

Those To Serve Sunday, September 13, 2026 A.M. Prayers Opening: Jim Case Closing: Dwayne Millikin P.M. Prayers Opening: Robert Foster Closing: Bobby Smithee Singing: Randy Harris Wednesday, September 16, 2026 Singing: Johnny Knabe Devotional: Bill Cline	The Record: Attendance: Sunday, September 6, 2026 AM 46 PM 35 <i>[Average for the Year]</i> AM [51] PM [34] Wednesday, September 9, 2026 32 <i>[Average for the Year]</i> [32] Contribution: Sunday, September 6, 2026 Actual \$ 3,423.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00 <i>[Year-to-Date]</i> \$ 89,253.39 <i>[Average]</i> \$ 2,550.10 <i>[+/- Budget]</i> \$ 923.00 <i>[YTD +/- Budget]</i> \$ 1,753.39
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Plan of Salvation <i>Hear</i> Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22 <i>Believe</i> Hebrews 11:6 <i>Repent</i> Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38 <i>Confession</i> Matthew 10:32, 33 <i>Baptism</i> Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21	Sermons for September 13, 2026 A.M.—A Study on Reverence to God: Reverence and Obedience P.M.—Are You Teachable? Scripture—Deuteronomy 31:9-13; Ezra 8:5-6 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:

A Study on Reverence to God:

Reverence and Obedience

Deut. 31:9-13; Ezra 8:5-6

Last week we began a study on reverence to God, which showed that God alone should be revered. This was demonstrated as we considered several reasons why God should be revered. In this lesson we want to consider the connection between reverence and obedience.

The Dictionary of Bible Themes says: “Reverence towards God expresses itself in the actions, as well as the words and worship of believers. True reverence for God leads to our obedience to Him.”

When we realize the greatness of God, it *should lead us to a reverent fear where we seek to obey God*, especially when we worship (Jonah 1:16; Acts 2:43). Reverence in worship in the Old Testament was seen in many ways. It was seen in bowing and prostration before God (Gen. 17:3; Ex. 12:27; Psa. 95:6-7a; Rev. 5:14). Other outward forms of reverence in worship in the Old

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Testament are seen in the taking off of shoes (Ex. 3:5,6) and kneeling, especially during praying (Dan. 6:10; Eph. 3:14). Even though we don't see these outward signs in our worship today, the attitude that prompted these actions should be in our hearts and minds when we worship!

Reverence leads to obedience *because it motivates people to avoid doing wrong*. Consider Proverbs 16:6: "In mercy and truth Atonement is provided for iniquity; And by the fear of the LORD, one departs from evil." Also consider Deuteronomy 10:12, Proverbs 3:7, 8:13; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. If we fear God as we should, we will obey Him.

Reverence leads to obedience because it motivates *one to read, study, and obey God's word*. If one is convinced the Bible is the inspired word of God, and they revere God as they should, they will read and study God's word. The attitudes expressed in the text for this lesson express this very thing. Paul in 2 Timothy 2:15 writes: "Make every effort to present yourself before God as a proven worker who does not need to be ashamed, teaching the message of truth accurately [NET]." When God in His foreknowledge knew that Israel would one day seek a king, He instructed the king and the priests to have a copy of the law that was to be read all of their lives to prevent the king and the nation from going astray (Deut. 17:18-20). Sadly, history tells us that many kings and priests failed to do this, which lead to their spending many years in captivity. A failure to read the Bible, apply the Bible, and obey the Bible will lead to division and eventually eternal damnation. Consider James' words in James 1:22-25.

May God help us to truly revere Him because reverence to Him will lead to our obedience to His commandments.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Jane Hudson** fell and broke her hip on Wednesday. She had surgery on Thursday and is in room

4113 of White River Health. **Nancy England** was in the hospital this past week with blood pressure problems. Her test results were good, and she is now home.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Ann Duncan, Nancy Duncan, Bobby Joe England, Manda McGough, Pat McGough, Glenda Mitchell, Eunice Mize, Glen Mize, Dalton Philips, Lonnie Pyle, and Melissa Wood

Sympathy Extended: Brantley Elms passed away on Tuesday. His funeral was on Thursday at the Melbourne church of Christ. We extend our deepest sympathy to David and the entire Elms family. Please keep them in your prayers.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bobby Smithee for the loss of his aunt Betty Smithee. Funeral services were on Wednesday at Roller-Crouch Funeral Home. Please remember this family in your prayers.

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

Food Truck: The Paragould Children's Home food truck will come tomorrow. If you have any items to give to the Children's Home, please have them here by this evening. Also, please bring your coin banks.

Children's Home Shopping List: Saltine Crackers

Ladies' Day: To those who helped with the Ladies' Day preparations, clean up, and everything in between, thank you!

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

Gospel Meeting: Our Gospel Meeting and Homecoming will be on October 2-4. We will be celebrating the congregation's 85th year! Guest speakers will be Kenny Townsley, Steve Smith, and Dean Fugett. Please be praying about the meeting and inviting people to attend. Invitation letters and envelopes are on the table in the back. Once your letters are ready, you can put them in the basket on the table. Stamps will be put on the envelopes, and they will be mailed.