

**January 31, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

David Smith

**Opening Prayer**

Jodie Criswell(A.M.) Young Men(P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Britt Lindley (A.M.) Young Men(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**

Chance Criswell (02/02/2016)

**OUR RECORD**

**January 24, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 106**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 124**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 75**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 94**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,568**

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

## THE BIG QUESTIONS OF LIFE Mark Lindley

For ages man has pondered the big questions of life. Questions such as, where did I come from? Why am I here? And where am I going? These are the questions some of the greatest minds of the ages have attempted to answer.

I am persuaded that we are as eager today as ever to know the answers to these questions. We want to know the answers that we might live with a sense of purpose and direction, instead of aimlessly wandering through life.

Science has offered theories concerning the origin of man, but the prevailing theory, Darwinian evolution, is not to my mind, believable. No one has ever observed a non-human give birth to a human, nor can an experiment be conducted to prove that our distant cousins were apes. The "missing link" is still missing.

"True" science has made amazing advances in medicine, technology, cosmology, but science cannot tell us the origin of life and man. Of course there are theories, but scientific theories regarding these matters are ever-changing and remain theories.

Even if science could tell us our true origin, it still could not answer the questions of "why" we are here or "where" we are going. For answers to these questions, we must turn to a different source.

For those who believe in the inspiration of the Bible, these questions have been answered. God created man in His own image (Genesis 1:26-27). Our purpose is to bring glory and honor to God by fearing Him and keeping His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14). We are all destined for the grave, the resurrection, judgment, and heaven or hell (Hebrews 9:27; Acts 17:30-31; John 5:28-29). Having an understanding of these things radically changes our perspective on life. Instead of being highly-evolved blobs of matter-in-motion, we are created "a little lower than the angels" (Psalm 8:3-5). Rather than dying as a beast of the field and ceasing to exist at death, we can anticipate that when this life is over, we will "fly away" as our spirits return unto to God who created them (Psalm 90:10; Ecclesiastes 12:7). Rather than facing death with fear and dread, Christians can view death as a happy departure to be with the Lord and the saved of all ages (Psalm 23:4; Philippians 1:21-23)!

Thanks be to God for giving us His Word which answers the great questions of life! The real question is this: Will we believe and obey it?

**If I Win The Power Ball...**  
by Steve Higginbotham

The jackpot for tomorrow's Powerball has reached a world record of 1.5 billion dollars. Whoever picks the lucky numbers will receive a 1.5 billion dollar annuity paid out over 30 years or a cash total worth \$930 million.

The millions of Americans who have purchased lottery tickets in hopes of winning this 1.5 billion dollar prize have, no doubt, imagined what they would do if they won the jackpot. Surely, near the top of the list for most people would be, "I'd give a big chunk to my church." But let's think about that for a second.

I'm reminded of the preacher who once went to a rather wealthy business man in his congregation to ask for a donation for some much-needed funds. The business man looked rather shocked that the preacher would ask him for a donation, so said to the preacher, "Are you not aware that my mother needs 24 hour nursing care?" "No," said the preacher. "Are you not aware that my children have accumulated several hundred thousand dollars worth of student loan debt?" Again, the preacher said, "No." "Are you not aware that my sister is widowed and trying to raise her five children on a waitress' salary?" Feeling a bit embarrassed at this point, the preacher again softly said, "No, I didn't." Then the businessman said, "Preacher, if I won't help any of them, then what makes you think I'd help you?"

The purpose for the illustration above is to demonstrate that whether we help the church or not has little to do with how much money we have or what our circumstances in life are. It boils down to a matter of the heart.

Just think how much money "the church" would have if all these people who plan to give a big chunk of their winnings to the church would have given to the church the two dollars their lottery ticket cost? The cause of Christ doesn't need an improbable lucky winner to leave a fortune, it needs an army of faithful servants who are willing to make a sacrifice with the little they have.

To all those who seek to give a "great sum" of money to the church if they win the \$1.5 billion jackpot, I would like to remind you of what Jesus said about the Scribes who gave to the treasury out of their great abundance and the poor widow who sacrificially gave out of her poverty (Luke 21:1-4). Tell me, which did the Lord praise?

**A Week of Good Thoughts**

Suppose we start this very day To live our lives in a different way; Suppose we vowed and constantly tried To help those in trouble on life's wayside; If we showed by our deeds a hint of His love Wouldn't earth be a bit more like heaven above?

ON MONDAY: Look for a smile today and return it with one of your own. Give someone faith and hope, it's such a beautiful loan.

ON TUESDAY: Gather a thought that's kind, one that's sincere and deep. Be sure to pass it along for such are too precious to keep.

ON WEDNESDAY: Forget yesterday's sorrows, mistakes, sadness, and pain. Lift your heart with hope as flowers to sun and rain.

ON THURSDAY: Offer a word of comfort and prayer to help someone in need. A little thoughtful gift, some flowers, or a smile makes us all rich indeed.

ON FRIDAY: You shall not pass this way again, so do any good you can do. Don't put it off till tomorrow or the chance may be lost for you.

ON SATURDAY: Today will soon be a memory so don't let it come to an end, without a smile, without a song, or just a word from a friend.

ON SUNDAY: Don't let worry and care depress you, or brush your joy away. But arise and give thanks to God above, for His love and another 'Blest Day.'

"...let each esteem other better than themselves. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others" (Philippians 2:3-4).

Author Unknown

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
**Thursday, January 28, 2015**  
**6:30PM Speaker: Kim Lindley**

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

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

**LADS TO LEADERS**  
**Bible Bowl Team did GREAT**  
**last Sunday at Beech Hill!**  
BIBLE BOWL AND PEARLS TEST  
**Wednesday, February 10th**

**February 7, 2016**  
**Chapman Singing:**  
Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM  
&  
**Visitation Group:**  
Will meet Sunday Night after services in the Fellowship Hall.  
Bring finger food, chips/dip or desserts

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Terry Jumper, Tony Morrison, Lorene Willis, Blair Chapman, Tavin Fitzgerald, Jack Harris, Angela Bridges, Chap Moore, Rhonda Newby

•**HOME FROM HOSPITAL :** Candace, John Luke, Maizey Hopper

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

•**HAVING TEST:** Robin Newby

•**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*).