

ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 19, 2026

Song: **730** – *Wonderful Story of Love*

Song: **564** – *Tell Me the Story of Jesus*

First prayer: **Larry Simmons**

Song: **92** – *When My Love to Christ Grows Weak*

Communion servers: **Brian Zumalt & Mernie Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Adam Bentley**

Song: **631** – *How Great Thou Art*

Sermon: *“The Solution for Any Heresy” (Col. 3:1–4:6)* – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **479** – *Jesus is Calling*

Closing song: **653** – *The Gospel is for All*

Closing prayer: **David Ray**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Jerry (voice)
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue’s siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- Marjorie Trammel (Alyssa’s friend) – cancer
- Shane, Alyssa, & Addison – adoption process
- Fannie Ray (Mernie’s sister-in-law)
- Kim’s cousin’s son (Isaac Wood)–hole in heart caused by stroke (upcoming surgery)
- Our members with health issues: Kim, David

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Happy birthday to **Mernie Ray** (April 22nd)!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles from faithful brethren (www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495)
- www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist-

RECORD FOR WEEK OF APRIL 12, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 9 AM Worship – 12 Sun PM – 8 DBR – 5 Wed (4/15) – 9

Contribution – \$1483

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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DIE TO LIVE AND BEAR FRUIT

Jesus said:

Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit (John 12:24).

Oh, the applications of that verse!

First, we understand how what Jesus said is true in the physical world. Lay a kernel of corn or wheat up on a shelf, and just lay there is all it will do. But plant it in the ground, where there is soil and moisture, and it will germinate. It will grow into a corn stalk with at least two whole ears of corn, maybe more than two.

Jesus came to this world to die for man’s sin. Without Jesus going to the cross and dying for sinful men, He would have returned to heaven with the result of no man having forgiveness. There would be no fruit for His journey. Yet, the Lord died. He was planted in the ground and rose again, and through the preaching of the Gospel, many have heard, obeyed, and had their sins washed away. The Lord has borne much fruit by means of His death.

If a man hears the Gospel but does not obey it by believing the Word, repenting of sins, confessing Christ, and then dying to sin, being buried in the watery grave of baptism, he cannot rise from the dead unto eternal life himself, nor take the same Gospel to others, thereby bearing fruit unto the Lord.

The concept is true with the Gospel message itself. Unless that Word goes into the heart of a person, convicts him of sin, thereby slaying him, and again, him being buried in that watery grave of baptism, the Word will not have borne fruit.

It is absolutely the case that there cannot be life without death. If the child of God did not die physically, then how could he come forth from the grave, be given a new and incorruptible body by God, and live eternally? It could not happen.

This concept, among other things, brings us to the absolute truth that a person must die to sin. "For the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23), but one can defeat that wage. How? By dying! Not the death that is the wage of sin, but dying to sin itself. Peter states the entire process in these words:

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed (1 Pet. 2:24).

When one emerges from the grave of baptism, to set himself to the task of bearing fruit, he must not let the sin come back to reign in his life. Sometimes, something is wrong with a kernel of corn, and when the farmer plants it, it does not grow, and there will be an empty spot between one plant and the next. We must not let sin contaminate us again after dying to it. "Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Rom. 6:18). Just a few verses later, Paul continued, "But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life" (6:22). Following that verse of promise comes the declaration that the wages of sin is death. We see then that if, when we depart this life, to have the hope of eternal life, our lives must bear the fruit of righteousness, then death will spring up to a home in heaven that will never end.

Have you died to sin that you might live? If not, please do not put it off any longer.

Charles Pogue

THE BIBLE PLUS

The church that Jesus Christ established had its beginning in A.D. 33 (Acts 2) and is called the "church of Christ" because He established it (Matt. 16:18; Rom. 16:16).

There are a number of churches that were not established by Christ and did not begin the year of AD 33 and were not established in Jerusalem.

Someone has well said that it takes the BIBLE PLUS:

- It takes the BIBLE + the Baptist Manual to make a Baptist
- It takes the BIBLE + the Catechism to make a Catholic
- It takes the BIBLE + the writings of Luther to make a Lutheran
- It takes the BIBLE + the writings of Calvin to make a Presbyterian
- It takes the BIBLE + the Book of Mormon to make a Latter Day Saint

But, the BIBLE and the Bible alone (2 Tim. 3:16-17) will make a New Testament Christian every time (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Pet. 4:16)!

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."