-16). "After three days Paul called the chief of the Jews together" and explained why he was there, telling them of his innocence. (Acts 28:17-20). The Jews present had not received anything negative toward Paul, but wanted to hear what Paul thought about this so-called "sect…every where…spoken against." (Acts 28:22). On an appointed day, many went to Paul's house, and "he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening." (Verses 23-29). Romans 15:4, explains why Paul used the Old Testament, and why we should do the same, even though the law of Moses was nailed to the cross. (Colossians 2:14-16; Galatians 5:1-4; Romans 7:1-7).

We live in a modern age, but in some things, there have been little or no changes. The idea of the church the word of God presents is an example of this. The "churches of Christ" (Romans 16:16), the church Jesus promised to build (Matthew 16:13-19), are a prime example of this. The churches which have not compromised, which continue to stand for the "one faith," (Ephesians 4:5), are spoken against every where.

Some are belittled by others as "the group that believes that all who are not a member of your little group are going to hell." Beloved, the Spirit says, "one faith." (Ephesians 4:3, 5). Do you believe that? Can even an apostle or angel acceptably preach any other gospel than the one faith? (Galatians 1:6-9). Are all to speak the same thing? (1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 4:11).

Others say, "They are the people who believe in water salvation, rather than grace." This is a grievously false misrepresentation of churches of Christ who continue to stand for the faith. The word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15), teaches that one is saved by grace when one obeys God. (Ephesians 2:8-10; Titus 2:11, 12; Hebrews 5:8, 9).

While one cannot earn salvation, one must do or not do certain things to receive God's gift. (Luke 17:10). God gave Naaman healing, but he had to **first** wash in Jordan seven times. (2 Kings 5:7-14). God also gave the land of Canaan to Israel, but they had to take it. (Joshua 1). Notice the number of times the word "gift" or an equivalent are used; look also at the work they had to do to receive this gift.

Churches of Christ are sometimes laughingly called "Bible thumpers," because of a call to give book, chapter, and verse for what is done, or for adhering to an old restoration idea of speaking where the Bible speaks, remaining silent where the Bible is silent, and exhibiting love in all things. There would be unity if this were done. (1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Peter 4:11).

Closely related to "Bible thumpers" is "Legalists or Pharisaical." The problem with the Pharisees had to do with their binding things the scriptures did not bind. One is neither Pharisaical nor a legalist for asking for all to obey 1 Peter 4:11, and such passages. If so, why?
Where would any division exist if this were done?

A preacher once called the church "a cult." That would be similar to the way some saw the churches of Christ in the first century. However, no one is forced to become a member of or remain in the church of Christ. In harmony with the word of God, one must obey Jesus to become a member of His Church (Acts 2:14, 22; Romans 10:17; Acts 17:30, 31; Romans 10:9, 10; 1 Peter 3:20, 21), and remain faithful to Hisword to remain loyal to Him. (Revelation 2:10).

Churches loyal to Jesus are at times called "Campbellites," thinking Thomas and Alexander Campbell started them. However, churches of Christ existed in Europe prior to the birth of either of them, and in America (Bridgeport, Alabama), before they came here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

L2LS CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
Saturday, December 5th
Time: 10 AM

HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING
DECEMBER 6TH
After Evening Service
If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets - box located in foyer.
Deadline Nov. 22nd

*Please review List of Names doing baskets for - posted in foyer - *make note if they are diabetic* –

WANT TO MAKE SURE WE DON' T MISS ANYONE

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Monday, December 7th, 2026
Speaker: April Pounders
Bring a wrapped Christmas Ornament.
South Main Events
102 South Main Street, Ripley, MS

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Michelle Elliott, Donnie Holiday, Johnnie & Rodney Robinson.

✥**SICK SUNDAY:** Betty Derrick

✥**IN HOSPITAL:** Juanita Michael, Holly Madugula *(TX/Robin's Sister),* Kenneth Wade (Southaven)

✥**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Teresa Rhea (brain), Johnathon Ledbury (brain- Larry Wood's great-nephew), Samuel Pilgrim (hip- James & Sammie's son)

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

✥**CANCER:** Craig Grisham, Lesa Franks (Melissa Hurt's Mother), Sidra Davis, Mary Ann Kirkman**,** Renea Roberts**,** Lynita Davis, 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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