

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**February 23, 2025**

Song: **236** – *Here We Are But Straying Pilgrims*

Song: **251** – *Do All in the Name of the Lord*

First prayer: **Larry Simmons**

Song: **99** – *Night, With Ebon Pinion*

Communion servers: **Mark Brandt & Brian Zumalt**

Prayer for giving: **Jeremy Thomas**

Song: **141** – *Blessed Assurance*

Sermon: “Where the Devil Makes His Last Stand” – **Jerry Brewer**

Invitation song: **447** – *Someday You’ll Stand at the Bar on High*

Closing song: **389** – *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

Closing prayer: **Mernie Ray**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- Scott Esk – cancer
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood) – stroke recovery
- Rick Beauchamp and Jerry, Sonya, and Lee Smith (Northpointe) – car accident
- Our nation (1 Tim. 2:2)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David, Mattie

**Please continue to remember:** Connie Townsend, Lucinda, Vipin & family, India work, Aruna Kavali, Marinda Breeding, Holley Brewer, Kevin Brewer, Dylan Walker

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Happy birthday to **Kim Zumalt** (February 27<sup>th</sup>)!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren ([www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495](http://www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495))

**RECORD FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Bible Class – 12    AM Worship – 12    Sun PM – 10    DBR – 5    Wed (2/19) – No svc

Contribution – \$1350

# *Yukon Church of Christ*

## ***THE LABORER***

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**Sunday** Bible class: 9am    Worship 10am & 12:30pm    **Wednesday** Bible class: 7pm

**Matthew 9:37-38** “The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest.”

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## ***THREE THINGS STANDING IN THE WAY OF REPENTANCE***

In Luke 13:3, Jesus said, I tell you, “I tell you Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” When Peter and the other apostles were asked by those on Pentecost who were pricked in their hearts what they must do, the first thing they were told was to repent. No one can be saved except he repents of his sins. Not all will repent of their sins in order to come to the Lord in obedience. Why will they not? There are essentially three things one or more of which may stand in the way of one repenting.

The first hindrance to repentance is a failure to understand what it is. I was once told by a sister in Christ her understanding of repentance was to admit one has sinned. No, that is confession. Some others say repentance is being sorry for sin. There is a sorrow involved in repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). Without one being sorry for his sin he will not repent, but repentance goes beyond merely admitting to or being sorry for one’s sins. Repent, from the Greek *metanoeo* means a change of mind. That change of mind means one has decided to quit sinning and do what is right. His repentance is manifested by his future actions. Preacher brethren used to refer to repentance with the statement, repentance is a change of heart which results in a change of life. One can be sorry he has sinned without repenting because he is sorry for the last act of the sin he committed but has not made up his mind to avoid the

next one. Ignorance of what repentance is stands in the way of some repenting of their sins.

A second barrier to repentance is a lack of knowledge that what one does is a sin. This is exceedingly dangerous because a failure to recognize sin as sin does not make one guiltless of it when he has done it. Ultimately, one can go to his grave believing he is in a saved condition but is not because he never studied, reasoned enough, nor made the necessary application of the Scripture to identify sin as sin. Many members of the church we fear will find themselves lost on the day of judgment because while they say I would not commit the sins of fornication or foul language; they fail to avoid entertainment sources wherein those sins are prominent. I admit to focusing on the issue of corrupt entertainment in much of my writing. I do so because it is a huge problem among members of the church, many of them not recognizing it is sin, but it is.

It is quite possible Simon the Sorcerer did not know his offering to purchase the ability to lay on one's hands and impart the miraculous gifts of the Spirit was a sin because when Peter told him it was, he immediately asked Peter to pray for him (Acts 8:24). In this context, it would not hurt any of us to have the attitude Simon did when he learned what he tried to do was sinful.

The third thing which interferes with one coming to repentance is an unwillingness to do so. Sin carries with it certain pleasures as Hebrews 11:25 points out. One who loves the world more than he loves God will be attracted to the things of the world which are encapsulated in the lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh, and pride or vainglory of life (1 John 2:16). Verse 15 states if one loves the world the love of the Father is not in him. The lack of that love is manifested by his unwillingness to repent. One may be given to hold on to sin by the attraction of the world's offer of wealth or fame, or purely because he loves things which are evil. There is no question this third thing standing in the way of repentance is the most difficult to deal with because it involves a stubborn heart which must be changed before repentance can take place.

As Christians, we must understand what repentance is, be knowledgeable as to when repentance is needed, and be willing to leave the grips of sin in order to have the desire to repent and have forgiveness.

Charles Pogue

# Is BAPTISM NECESSARY?

Jesus shed His blood in His death (John 19:33-34).  
We are baptized into His death (Rom. 6:3).

Jesus shed His blood for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28).  
We are baptized for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38).

Jesus shed His blood so we could be washed from our sins (Rev. 1:5).  
We are baptized to be washed from our sins (1 Pet. 3:21).

So, *“Why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins”*  
(Acts 22:16)

Jess Whitlock

## What Must I Do to Be Saved?

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#)  
**Romans 10:17** – “So then faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God.”
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#)  
**John 3:16** – “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” **John 8:24** – “...if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#)  
**Luke 13:3**–“...except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.” **Acts 17:30**–“And the times of this ignorance God overlooked, but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent.” **2 Corinthians 7:10**–“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#)  
**Romans 10:9-10**–“if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” (Also **Matthew 10:32-33**; see **Acts 8:37** for an example.)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#)  
**Mark 16:16**–“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”; **Acts 2:38**–“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...”; **Acts 22:16**–“Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”; **1 Peter 3:21**–“...baptism doth also now save us...”
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#)  
**1 Corinthians 15:58**–“Therefore...be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord”; **Colossians 1:23**–“...if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard”; **Revelation 2:10**–“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life