

Those To Serve

Sunday, November 9, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Robert Foster

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, November 2, 2025

AM 48 PM 31

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [31]

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

31 *[Average for the Year]* [33]

Contribution:

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Actual \$ 2,190.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 104,257.00

[Average] \$ 2,369.48

[+/- Budget] \$ (310.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (5,743.00)

Sermons for November 9, 2025

A.M.—"Follow Me"

P.M.—Sources of Spiritual Strength

Scripture: Mark 1:16-17; 2:13-14

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM

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Thoughts from Bill:

"Follow Me"

Scripture: Mark 1:16-17; 2:13-14

Someone once said: "The call of discipleship lay at the heart of Jesus' ministry." In our text, we clearly see this call when Jesus went to a group of individuals and said, "Follow me." They left what they were doing; in fact, they left everything behind and answered the Lord's call (Matt. 19:27). In this lesson, we want to consider some things involved in becoming a disciple or follower of Jesus.

Following Jesus requires a call to decision. Jesus called Peter, Andrew, James, John, and Matthew while they were actively engaged in making a living, and they left all of that behind. It is interesting that nothing is said of their thought process or reasoning. Nothing is said about them wondering how they were going to pay their bills or the hundreds of other questions that may have flooded their minds. They simply

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followed Jesus immediately (Mark. 1:18). When Jesus said, "Follow Me," they obeyed and they went. Unfortunately, not everyone makes the decision to follow Christ as is seen in the life of the rich young ruler in Matthew 19:21-22. Some people are more involved with the "things" of life (Matt. 13:32) and fail to answer the Lord's call (Matt. 8:18-22).

Following Jesus requires answering *a call to become different from what we are*. I don't know what type of men Peter, Andrew, James, and John were. Matthew was at least perceived to be a thief and traitor to his people because of the profession he had. Whatever type of individuals these men were, a change had to take place when they followed Jesus. Following Jesus still requires a change today. It's called repentance (Lk. 13:3,5). The word *repent* conveys the idea of changing one's life based on a complete change of attitude concerning sin and righteousness. Paul said in Acts 17:30, "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent . . ." Some people change from committing grievous sins to following Jesus (1 Cor. 6:9-11). But, we must know that any sin was enough to cause Jesus to be nailed to the cross.

Following Jesus requires *a call to destiny*. The men that Jesus called in our text had lives and destinies that were changed when they followed Jesus. Jesus changed what Peter, Andrew, James, and John would catch when they went from being fishers of fish to fishers of men. Whatever they sought to achieve in life changed that day when they answered the call to follow Jesus. Their meaning of the importance of life changed. Their goals and ambitions changed. The way they lived and perhaps the way they died changed. Most of all their eternal destiny changed when they followed Jesus (2 Tim. 4:8; 1 Pet. 1:3-4). How has following Jesus impacted our decisions and destinies?

Following Jesus requires *a call to learn*. The people who follow Jesus have to learn from Him because that is what a disciple does. Christ told those that were laboring and heavy laden to come to Him for rest and learn of Him (Matt. 11:28-30). Christ taught not only by

precept, but also by example (Jn. 13:15; Phil 2:5; 1 Pet. 2:21; 1 Jn. 2:6). We can learn all the facts about Jesus, but we cannot truly learn from Him until we become like Him (Gal. 2:20; Rom. 8:29; 1 Cor. 11:1; Eph. 2:22-24). May God help us to learn of Christ and become like Him.

Have you truly answered the call of the Lord when He says, "Follow Me"?

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Jerry Bowen** will have tests run on November 18. **Shelia Smithee** has been sick. **Kingston Knabe** had surgery on Thursday to remove his adenoids and put tubes in his ears. The surgery went well. **Nancy Duncan** is in the ICU at UAMS with pneumonia. She has improved somewhat. Frances Foster's brother **Kenny Fitzhugh** will have a double bypass done on November 20. **Craig Wilson**, Homer Wilson's brother who preaches at the Possum Grape congregation, has been having stomach problems. There is a possibility that his cancer has returned. He is undergoing tests.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Robert Barber, David Elms, Lavon Rogers, Jennifer Sexton (cancer), Shelia Smithee, and Glenda Verkler (cancer)

Visitation Meeting: This month's visitation meeting will be today after the evening service.

Nursing Home Service: This month's service at Mountain Meadows will be next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cookie Mixes

Guest Speaker: Ted Knight will be speaking to us next Sunday morning.

Mark 2:13-14—Then He went out again by the sea; and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. As He passed by, He saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he arose and followed Him.