

ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 24, 2026

Song: 239 – *Angry Words*

Song: 65 – *A Wonderful Savior*

First prayer: **Mernie Ray**

Song: 89 – *'Tis Set, the Feast Divine*

Communion servers: **Mark Brandt & Larry Simmons**

Prayer for giving: **Shane Upton**

Song: 389 – *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder*

Sermon: “The Word of _____” – **David Ray**

Invitation song: 456 – *There's a Fountain Free*

Closing song: 191 – *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Closing prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Those traveling – Dad, Debbie, David, Elliott, Declan
- Ralph Ashley (Alyssa's uncle) – cancer
- Kim – upcoming procedure June 17th
- Jerry – voice (Jerry & Sherlene – back pain)
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue's siblings) – health concerns
- Tony Lopez, Starlyn Cooper, Carmen Lawson, Kim Nguyen – cancer
- 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:

- “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 MAY 17, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 12 AM Worship – 15 Sun PM – 12 DBR – 4 Wed (5/20) – 13

Contribution – \$2005

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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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IT IS NOT THAT HARD...UNLESS

Jesus' familiar words in John 15:5, “I am the vine, ye are the branches,” have been incorrectly understood and misused by those fooled by the false theory of ecumenicalism. They claim the branches are the various denominations of men. It is not difficult at all to see the falsehood in the idea. Who is Jesus speaking to in the context? His disciples. In the immediate context, the word ye refers to them. They are the branches. That other individuals may be a branch is understood by the following phrase in the verse, “He that abideth in me.” There is absolutely nothing in this or any other New Testament passage even remotely suggesting the branches can be identified with the hundreds or thousands of the churches of men. The question is, why is that false interpretation placed upon the passage? We shall answer the question shortly.

In Mark 16:16, Jesus said, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” Those in the denominational world say that because the baptized is not included in the last part of the verse, it is not essential to salvation. Jesus just said it was! Again, we ask the question, why do men place a false interpretation of the passage?

The answer is straightforward. Those in the denominational world have the preconceived notion that one is saved by faith alone without any actions by the believer. Though most would deny such is the case, their doctrine implies obeying the commands of God amounts to earning salvation via works. To state

the real problem in simple language, men interpret the Scripture based on their doctrine rather than understanding doctrine based on Scripture.

Peter stated in so many words, “baptism doth also now save us” (1 Pet. 3:21). Was Peter wrong? No. He was an inspired apostle writing inspired Scripture. Be it understood. It is not the water that washes away the sins but the blood of Christ. Peter is relating when the blood washes those sins away. Baptism for the remission of sins is a must and a must to be understood.

In Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, he states that Christ is the head of the church, which is His body (1:22-23). In Ephesians 4:4, he wrote clearly that there is one body. If the church is Christ’s body, and there is only one body, there is only one church. Any person who has not been misled by false doctrine can understand these simple truths of Scripture.

The plan of salvation is not hard...unless. Unless what? Unless a person is unwilling to put aside beliefs that totally contradict what God has revealed in His Inspired Word. Maybe the person holds on to the doctrine of salvation by faith alone, or one church is as good as another because believing and obeying the truth is harder in their mind than the error they hold. Maybe admitting the truth would compel them to understand the jeopardy that souls are in of family members who have already passed away. Whatever their reasoning is, putting aside the errors they have been taught and accepting the Scripture for what it says is a must. If one puts aside the false notions held by men regarding God’s plan of salvation, the role of the church in that plan, or any other point of truth revealed in the pages of the New Testament, it is very easily understood.

Charles Pogue

YOU CAN RUN, BUT YOU CANNOT HIDE

“You can run, but you cannot hide,” a common expression we have all heard at some point in our lives. Although it seems very juvenile, its message can be applied spiritually speaking. This lesson is incredibly significant for us Christians today because as we progress in our relationship with God, we should grow and mature. Truth is still the truth no matter what point you find yourself in your walk with Christ. A prime example of this can be seen in the story of Jonah. Jonah was instructed to teach the men of Nineveh against their wicked ways; a simple command by God to

be followed by Jonah (Jonah 1:2). Immediately, “Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord” (Jonah 1:3). Jonah’s disobedience did not please God whatsoever, and thus Jonah was punished accordingly (Jonah 1:17). We too will be punished for our disobedience to the Lord on judgment day.

In this story of Jonah and his rebellion against the Lord, he embodies the phrase mentioned earlier to the utmost. He tried to flee from what God had commanded him to do but he could not hide from it, no matter how far he was willing to travel. God saw his every move and thought, just as he witnesses our actions and thoughts today. How true is this application for us today? How often do we ignore, turn away from, or rebel against what God has plainly told us? Too often I am afraid.

Today, too many of us make excuses as to why we do not study the Bible as much as we should, why we are having such a hard time with this sin or that particular sin, and the list continues. We can “run,” just as Jonah attempted or make excuses as to why we are not living up to be the Christians God has called us to be, but this will not provide the outcome one desires to hear on the Day of the Lord. Thankfully for Jonah, God was merciful enough to give him another chance, after his time in the belly of the great fish. Jonah then made the correct decision to follow God’s instructions precisely (Jonah 3:3). Unfortunately for mankind, when we receive the deserved punishment for running away from the commandments of God, it will be too late. We will not receive another chance as Jonah did. Thus it is crucial to obey Him now. God’s word is everlasting and we must obey His commandments exactly how He instructs us.

God has given us many blessings, one of which is free will. Jonah had free rein to obey God’s instruction, or to rebel against it. We too, have the free will to do right or to fall short of what God expects of us. We can run, but we cannot hide. God will judge us justly according to our deeds on earth (Rom. 2:2-6). Choose to follow His instruction carefully.

Tanner Bass

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