

**February 1, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Dalton Bread

**Scripture Reading**

Bo Chapman

**Opening Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Gene Yancey (Presiding),

Ross Shackelford, Brock Lindley, Jeff Brewer

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges

Eric Melton

**Prepare Communion**

Joy Simmons & Juan Stroupe

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Logan Yancey (02/04/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**January 25, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 121

Sunday Morning Worship: 142

Sunday Evening Worship: 115

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 113

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,765

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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

## BAPTIZED AGAIN Mark Lindley

Does anyone ever need to be baptized again? On the occasion of Acts chapter 19, there were some who were baptized again. The following is the account of what happened: "And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 19:1-5).

According to the text, Paul met people in the city of Ephesus who had been baptized with the baptism of John the Baptist (verse 3), and those people were baptized "again" (verse 5). Bear in mind that John, who served as a forerunner of Christ, immersed people in water for the remission of sins (cf. Matthew 3:1-6; Mark 1:4). Why, then, would these disciples in Ephesus need to be baptized again? They had already been immersed in water. Why was that not sufficient?

The answer is that John's baptism was no longer a valid baptism. It had become obsolete. Those who received John's baptism were taught to believe on Christ who was to come. However, the disciples of Acts chapter 19 received John's baptism "after" Christ had come. They had been taught to believe on Christ "who was to come," but they should have been taught to believe on Christ who "had come" already. In fact, He had died, been buried, and raised again. When the disciples of Ephesus heard this, "they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus" (verse 5). They knew their knowledge had not been complete, and they were baptized again.

What if an adult learns that, when he was a child, water was sprinkled on him as a "form" of baptism? Now the adult understands that sprinkling, as a form of baptism, is an unscriptural practice? Should he be baptized again? What if a person was baptized to join a denomination, and later that person learns that no person of the Bible was ever baptized to join a denomination? Should he be baptized again? What if a person was baptized, believing that he was saved before being baptized? Later, he learns that Bible baptism is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). Should he be baptized again?

There was a time when John's baptism "was" valid. Nevertheless, the disciples of Acts chapter 19 who had experienced that baptism were baptized again? In contrast, the practices just mentioned have "never been valid" or scriptural. Does it not seem reasonable that a person who has received an invalid or unscriptural baptism should be baptized again? Please be sure that you have been baptized scripturally!

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## The Slothful Sluggard

Jack McNeil

The Biblical word I would like to discuss today is "Sluggard." The Hebrew word thus translated is found twelve times in the Book of Proverbs. Five times it is translated "sluggard" and the other seven times it is translated "slothful." The English words sluggard and slothful both indicate slowness of movement. Slothful is defined as, "habitual disinclination to exertion; indolence; laziness..." (Dictionary.com) and Sluggard describes a person, "who is habitually inactive or lazy..." (Dictionary.com). A sluggard can simply be called a slothful person. Proverbs uses these terms numerous times to encourage the reader to become active and even proactive in every aspect of their lives and especially to be so in regard to their spiritual lives. A summary of how the Hebrew word is used in Proverbs demonstrates the characteristics of the slothful sluggard.

The slothful sluggard refuses to labor (Proverbs 21:25 and 24:30-31). The slothful sluggard makes excuses for not doing anything: "There's a lion!" (Proverbs 22:13; 26:13) "It's too cold!" (Proverbs 20:4). These lame excuses and flat refusal to do anything only make the slothful sluggard's life more difficult. His way is fraught with thorns that impede him. (Proverbs 15:19).

The slothful sluggard is like a man who is sleeps all the time, but gets no rest. (Proverbs 6:9; 26:14). Finally, the slothful sluggard is unreliable and brings only bitterness to those who would attempt to rely upon him. (Proverbs 10:26).

All of this is why, Solomon encourages the slothful sluggard to look to or imitate the ant. (Proverbs 6:6-11). The ant may be small, but it works hard and is proactive with regard to seeing to its needs. A slothful sluggard, both spiritually and physically is the very opposite of what a Christian ought to be. "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might..." (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ..." (Colossians 3:23-24).

"Tell me what you are busy about, and I will tell you what you are" (Goethe)  
**What You Really Are**  
Gene Taylor

The above quotation from Goethe, when applied to our lives, rings true. How we spend our time and what we allow to occupy our attention tells others what we really are and that may be dramatically different from what we claim to be.

Professing to be Christians does not mean that we are living as the children of God should. Unless we conform our thoughts and actions to the word of God and the example set by His Son and be busy about the Father's business, others will know and the Father will know that even though we claim to be dedicated to the Lord, our affections lie elsewhere.

What are you "busy about?" Is it your job? Does it take all of your energy and most of your time? Is your main interest in life the amassing of "things?" Do you use all spare moments in some recreational pursuit? If any of these apply, you need to take stock and channel your "busyness" into that which is more profitable -- serving the Lord. If one is going to be Christ-like, he must have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5). It is evident that Christ's attitude while on earth was to be busy about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). Such passages as John 4:34, 6:38 and 9:4 show that He continually focused on doing the will of God. In turn, He taught His disciples the most important thing in life for them was to do God's will and be concerned with His kingdom first (Matthew 6:33).

The apostle Paul zealously applied himself to the will of God. He was always busy serving the Lord. He constantly pressed on so that he could attain his goal to live a life pleasing to God so that he would gain an incorruptible crown (Phil. 3:7-16). On the other hand, Demas, a fellow-worker with Paul, busied himself with other things -- the things of this world (2 Tim. 4:10). His love for this "present world" ultimately caused him to abandon both Paul and the Lord.

When Jesus was in the house of Mary and Martha, two sisters who lived in Bethany, both of them were busy. In the eyes of the world and even in the eyes of her sister, though, one seemed to be idle (Luke 10:38-42). Martha was "distracted with much serving" (Luke 10:40). She busied herself seeing that the needs of her guests were satisfied. She became so anxious about it that it consumed her. Her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet not wishing to miss a single word He was saying. She busied herself listening to Him knowing that it was the most important thing she could be doing. When Martha complained to Jesus about her, He told her not to worry about so many things that, in reality, were not necessary. Rather, she should devote herself and her time, as Mary had, to "the one thing that is needed" -- hearing and obeying the word of God. Again, with what are you busy? Is it your job, a hobby, material possessions or worldly pleasures?

If so, what does that say as to what you really are? What do others think is your first love? What is the Lord's view of you?

A question that has been used before, possibly overused, but nevertheless is relevant to our line of thought is, "If you were tried for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" If you were "busy about" that which you should be busying yourself with, it would be evident to all what you really are. All would know you are a Christian, see the glory of God in you and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16). More importantly, the Lord would know. If you claim to be a Christian, get busy doing the will of the Lord.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 1, 2015**

**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, soups or desserts

**BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE**

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

**MARK'S BIBLE CLASS**

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

**CHAPMAN LADIES CLASS**

February 19th at 6:30 PM

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

**The Bible Broadcast**  
Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM  
**Southern Sentinel Article**  
Every other Wednesday  
**Correspondence Course**  
Study the Bible in your home, at your convenience, by enrolling in a free Bible correspondence course.  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Shannon Tatum.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Blair Chapman, Anna Palmer, Wilma Wood, Jimmy & Joan Berryman

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

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Lily Brewer, Terry & Janie Jumper

•**REHAB:** Grady Chandler (Athens, AL, Mickey's Father)

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

We are so glad that Tony Morrison got to come home this past week.

•**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), 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  
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