

December 7, 2025

Announcements
Tommy Wade

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Keith Newby

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Rickey Cissom

Opening Prayer
Bobby Bridges (A.M.)
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Andy Reese (A.M.)
Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord' s Table
Bryan Davis

Count and Usher
Rickey Loveless & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (12/10/25)

OUR RECORD

November 30, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 87
Sunday Morning Worship: 115
Sunday Evening Worship: 82
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

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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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FIVE EXHORTATIONS FOR CHRISTIANS Mark Lindley

“Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all your things be done with charity” (I Corinthians 16:13-14). This is a powerful passage of Scripture, containing five practical exhortations for Christians.

1. “Watch ye.” This is encouragement to be alert, and to guard oneself against temptation, false doctrines, and other things which might challenge one’s faith. Christians have an enemy who is seeking to destroy. The enemy is Satan: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (I Peter 5:8). If one fails to keep his/her guard up, one might fall into sin, away from the Lord (cf. I Corinthians 10:12).

2. “Stand fast in the faith.” The word “stand” means “to be stationary.” The phrase, “in the faith,” refers to the teachings of the New Testament. The exhortation is for Christians to believe, obey and to “stand” in the Gospel. The Lord is not pleased with one who is spiritually hot one day and cold the next, one who is “straddling the fence,” trying to be friends with God and the world at the same time. Spiritual stability is the thing Paul is encouraging.
3. “Quit you like men.” This admonition literally means to “show oneself to be a man.” One of the virtues that might be admired in a man is bravery. It takes bravery to be a faithful Christian. There is pressure from the world to do what is popular instead of what is right. Cowardice is disgraceful and will cause some to be lost (Revelation 21:8).
4. “Be strong.” This is obviously not a reference to physical strength, but to spiritual strength. One’s spiritual strength is proportionate to one’s degree of faith. The stronger one’s faith, the stronger one will be in living for the Lord. The Scriptures teach that faith comes by hearing God’s Word (Romans 10:17). It follows, therefore, that in order to “be strong,” we must study and apply God’s Word to our lives because the Word produces faith.
5. “Let all your things be done with charity.” The word “charity,” in the King James translation, means “love.” Christians must have a deep and abiding love for the Lord and for one another. Without love, the other exhortations would be meaningless. Determine that you will follow these exhortations. These simple exhortations will help Christians to be faithful to the Lord, and to be saved eternally in heaven.

THE APOSTLES—JUDAS ISCARIOT
James Pilgrim

The last of the apostles Matthew names is “Judas Iscariot” (Matthew 10:1-4), “the son of Simon” (John 13:26), not the man Jesus surnamed Simon. Jesus selected Judas, also called Judas Iscariot, a disciple (John 12:4), to be one of His apostles. Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible believes Iscariot means that Judas was an “inhabitant of Kerioth.” (Page 525). He is the apostle who “had the bag, and bare what was put therein.” (John 12:6; 13:29). It appears that Judas was the treasurer of the apostles. He would have also been faithful at first, a disciple and going to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. (Matthew 10:5-42). Judas Iscariot because of his close relationship to Jesus would have witnessed many faith building signs and wonders done by the Lord. For example, Matthew 8; 9; and what Jesus gave them, and what Judas saw the other apostles do. (Chapter 10); and more.

Judas Iscariot was a thief and a covetous man, as is seen John 12:1-8, especially verses 4-6. Another example of Judas’ covetousness is seen in his bargaining with the chief priests to betray Jesus. (Matthew 26:14-16). The hypocrite had the boldness and audacity to sit with Jesus at the table when He instituted the Lord’s Supper, and even ask if he were the one going to betray Him, asking, “Master, Is it I?” (Matthew 26:17-30). This a question that should have been asked long before this time, or a question that he should have never had to ask. Hopefully, dear reader, you will always live “in hope of eternal life” (Titus 1:2), in such a way that you can die in hope of eternal salvation. Later, “Judas...came, and with him a great multitude with swords, and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people.” (Matthew 26:47).

Judas then gave Jesus the betrayal kiss he had agreed to do. (Verses 48, 49). Jesus was arrested, falsely accused, falsely convicted, nailed to the cross, and treated like a common criminal. (Matthew 26:50-27:66). All of this was in spite of what the man and governor, Pilate, said, “I find in him no fault at all.” (John 18:38; 19:4). **WOW!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Judas Iscariot did not get to enjoy his ill-gotten thirty pieces of silver. The morning after Jesus’ arrest “all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death...bound him...and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. (Matthew 27:1, 2). Judas, seeing that he was condemned, had a “sorrow of the world” which “worketh death.” (2 Corinthians 7:10). He, therefore, had enough sorrow to bring the money back, but when the chief priests and elders rejected it, he confessed to betraying innocent blood, threw the money down in the temple, and went out and committed suicide, hanging himself. (Matthew 27:3-5). This fulfilled a spoken, not written, prophecy by Jeremiah. Compare Zechariah 11:12. The sin of Judas Iscariot cost this greedy apostle his life.

Judas Iscariot was replaced as an apostle by one named Matthias. (Acts 1:15-26). Acts 1:25 says “Judas by transgression fell, that he might go to his own place.” Matthias took Judas’ place. (Acts 1:26).

Judas Iscariot died the shameful death of a rejected man. He not only did not get to enjoy the thirty pieces of silver from his betrayal of Jesus, but he also lost the pleasure of being an apostle of Jesus the Christ, the Son of the living God of heaven, following Jesus, and doing His work. As the song says, “Live for Jesus, O my brother. His disciple ever be; Render not to any other, what alone the Lord’s should be.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLIDAY BASKETS & CAROLING
DECEMBER 7TH

After Evening Service

LADIES BIBLE CLASS
DECEMBER 9TH

6:30 PM

At South Main Events

Bring an ornament – will do ornament exchange.

HOLIDAY TIME CHANGE

Midweek Bible Study will be on
Monday, December 22nd for the
week of Christmas.

Midweek Bible Study will be on
Monday, 22nd for the week of
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29th** for the week of New Year’s.

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IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go
out in deepest sympathy to the family
and friends of Tom Childers.

*Remember count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.*

❖**HOME SICK:** Bobbye Chapman

❖**HOSPITAL:** Arthur Koon (Randell’s
Brother/Hospice),Lori Chapman

❖**SURGERY:** Allison Smith (Wayne Vandygriff’s
niece/brain/Dec 12th)

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Stevens, Kye
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Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

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Kye Elliott (Sharon Pannel’s Nephew), Rosie
Marie Greer (Jane Morrison’s Sister), Belinda
Lucy (Jane Morrison’s Niece), Marilyn Harrell,
Vince Jordan, Jane Childs, Kelly Foster, Paula
Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt,
Kenny James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis,
Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy
McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss
(Kelly Brewer’s Father), Loxlee Eaton, David
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