

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 2, 2026

Song: **784** – Lord, Send Me

Song: **743** – Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

First prayer: **Chrishawn Thompson**

Song: **946** – Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Communion servers: **Larry Simmons** & **Mernie Ray**

Prayer for giving: **Mark Brandt**

Song: **775** – To Christ Be True

Sermon: “Teach!” – **David Ray**

Invitation song: **411** – Just As I Am

Closing song: **281** – Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Closing prayer: **Brian Zumalt**

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- Lucinda and her studies
- Gloria Hendrix – health
- Talisa Thompson (Chrishawn’s mom) – surgery recovery
- Ralph Ashley (Alyssa’s uncle) – cancer
- Pattie Hutchinson & Bruce Shive (Sue’s siblings) – health concerns
- 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:

- Happy birthday to **Debbie Brandt** (August 5th)!
- Gospel meeting with **Lee Moses** Aug 24-26. Let’s plan to attend, and invite others!
- “Precept Upon Precept” is a YouTube channel with many sermons/articles
(www.youtube.com/@preceptuponprecept8495); www.youtube.com/@churchofChrist-

RECORD FOR WEEK OF JULY 19, 2026

ATTENDANCE:

Bible Class – 10 AM Worship – 16 Sun PM – 10 DBR – 7 Wed (7/22) – 13

Contribution – \$1661

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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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KNOW YOUR BIBLE

Why must you know your Bible?

To have everlasting life. In praying to the Father, Jesus said, “And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent” (John 17:3). The Bible is the only source of the perfect, saving knowledge of God and Christ.

To know the greatest book ever written. The Bible is the greatest book because God is its author. There were forty penmen but only one author. All the writers were “moved by the Holy Spirit” (2 Pet. 1:21). “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16). No other book can compare with the Bible. It is truly God’s book!

To know who you are. Only from the Bible can you know your origin, purpose, and destiny—where you came from, why you are here, and where you are going. We are not a product of evolution. We are a product of Divine creation. God made man in His image and a morally responsible, living soul (Gen. 1:26-27; 2:7). Our purpose is to glorify God and become as Godlike as possible in preparation for the Judgment and our accountability to God (Rom. 14:11-12).

To be saved from sin. The Bible is the only book with its central message, the salvation of sinners. The Bible alone answers the world’s greatest question: “What must I do to be saved?” “The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the

world” (1 John 4:14). He saves sinners by His Gospel, “the power of God unto salvation” (Rom. 1:16). Therefore, Jesus said, “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).

To identify the church of the Lord and know its importance. When one obeys the Gospel by being baptized into Christ, he is born again of water and the Spirit into the family of God (John 3:3-5). This is the spiritual body of Christ, the church of which He is the head (Eph. 1:22-23). Christ has only one body (4:4) and one church (Acts 2:47). In the New Testament, members of the Lord’s church were Christians only (11:26) and the only Christians.

To find the Christian way of life, worship, and service. The inspired Scriptures are the only doctrine of the New Testament church. The Scriptures alone furnish us completely unto all good works (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The inspired Word teaches us that “denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Tit. 2:12).

To reach the highest goal—“the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phi. 3:14). Paul counted all things “but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord” (3:8). We should strive to be like Paul, who, near the time of his departure from this life, could say, “I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

Frank J. Dunn

SHOULD ALIEN SINNERS PRAY FOR GOD TO SAVE THEM?

The answer to the subject of this lesson is: No; emphatically, no! Who are these alien sinners that should not pray for God to save them? These sinners have never been God’s children. They have never been members of Christ’s church. These sinners, being without Christ, are alienated and need to be reconciled to God (Eph.2:12; Col. 1:21). And prayer will not accomplish this for them.

Mourners’ Bench Is Passing

The mourners’ bench, where alien sinners are supposed to pray through to forgiveness among the denominations is now no longer so popular even among them. The mourners’ bench way for salvation never did have any sanction from the Word of God. Alien sinners on the day of Pentecost, when they asked, “What shall we do?” were not asked to get down to a bench to pray. These sinners were not even told to pray anywhere, in any position. Rather, these believing sinners were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:37-38). They immediately did what they were told to do (2:41-42).

No Command from God

Nowhere in all the Word of God did He command an alien sinner to pray to be saved. There is no example in all the Word of God where God saved an alien because he prayed. John records this: *“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth”* (John 9:31). In view of this, the one who prays must have previously been obedient to God’s will, if the prayer is to profit him anything. Therefore, alien sinners who have never thus been obedient are out so far as prayer is concerned as a help to them.

One Who Prayed

Saul of Tarsus prayed before he obeyed, but his prayer did not save him (Acts 9:11). The Lord did not tell him to pray. In fact, no one told him to pray. However, God’s preacher, Ananias, virtually told him to quit praying. He found him praying, and this is what Ananias said to this alien sinner: *“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (22:16). Saul did this immediately (9:18). When Saul thus obeyed, this new birth made him a child of God. As a child of God, being no longer an alien sinner, he could, should, and did pray much.

Alien Sinners Could Not Begin Prayer Correctly

If the alien sinner would say, “Dear Father in heaven,” to begin his prayer, or some such similar beginning, he would be mistaken. Spiritually speaking, God is not the alien sinner’s Father, because the alien sinner has not yet been born a child of God. Satan is the alien sinner’s father. Jesus refers to people being the children of Satan, Satan being their father (John 8:44). So alien sinners need to obey, then they will be in a position to pray (Mat. 7:21-23; Heb. 5:9).

Dear friends, think on these things and obey the Lord correctly.

C. D. Plum

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.”*