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SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES AND SEEKING THE LOST

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WHAT CAN I DO?

Chris Perry

Some 250 years ago, this country declared its independence from Great Britain, and in so doing, changed the course of the world forever. Unfortunately, this country and the world in which we live cannot declare its independence from sin and its influences. Indeed, John reminds us that those things which characterize the world are "not of the Father" (1 John 2:15-17). At times, we Christians may feel powerless to affect any change in the society and people around us. "Can I really make a difference?" we may ask. Certainly we can! If we can do nothing else, here are some things that we can do:

1. Pray! Paul told Timothy, and by extension, those to whom Timothy would preach, I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour (1 Timothy 2:1-3).

Without hesitation, Paul encouraged Timothy to pray for the political leaders, as well as for people both specifically and in generally. We must not lose sight of the fact that prayer works! Christians are the ones who enjoy a direct avenue to God; therefore, it is we who must exercise that power for good. As James wrote, "...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16).

2. Practice! Our Savior reminded us: Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16).

By living the life we as Christians are supposed to, we help to preserve the world, as salt preserves perishable food. When we "let our light shine," we are positively influencing the world around us. Sadly, far too often we allow the world to convince us to hide our lights, and in so doing we lose our ability to influence the world for good.

3. Preach! Jesus also instructed those who would follow Him to "...Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mark 16:15-16). We must remember that preaching is not only an action done behind a pulpit by "professionals," but it is simply one who proclaims divine truth. Every one of us, if we look hard enough, can find opportunities to teach others the Gospel, whether that comes in the form of answering questions at work, or inviting friends to services so that they will be introduced to the Gospel, or even conducting personal Bible studies by yourself or with others.

Despite the level of sinfulness that seems to be in the world today, you and I can make a difference. Every day, look for opportunities to pray, practice and preach!

WEATHERING THE STORM: FINDING STRENGTH IN TRIAL & HARDSHIP

Date	Title	Speaker
8-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm By Building on Solid Rock	Joe Ruiz
15-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Storm Strikes Without Warning	Jameson Steward
22-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Clouds Gather	Tommy Haynes
29-Jul-26	Weathering the Storm When the Storm Lasts Longer Than Expected	Chris Perry
5-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm By Remaining Calm in the Midst of the Storm	Cody Westbrook
12-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm By Holding Fast in the Storm	Chris Butler
19-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm Battling the Storm Within	Chad Ramsey
26-Aug-26	Weathering the Storm Light Through the Dark Clouds	Josh Walker
2-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm Because the Storm Refines Us	Andy Brewer
9-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm ... of Opposition	Aaron Gallagher
16-Sep-26	Weathering the Storm By Rising After the Storm	Mark Teske
23-Sep-26	The Storm Weathered: When the Sky Clears	Robert Jefferies

DAILY CHRISTIAN LIVING—QUICK SCRIPTURES

House To House Heart To Heart

DAILY WALK

- **Matthew 6:33** Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.
- **Colossians 3:23** Whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.
- **1 Corinthians 10:31** Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

PRAYER AND TRUST

- **1 Thessalonians 5:17** Pray without ceasing.
- **Philippians 4:6** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.
- **Proverbs 3:5** Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding.

SPEECH AND CONDUCT

- **Ephesians 4:29** Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.
- **Colossians 4:6** Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.
- **James 1:19** My beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

TRIALS AND STRENGTH

- **1 Corinthians 10:13** No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.
- **James 1:2** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials.
- **1 Peter 5:7** Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

LOVE AND FORGIVENESS

- **John 13:34** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.
- **Ephesians 4:32** Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.
- **Luke 6:31** Just as you want men to do to you, you also do to them likewise.

CONTENTMENT AND HOPE

- **1 Thessalonians 5:18** In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.
- **Hebrews 13:5** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
- **Colossians 3:2** Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Before applying these Scriptures to daily living, make sure your life is right with God. The Bible teaches that we must obey the gospel to be saved (2 Thessalonians 1:7–9). Have you heard the Word, believed in Christ, repented of your sins, confessed His name, and been baptized for the remission of sins? (Romans 10:17; Acts 2:38; Romans 10:9–10). Only then can you truly walk in the light and enjoy the blessings of a faithful Christian life (1 John 1:7).

Sunday Sermons

I Love The Church (AM)

Teach Me Your Way, O Lord (PM)

Bible Passages To Consider

"Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name"
(Psalm 86:11)

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Teresa Terrell had outpatient surgery on Friday. She is recovering at home.

Sheila Winstead is taking physical therapy and is also scheduled to have a nerve block on July 13.

Rona Johnson met with her doctor and it was determined that she does not need surgery on her arm.

Jerry Baird continues to be on oxygen at home.

Lannie Smart, husband of Danna Smart, is recovering at home from a recent stay in the hospital.

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, continues his recovery at home.

Luke Massey, grandson of Anita Sanders, is in need of a kidney transplant.

Sammy Williams, father of Mary Zluticky, spent some time in the hospital recently. He is recovering at home.

Polly Harper, sister in law of Meredith Peek, fell recently and suffered a broken hip. She also has pneumonia and is not doing well.

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

BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone; Pam Eaton; Charlene Farris; 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 granddaugh-

ter 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

Ryder Fiveash, son of Steve & Christy Fiveash and brother of Dillan, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time. The family has requested no visits or calls, but texts and cards are appreciated.

MEN TO SERVE - July 5th, 2026

Preside: Neal Weatherford

Serve: Steve Fiveash, Kellen Christian, TJ Johnson, Edwin Reyes, Reed Rister, Hilton Jefferies, Dalton Wieneke, Sammy Terrell

AM Opening Prayer: Gary Barch

AM Closing Prayer: Chris Billingsley

PM Opening Prayer: Larry Cox

PM Closing Prayer: Jonah Adams

Wed. Opening Prayer: Wesley Williams

Wed. Closing Prayer: Jason Griffin

Announcements: Robert Jefferies

Song Leader: Jason Bayless

Scripture Reading: Lucas Gahagan

Security: Brian Williams

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

July 15-17, 7:00-8:30pm: Vacation Bible School at Nesbit

July 18, 10am-2pm: Youth Day at Independence. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

JULY FOOD TEAM

Captain: Blair Jefferies

Mary Barch, Angie Tice, Audra Young, Denise Willis

OUR RECORDS

Bible Study	206
A.M. Worship	293
P.M. Worship	160
P.M. Wed. Worship	161
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

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