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## CAN YOU SAY "LORD JESUS CHRIST MY LORD"?

### *Edd Sterchi*

In Rom. 5:21, Paul states that eternal life is through "Jesus Christ our Lord." That threefold name of our Savior is an interesting progression that we must go through to truly have salvation in Him.

**Jesus.** Jesus was His given name. Although it means "Savior," we have to remember that it was a very common name in first-century Palestine. "Jesus" was the Greek form of the Hebrew name "Joshua." It was very popular because of the Old Testament hero of that name. Most people believe that there was a man named Jesus in first-century times who was a great teacher. When she was alive, the world's most noted atheist, Madalyn Murray O'Hair, even admitted that Jesus existed. To believe that a man named Jesus walked the earth is good, but that is not enough to save.

**Christ.** Christ is His title. "Christ" means "anointed one." This reveals that He is the One anointed by the Father to die for mankind. He is the promised Messiah. Jesus Christ is the One who bore our sins on the cross (1 Pet. 2:24). To believe this is to affirm what Peter did in Matt 16:16, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Many people believe that Jesus died for them, but that does not automatically make them saved (cf. Matt. 7:21). Certainly accepting Him as the Savior is an important step toward being saved, but one must still go one step further.

**Lord.** Lord designates Jesus as our Divine Master. Calling Jesus "Lord" means that we recognize Him as having complete control over all of our lives. It means becoming a faithful servant to Him. It means dedicating our whole lives to doing things in His name. It requires sacrifice and commitment.

Many want Jesus as a Friend and Savior (Christ), but not a Lord. But that's what it takes to be saved in His name. Eternal life is in "Jesus Christ our Lord." Jesus Himself asked, "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46). By the way, this includes baptism for the remission of sins as a part of His plan of salvation (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 19:5). So, can you really call Him "Jesus Christ my Lord"? You must if you are to be saved.

YOU'RE INVITED!



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SOUTHAVEN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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## FEARLESS FAITH

JUNE 27th, 2026  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**LUNCH PROVIDED**



GUEST SPEAKER:

**DJ GREEN**

*PETER'S SERMON*



GUEST SPEAKER:

**FLETCHER NORROD**

*STEPHEN'S SERMON*



# WHO KNOWS GOD?

*Jameson Steward*

How we treat one another is an indicator of whether we actually know God. Let's think about what it means to know God a little bit more.

**Those Who Obey Him (1 John 2:3-6).** Obeying God doesn't mean sinless perfection (1 John 1:5-10), but it means faithfully following Him. Obeying God shows whether or not we love Him (John 14:15, 21-24). When we think about our individual lives, or when we think about the church, who knows God? Those who keep His word and obey Him.

**Those Who Listen to Him (1 John 4:1-6).** John is emphasizing to the Christians not to believe just anything they are taught, but to "test" these things. His point is to listen to the ones who tell you the things "of God" and reject those who tell you the things "of the world." It is essential that we carefully evaluate the things we hear, either on our own or in the church, and compare them to God's word (Acts 17:1-12). Those who know God are the ones who listen to the accurate proclaiming of God's word (2 Timothy 4:1-4).

**Those Who Love One Another (1 John 4:7-16).** John reminds the Christians that generous, sacrificial love for one another is what it means to know God - for this is the love God has shown us. In fact, although none of us has ever seen God with our own eyes, we **DO** see Him in our love for one another. We must beware of those who seek to discard the importance of doctrinal purity and careful obedience to God's word in the name of so-called "love." We also need to be on guard against those who think that their so-called "doctrinal correctness" justifies not loving their brother (1 Corinthians 13:1-7).

## Sunday Sermons

What Should A Child See In Their Father (AM)

Hesed (PM)

## Bible Passages To Consider

"And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4)

## IN NEED OF PRAYER

**Sheila Winstead** is at home with whiplash after suffering a fall. She is scheduled to have an MRI on Friday.

**Betty Culbreath** is recovering at home following a recent stay in the hospital.

**Lucy Chamberlain** continues her recovery at home.

**Rona Johnson** learned recently that her arm is not healing properly. She will have a follow up visit on the 29th to see if surgery is needed.

**Jerry Baird** learned recently that he will continue to receive oxygen and take therapy.

**Vern Schrimsher** has a closed pressure wound on the back of his heel.

**Dorothy Butler** is slowly improving.

**Rannie Butler** is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

**Jean Jones** is taking therapy at Desoto Healthcare.

**Arcadio Acosta**, father of Michel Reyes, is recovering at home from a recent stay in the hospital.

Please continue to remember the following: **Joyce Valentine, Don Sykes, Meredith Peek, Barbara Day, Alan & Linda Stone, Debbie Shull, Pat Pierce, Beverly Parnell, Lucy Chamberlain, & Karen Oglesby** in your prayers.

## BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone; Pam Eaton; Charlene Farris; Justin Camp**, husband of Kim Camp; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson;

**Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi Singer**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend

of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

## SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

**Lucy Chamberlain; Debbie Shull; Beverly Parnell; Pam Eaton; Phyllis Smith**, The Gold-ton at Southaven Room #116.

## SYMPATHY

**Justin Camp**, husband of **Kim Camp**, father of **Lily**, and son in law of **Con & Mina Lambert**, passed away last Friday. His funeral was held on Tuesday. **Brenda Dreher** passed away on Tuesday. There will be a private memorial in Arkansas at a later date. Please continue to remember these families in your prayers.

## MEN TO SERVE - June 21st 2026

**Preside:** Tyrone Willingham

**Serve:** Tim Vanderhook, Clint Hawkins, Tommy Kelley, Greg Wilson, Walter Warren, Jack Etheridge, Lucas Gahagan, Nick Parker

**AM Opening Prayer:** Jason Bayless

**AM Closing Prayer:** Bill Phillips

**PM Opening Prayer:** Neal Weatherford

**PM Closing Prayer:** Larry Nagle

**Wed. Opening Prayer:** Andy Young

**Wed. Closing Prayer:** Jason Griffin

**Announcements:** Andy Young

**Song Leader:** David Rister

**Scripture Reading:** RJ Jolomi

**Security:** TJ Johnson

### REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 27, 9AM-12PM:** Vacation Bible School. If you are willing to help in any way please sign the sheet in the foyer.

**June 29-July 2, 6:30PM -8:30PM:** Vacation Bible School at Olive Branch

## JUNE FOOD TEAM

Captain: Christy Gahagan

Mary Barch, Lisa Craig, Missy Kelley, Jennifer Stubblefield

### OUR RECORDS

Bible Study	196
A.M. Worship	284
P.M. Worship	143
P.M. Wed. Worship	155
Contribution	\$



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## Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class.....	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship.....	10:00 a.m.
Sunday P.M. Worship.....	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday P.M. Service.....	7:00 p.m.

### ELDERS

Gary Barch  
Larry Everson  
David Rister

### DEACONS

Bruce Dunaway  
Michael Gahagan  
Aaron Gallagher  
TJ Johnson  
John Stubblefield  
Chris Tice  
Andy Young

### MINISTERS

Robert Jefferies  
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