

**January 18, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Mason McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Keith Newby (A.M.) Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Joel Moore (Presiding),

Chase Chapman, Mickey Chandler, Jordan Staggs

**Count and Usher**

Andy Reese

Jeff Brewer

**Prepare Communion**

Myra Palmer & Anna Palmer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Ross Shackelford (01/21/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**January 11, 2015**

**Sunday Bible Study: 123**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 140**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 114**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 110**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,689**

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis,  
Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**What does God require of us?**

Roy Davison

"He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

God has shown us what is good.

Man has a general knowledge of good and evil. According to Romans 1:18-32, man has sufficient knowledge about God and about righteousness to be held responsible for his actions. This applies to all men, including those who do not have God's written word.

In Scripture it is assumed that we can recognize good and evil: "Depart from evil and do good" (Psalm 34:14). "Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. He who does good is of God, but he who does evil has not seen God" (3 John 11). "He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil" (1 Peter 3:10-12). Since God has shown us what is good, He holds us responsible: "The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Proverbs 15:3).

In judgment we must give account for what we have done. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13,14).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

**God requires that we do justly.**

"Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Execute true justice, show mercy and compassion everyone to his brother' " (Zechariah 7:9). "For I, the LORD, love justice" (Isaiah 61:8). "To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the LORD than sacrifice" (Proverbs 21:3).

"It is a joy for the just to do justice" (Proverbs 21:15). "Blessed are those who keep justice, and he who does righteousness at all times!" (Psalm 106:3). "So you, by the help of your God, return; observe mercy and justice, and wait on your God continually" (Hosea 12:6). "Let justice run down like water, and righteousness like a mighty stream" (Amos 5:24).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

**God requires that we love mercy.**

To love mercy includes appreciation for God's mercy and a willingness to extend mercy to others.

"The LORD takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy" (Psalm 147:11). "Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear Him, on those who hope in His mercy" (Psalm 33:18). "Let Your mercy, O LORD, be upon us, just as we hope in You" (Psalm 33:22). "I will be glad and rejoice in Your mercy" (Psalm 31:7).

If we truly love mercy, we will be merciful to others. "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). "For judgment is without mercy to the one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment" (James 2:13).

"The wisdom that is from above is ... full of mercy" (James 3:17). "He who shows mercy" is to do so "with cheerfulness" (Romans 12:8).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

**God requires that we walk humbly with Him.**

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him" (Genesis 5:24). "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God" (Genesis 6:9).

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good?" (Deuteronomy 10:12,13).

To walk with God means to walk in all His ways and to be in continual fellowship with Him. A mortal man who walks with God must do so humbly. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths" (Proverbs 3:5,6).

"Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice, and the humble He teaches His way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth, to such as keep His covenant and His testimonies" (Psalm 25:8-10).

"Humble yourselves in the sight of the LORD, and He will lift you up" (James 4:10). "For the LORD takes pleasure in His people; He will beautify the humble with salvation" (Psalm 149:4). "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:5-7).

What does God require of us? "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8).

## Theistic Evolution

by: Dalton Gilreath

The deceptive teachings of evolutionary theory have led many Christians to compromise their faith and adopt a belief in theistic evolution. That is, they believe both the creation account of Genesis and the theory of evolution are both accurate. In fact, many would suggest that God actually used evolution as part of the creation process. After all, why else would our methods of dating suggest the age of the Earth to be billions of years old? Many conclude that God allowed millions upon millions of years to pass between each of the days of creation. Consider some things together to determine the plausibility of this mindset.

First of all, let us consider the idea of theistic evolution that millions of years passed between each day of creation. There are a couple of issues here. For starters, we notice that Moses, the inspired author of Genesis, concludes the creation of day one with the phrase "the evening and the morning were the first day" (Genesis 1:5 KJV). The same is true of each of the following days. How can a day be millions of years if God describes each specific day as the passing of an evening and a morning? Keep in mind that the Hebrews of old counted their day from evening to morning. Would we say that each evening and morning we read of is millions of years in those instances as well? We must be consistent.

Furthermore, there are a few issues that arise in the order of creation when you allot millions of years to pass between each day. For example, God created the grass, trees, and seed on the third day. However, it wasn't until day four that God created the sun and stars in the sky. What would have happened to the grass and trees had there been no sunlight for millions of years? Clearly Earth's green color would have faded. This is not even considering the issue arising with the plants ability to reproduce through pollination. Remember it was not until day five that God created winged creatures such as bugs. Not only would those plants have been without sunlight, but also without the full ability to pollenate one another.

What about the common arguments that arise? First, with God a day is a thousand years (2 Peter 3:8). This passage is taken out of context. Peter was referencing that no matter how much time passes, the Lord's promise of His second coming would not falter. In addition, even if this passage was speaking of physical days and years, that would place each day at a thousand years, not millions or billions. With regards to the age of the Earth, remember "scientific" methods of dating have shown many flaws and inconsistencies. Regardless, the answer seems clearer than one might think: Remember that when Adam and Eve were created they were seconds old, yet they were created as adults. That is, they were created with the appearance of age. Therefore, even if the Earth was in fact dating at billions of years old, is it not possible God created mature trees, rocks, dirt, and so on when He created the world? It seems logical to conclude God could have created the Earth with the appearance of age as well.

In summary, theistic evolution does not fit the Genesis account nor could it be considered a logical conclusion. Don't buy into this mindset that compromising the creation account with evolution is provable or justifiable. Clearly, the arguments lack foundation, and the evidence points elsewhere. May we all be strong in our conviction knowing the Bible is inerrant and teaching this confidently to others. Upon realizing the truth, we are reminded how absolutely amazing it is that our Father created this world in six literal days (Ex 20:11).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KEEPERS

Sunday, January 18th - 3:00 PM

### BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE

Sunday at 4:45 PM  
Wednesday at 6:00 PM

### RETURNED DISHES

There is a bunch of returned dishes in the kitchen by Teacher's Supply Room. Some have been there a long time. Ladies please pick up.

### MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS

Starts Sunday, February 15th  
4:30 PM in the fellowship hall.

### CHAPMAN LADIES CLASS

February 20th at 6:30 PM

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

### The Bible Broadcast

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Loretta & Jodie Criswell, Juan Stroupe, Jimmy Berryman, Erik & Kasandra Longoria

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Westin Walker (Son of Tyler & Allie Walker) in Children's Hospital of Birmingham - new born, Bonnie Chapman (TCH)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell's Mother)

•**REHAB:** Tony Morrison (Golden Living, Room E4)

•**HAVING TEST:** Sharon Pannell (heart)

### •EXTENDED ILLNESS:

Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Beverly Koon, Renae Koon, Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman, Christopher Pruitt. •**CANCER:** *Deborah Gullick* (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), *Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer* •**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (*Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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