

**January 24, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Jack Harris

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) Chance Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),

Jeff Staggs, Jordan Staggs, Tom Wade

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom

Casey Harris

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges & Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (01/27/2016)

OUR RECORD

January 17, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 118

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 121

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,193

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. **Hear** the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
2. **Believe** the Gospel (Acts 15:7; Mark 16:15, 16).
3. **Repent** of Sins (Acts 3:19).
4. **Confess** Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
5. **Be Baptized** for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
6. **Be Faithful** (Revelation 2:10).

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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

1,000 Miles An Hour

The earth rotates on its axis at approximately 1,000 miles per hour. If that had been 100 miles per hour, our days and nights would be 10 times longer, and our planet would alternately burn and freeze. Under such circumstances vegetation could not live.

If the earth were as small as the moon, the power of gravity would be too weak to retain sufficient atmosphere for man's needs; but if it were as large as Jupiter, Saturn, or Uranus, extreme gravitation would make human movement almost impossible.

If we were as near to the sun as Venus, the heat would be unbearable; if we were as far away as Mars, we would experience snow and ice every night, even in the warmest regions.

If the oceans were half their present dimensions, we would receive only one-fourth the rainfall we do now. If they were one-eighth larger, our annual precipitation would increase four fold, and this earth would become a vast, uninhabitable swamp.

Water solidifies at 32 degrees Fahrenheit above zero. It would be disastrous if the oceans were subject to that law, however, for then the amount of thawing in the Polar Regions would not balance out, and ice would accumulate throughout the centuries. To prevent such a catastrophe, the Lord put salt in the sea to alter its freezing point.

"For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God" -- Hebrews 3:4

-Author Unknown

Heart of the Matter: Pretty on the Inside

Brad Harrub

Are you beautiful? You can be.

For three short years, things were going smoothly. God had blessed our family with two healthy boys, and our floors were littered with balls, plastic dinosaur figurines, cars, trains, and castles. I truly believed I had this parenting thing under control. Then my little “princess” was born, and oh, how my life changed.

In the blink of an eye, I began to look at everything from a different perspective. Everything from clothes, television programs, dating, and even marriage was immediately placed under a more powerful microscope. (In fact, prearranged marriages are looking really good right now!) The pressure on young girls to be “pretty” has reached epic proportions in our society. Magazines, television, and movies are constantly bombarding our children with the idea of what is “beautiful.” Ultra-thin models are paraded around as if they were the normal standard for beauty. This constant clamoring for external beauty has even caused many Christian parents to put too much emphasis on physical looks. While society does its best to promote a worldly view of what is attractive, as a parent I realize the importance of teaching a biblical view of beauty.

Here’s what I intend on teaching my children about true beauty—even my two-year old daughter who is already learning to be “pretty on the inside”:

If you try to live up to the world’s standard of beauty, you will lead a very unhappy life. There will always be someone out there who has a prettier complexion, better hair, or is younger looking. You can spend a great deal of time and energy trying to make yourself more attractive—even to the point of surgeries or botox injections. But none of these procedures, potions, or creams will make you beautiful in the eyes of God. I do hope you will learn to be happy and confident in the external “shell” God has given you on this Earth, but never forget that God does not look at external appearances. One day your current “shell” will be replaced with an incorruptible one (1 Corinthians 15:42). While the mainstream media wants you to believe otherwise, external beauty is fleeting and not important to Almighty God.

Without a doubt, you will meet many individuals who are very pretty on the outside—but some of these same individuals will be very unattractive on the inside. Without going to the extremes of surgery we can’t do much to alter our external looks, but every one of us can make sure that our “inside” is beautiful and very attractive to people. In 1 Samuel 16:7 we read: “But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.’” Simply put, God wants you to be pretty on the inside.

How do we make ourselves pretty on the inside? We cultivate the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) in our hearts. We develop a sincere love for people and their souls (Matthew 22:39; 28:19-20). We need to esteem others higher than ourselves (Philippians 2:3-4). We make sure that people know we are individuals who value integrity and honesty. We are vigilant about what we allow into our minds (Philippians 4:8). And, we remember that it is the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God (1 Peter 3:4).

It’s my desire that you grow into Christians whom your friends know they can trust, individuals who are respected for their stand for the Truth. I pray that you will cultivate the skill of genuinely listening to others and trying to help when you can. I pray that you will learn to be givers instead of takers. And I hope that you will surround yourselves with individuals with whom you can learn and laugh. If you are able to accomplish some of these key ingredients, then almost everyone you come into contact with will identify you as a beautiful person indeed.

In Isaiah 53:2 the prophet reveals that the coming Messiah “has no form or comeliness; and when we see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him.” Yet, Jesus was the most beautiful person on the inside. Is this the beauty our children are striving for?

The day will come when you begin looking for a mate. Your mother and I have been praying for that special person for many years. As you search for that special person to share your life with, I pray that you will find someone who is beautiful on the inside—and someone who will help you get to Heaven. Do I want you to be attracted to their physical appearance? Sure—but I’ve been around long enough to know that those looks will one day fade away. That smooth skin and beautiful hair will one day give way to wrinkles and a new shade of gray. That’s when you will treasure the importance of finding someone who is beautiful on the inside.

I hope that in the coming years people who meet you will stop in their tracks and say out loud or to themselves —“Wow, that person is extremely attractive...on the inside.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Thursday, January 21, 2015
6:30PM Speaker: Kim Lindley

January 29 & 30 (Dates Changed)
Christian Leaders Seminar
Ripley Church of Christ
Conducted by Glenn Colley
More details posted in foyer.

January 24, 2016
Bible Bowl at Beech Hill
5:00 PM
Leaving Chapman at 4PM – Need to be there at 4:30 for set up and start at 5:00PM - Bible Bowl, Evening Service, Pizza Afterwards. If anyone needs a ride – please see Jill Loveless.

5th Sunday - January 31st
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service.
Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by
Chapman young men.

We rejoice to announce the births of:

John Luke & Maizey Grace Hopper

January 19, 2016

John Luke at 7:47AM • 4 lbs • 3 oz • 16.5 in
Maizey Grace at 7:48AM • 6 lbs • 8 oz • 19.5 in

Parents: *John & Candace Hopper*
Grandparents: *Bryan & Connie Davis,*
Dennis and Dorothy Hopper
Great-Grandparents: *JC & Sandy Newby,*
Francis Hopper

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Jackie Hester and Wardie Dees (Sister-in-law of Janette Rickles)

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Robin Newby, Janie & Terry Jumper, Tony Morrison, Lorene Willis

•**HOSPITAL :** Candace, John Luke (NICU/Weight Gain), Maizey Hopper

•**HOME RECOVERING :** Juan Stroupe (Hip Surgery)

•**HAVING TEST:** Robin Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Connie Mauney, Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe’s Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith’s Grandmother) (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).

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