

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 13, 2025

Song: **77** – *Anywhere with Jesus*

Song: **65** – *A Wonderful Savior*

First prayer: **Brian Zumalt**

Song: **93** – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Communion servers: **Mark Brandt** & **Jeremy Thomas**

Prayer for giving: **Mernie Ray**

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

Sermon: “Baptism and Pardon of Sins” – **Jerry Brewer**

Invitation song: **462** – *Why Do You Wait?*

Closing song: **563** – *Our God, He Is Alive*

Closing prayer: **Larry Simmons**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those traveling – Mernie, Jerry, & David
- Jerry & Sherlene – health
- 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

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- “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 APRIL 6, 2025

#### ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 12    AM Worship – 12    Sun PM – 12    DBR – 5    Wed (4/9) – 12

Contribution – \$1402

# *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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## ***WILL THERE BE A SECOND CHANCE FOR MAN AFTER DEATH?***

Both the Mormon Church and the Catholic Church teach that there will be a second chance after this life for those who die in sin. But these two religious groups approach this concept differently. The Mormon Church interprets First Corinthians 15:29 to justify a member of their church being baptized for their loved ones or others who die without having their sins forgiven. “Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead, if the dead rise not at all? Why are they then baptized for the dead?” Instead of studying the subject discussed in its context, the passage is **lifted from** its context by the Mormons. It has been rightfully said that, “A text taken from its context becomes a pretext.”

The subject in verse 29 is the same as the rest of the 15th chapter. That subject is the resurrection of the dead. Emphasis in the first part of the chapter is upon the fact and proof of Christ’s resurrection from the dead. Our resurrection to eternal life is based upon that of the Son of God. Some at Corinth denied that the saints would be resurrected. This was answered by Paul who wrote, “Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead?” (1 Cor. 15:12). The Son of God was resurrected from the dead, in order for Christians to be resurrected to eternal life. With this in mind, Paul further said, “But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain” (1 Cor. 15:13-14). This placed those members of the body of

Christ at Corinth who denied the general resurrection in a dilemma. They evidently accepted the fact of the resurrection of Christ, but denied the general resurrection of the human race (John 5:28-29).

First Corinthians 15:29 does not teach anything close to the false concept that living saints can be baptized for those who died without obtaining forgiveness. Salvation is not by proxy! Every person will have to give account for how he has lived.

Another passage of scripture is often used by those who teach a second chance after death:

For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit: By which also he went and preached to the spirits in prison; Which sometime were disobedient, when once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water (1 Pet. 3:18-20).

Many conclude from this passage that Christ preached to lost men after they died. But the passage above does **not** say **when** the Son of God preached to those rebellious spirits of the antediluvian period who were—at Peter's writing—confined in the prison of the hades realm. Their disobedience took place while Noah and his sons were building the ark. God gave the human race 120 years in which to repent (Gen. 6:3), and it was at that time that Noah, “a preacher of righteousness” preached unto them. They rejected his preaching and he saved only his family (2 Pet. 2:5; Gen. 7:13). Jesus preached to them through Noah in the same sense that He later preached to the Gentiles (Eph. 2:17). Our Lord never personally preached to the Gentiles of the Christian dispensation. The apostle Paul was the Lord's “earthen vessel” to take the gospel unto the Gentiles.

The Word of God emphatically stresses that mankind has only this present life to prepare for eternity. We will be judged by how we live here in this physical world. Paul wrote, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10).

Hebrews 9:27 also tells us that we must face judgment according to our spiritual state at death. This is also vividly shown in the story of the rich man and Lazarus which tells us that the spiritual state of an individual cannot be changed in the next life (Luke 16:26).

Those who do not obey the Gospel of Christ will be eternally lost (2 Thess. 1:7-9). The scripture **does not teach** that there will be a **second chance** for anyone after death.

Dub Mowery

# THE MASTER ARCHITECT

The idea of the Bible providing us with a pattern for the church in its terms of entrance, organization, worship and Christian life is known as “pattern theology.” In the early history of the United States men sought a return to the Bible for authority in all we do in our service to God. In their search they discovered that there is a pattern in the New Testament for the church Christ established in all of these areas. As they began to preach what they had learned it is not surprising that they encountered opposition. In spite of that opposition they pressed forward in their search for the truth revealed in God's word.

Many in the “Christian” world no longer subscribe to the idea of pattern theology. Instead they view the Bible as an abstract series of writings containing wisdom from God for man to live by. The New Testament is not viewed as an absolute authority with commands to be obeyed and examples to be followed. Rather, it is described as a series of love letters from God to man, leaving man with the freedom to determine which teachings are binding upon him and which are mere suggestions. However, God has always provided man with a blueprint to follow in order to be close to Him. Further, God expects man to follow the pattern He has provided.

When God was angry with man at the time of Noah (Genesis 6) He provided that righteous soul with a blueprint for the ark that he was to build in order to preserve life on the earth. Noah understood the sovereignty of God and respected God's perfect authority, wisdom and knowledge. Therefore, Noah humbly obeyed God and for a hundred and twenty years he toiled faithfully to build the ark that would save him, his family and animal life from the flood God said He was going to bring upon the earth. The divine record tells us that, “Noah did according to all that the Lord commanded” (Genesis 6:2; 7:5). Are you following the pattern God gave us?

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## What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. [HEAR THE WORD](#) Romans 10:17
2. [BELIEVE IN JESUS](#) John 3:16; 8:24
3. [REPENT OF YOUR SINS](#) Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10
4. [CONFESS THAT JESUS IS LORD](#) Romans 10:9-10 (cf. Acts 8:37)
5. [BE BAPTIZED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS](#) Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
6. [REMAIN FAITHFUL](#) 1 Corinthians 15:58; Colossians 1:23; Revelation 2:10