

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Billy Box

Opening Prayer: Eddy Dickinson

On the Table: Head - Greg Lowery
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Ralph Burleson
David Key

Closing Prayer: Charles Berryhill

Preparing the Lord's Supper Deborah Box

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Life In A Hostile World



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Christ Is The Savior Of My Life (Titus 1:3-4)

By Clarence Lavender

It is beyond question that Christ is the Savior of my life. “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began; But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Savior; to Titus, mine own son after the common faith; Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Savior”.

Just as Christ is “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world’ (Rev. 13:8), so is this promise made to me and all men who receive new life through Christ. This is an unshakable truth, spoken by the God of truth, the one and only true God that cannot lie. To every member of the New Testament church, Christ gives grace, mercy, and peace. Why? He is our Savior!

Why Is He My Savior?

(1) He came to the earth for that purpose (Luke 2:11; 19:19; John 3:17; Acts 5:31; 1st Tim.1:15; Heb. 7:25; 1st John 4:14). (2) He became our substitution (Psa. 69:9; Isa. 53:5; Gal. 3:13; Heb. 2:9). (3) He came to bear the sins of all men (Isa 53:12; Heb. 9:28; 1st Pet. 2:24; 1st John 35). (4) He is our Mediator with the Father (1st Tim. 2:5; Heb. 8:6; 12:24; 1st John 2:1). (5) He is absolutely indispensable as our Savior; for he is our only Intercessor (Isa 59:16); he is the true bread of life (John 6:35); he is the only source of divine truth (John 6:68); he is our only Savior (Acts 4:12); he is the only true foundation (2nd Cor. 3:11).

How He Did Not Become My Savior

Since all men have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23), we are in a position where we are totally unable to extricate ourselves from the power of sin. Christ must be our Savior; but there are some ways by which the Savior does not save. He does not save by: (1) Faith alone (James 2:24); (2) Grace alone (Titus 2:11-12); (3) Meritorious works on the sinners part (Eph. 2:8-9); (4) Human wisdom (1st Cor. 1:19-21); (5) Adherence to the Law of Moses (Heb. 10:4); (6) “Praying through” at some altar; (7) Just being honest and sincere; (8) Just having a good conscience; (9) A direct operation of the Holy Spirit; (10) Predestination; (11) Subjectivism.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn’s Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Don Lawrence: dealing with some health issues, please continue to keep him your prayers

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Timmy Weeks: recovering from recent surgery for nerve damage in his wrist and hand, please pray that he has quick and successful recovery

Al Corkren: is continuing to improve, please be praying that his recovery will be successful

Angie Ganey Gardner: fighting breast cancer and waiting to have surgery, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Upcoming Events

July 7 th	Country Place	2:00 pm
July 14 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: is currently fighting a brain tumor, please pray that with medical help he can win this fight

Bobby Sanderson: received a good report from the doctors Thursday, please pray he has no further problems

Pam Davis {Adrian’s daughter} has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that it can be defeated with treatment

Indee Kois {student at BHS}: dealing with two blood clots from last report treatment is working to dissolve the clots, please pray that she will have no further problems

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Terri Avery {Bill’s daughter-in-law}: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that this cancer is treatable and can be defeated

Faye Jordan (Vertie’s sister): she is improving and plans are for her to be in rehab in Fulton for 21 days, please pray that she will have no further problems

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian’s Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Jeff York (Vetrie’s son): is back home and continues to improve, please pray that he has no further problems

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

How He Did Become My Savior

In the history of the world, the most thought-provoking and penetrating question ever asked was posed on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2:37, “. . .Men and brethren, what shall we do?” And in Acts 16:30, “. . . What must I do to be saved?” Let us notice some things implied by the questions. (1) “What” suggests that there is something required of man in being saved. (2) “Must” reaches the absolute necessity of the requirement. (3) “We” denotes human responsibility in redemption. (4) “Do” implies activity on the part of the person being saved. (5) “To be saved” is the object sought by those asking the question. Also implied within the question is that the saving is done by another, specifically, Jesus Christ.

Christ saves from sin when a sinner obeys God’s objective standard of truth (John 8:32). Involved in obedience is: (1) Hearing the gospel (Rom. 10:14-17). (2) Believing (Heb. 11:6; Mark 16:15-16). (3) Repentance (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30-31). (4) Baptism (immersion) in water for remission of sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Gal. 3:26-27). The Bible nowhere promises to save sinners in any other manner than recorded by inspired men. There is a great deal of subjective thought regarding salvation in the world today, but God has spoken finally through his son (Heb. 1:1-2). Deliverance from sin, beloved, is not a matter of what I think, what my family, friends and neighbors think, it is what God says in his word. Christ becomes the Savior of men who love him enough to comply with his teaching.

Now That He Is The Savior Of My Life, My Life Must Be Used In His Service

Paul said, “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1).

The small sacrifices made by the saved are not worthy to be mentioned in the same breath with those made by our Savior (Phil.2:6-8).

Is it not the case, since he is the Savior of our life, our life belongs to him? Paul states, that he was a “bondservant” and “messenger” of Jesus Christ (Titus 1:1). He was willing to spend and be spent for the cause. Are we willing to do the same?

There are thousands of Christians scattered throughout the world today. Some are filling places of importance in the Lord's Kingdom, while others are sitting idly by. What makes the difference? Is it because the idle do not want to be useful? If so, why did they obey the gospel? The fact that some are useful and others relatively useless seems to me to be a result of something other than intention or desire. It is my strong conviction that when brethren are taught better they do better. Those in the early church believed Christ was their Savior; therefore, they were involved. Those God used were the: (1) Talented (Matt. 25:14-30; Luke 12:48); (2) Trained (Acts 20:4; 7:22); (3) Young (Acts 16:1-3); (4) Old (Rev. 1:1-4; Luke 2:25-38); (5) Humble (Luke 18:9-14); (6) Dedicated (Matt. 3:1-12; Acts 9:10-22); (7) Willing (John 6:66-71).

The purpose of Christ in being the Savior of our lives is that in turn we can teach others (Matt. 28:19-20). We are saved to save others. Thanks be unto God for this unspeakable gift; Christ my / our Savior.

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The Grand Revival

By Tam Raynor

Raising the dead to life, both spiritually and physically, proves to be God's favorite hobby. He must have relished showing the prophet Ezekiel the fantastic vision of dry, human bones coming to life in Ezekiel 36. God created a masterly production of a supernaturally weird experience, just like our ultra-modern science fiction movies.

Human skeletons plugged up this valley. He plopped Ezekiel, the Israelite priest, down in the middle of a monstrous scene of horror. Then, the Lord told him to stand, face the bones and preach—preach to millions of bones that couldn't hear anything. Well, Ezekiel obeyed, and while he preached, the skeletons gradually reformed themselves into bodies, sinew by sinew, organ by organ. Then, God ordered him to preach the breath into them. Ezekiel kept preaching, and suddenly, the bodies moved and stood up. They lived! He now stood among thousands of people who had been dead a few minutes before!

Ezekiel discovered God's passion, making something out of nothing, transforming horror into joy, bringing the dead to life, with just His words! God's words alone,

preached from man's tongue, can bring life into the calcified dead. "But God being rich in mercy because of his great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)" (Ephesians 2:4-7).

Most humans choose to live a lifeless, dry-bone-life instead of living, moving and having our being in the God who has such a rich imagination for turning nothing into something (Acts 17:28). Placing ourselves in the hands of the supernatural God is always exciting. He never allows us to get bored. If we ever get tired of being Christians, then we cannot blame God. If we find ourselves indifferent or turned off to doing things that please God, then we have jumped out of His protective hand, and we have allowed ourselves to lie around in a bone-choked valley.

Please, don't allow yourself to get into this situation! Live the Christian life as Paul admonished by renewing your soul daily, and daily making sure of your calling with which God called you. Place your soul daily in God's very capable hands, and live (Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:11; John 10:10)! [www.gospelgazette.com]

Vacation Bible School @ Brilliant

**July 21st – 25th
Times: 6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Classes For all Ages

**Guest Speakers:
Teens: Kaleb Hall**

**Adult Class:
Sunday: David Barker
Monday: Russ Vickers
Tuesday: Kyle Gilpin
Wednesday: Derek Porter
Thursday: Byron Longcrier**

