

**April 26, 2015**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

J C Newby

**Song Leader**

Johnny Cissom

**Scripture Reading**

Tom Wade

**Opening Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Ross Shackelford (A.M.) Logan Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

David Smith (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Britt Lindley, Jack Harris

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman

Eric Melton

**Prepare Communion**

Rita Smith & Lauren Carter

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Larry Wood (04/29/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**April 19, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 117

Sunday Morning Worship: 134

Sunday Evening Worship: 131

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 118

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,126

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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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Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**A "TROUBLING" VERSE**  
By Mark Lindley

I recently heard a preacher on the radio say that a certain verse was "troubling" for some. The verse he referred to is Acts 2:38: "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." The preacher said that this verse is troubling because it "seems to say that baptism is for the remission of sins." His understanding was correct. This verse not only "seems" to say, but it actually "does" say that "baptism is for the remission of sins."

But why would that thought be troubling for some? The preacher explained that he did not believe baptism was necessary for salvation. He said that Acts 2:38 seems to teach that baptism "is" necessary for salvation. Therefore, he said this verse was "troubling."

However, there is no reason for any person to be troubled by the teaching of this verse. The solution is to accept what it teaches, and then there will be no reason for a person to feel disturbed by Peter's statement.

*Chapman Church of Christ*

Invites you to

*Spring Bring*

*April 26, 2015*

**10:00 a.m. Bible Study**  
**10:45 a.m. Worship**  
**Lunch will be provided.**  
**1:30 p.m. Afternoon Service**



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Nevertheless, instead of accepting the clear teaching of the verse, some attempt to interpret the verse so that it fits with their view that baptism is not necessary for salvation. One such attempt is made by saying that the word "for" in Acts 2:38 actually means "because of." If this is true, then the verse actually teaches that one should repent and be baptized "because one's sins have been forgiven."

But this interpretation will not stand. The word "for" in this text does not mean "because of"; rather, "for" means "in order to obtain" the forgiveness of sins. Consider the following: Jesus said that He would shed His blood "for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). "For the remission of sins" in Matthew 26:28 is identical, in Greek and English, to "for the remission of sins" in Acts 2:38. If "for" means "because of," then Jesus shed His blood "because of" the remission of sins? But that cannot be true. Jesus shed His blood "in order" for sinners to receive the remission of sins (cf. Hebrews 9:22).

In addition, after Peter instructed his audience to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, he then urged them: "Save yourselves from this untoward generation" (Acts 2:40). However, if the people were saved already, then there would have been no reason for Peter to urge them to be saved. This shows that the people needed to be saved, and, therefore, "for the remission of sins" means "in order to be forgiven."

Let us resolve that Acts 2:38 will not trouble us. Rather, let us "gladly receive" the Word (Acts 2:41)!

Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls (Acts 2:41).

## Lord, Give Us More... By Steve Higginbotham

It is often the case that when God's people stand in opposition to cultural trends which violate the will of God, our society will attempt to discredit our opposition by "name-calling" and "false-labeling." However, such tactics should not dissuade one who is standing in the right. God's people have been called troublemakers (1 Kings 18:17), feeble (Nehemiah 4:2), law-breakers (Acts 16:21), and even Jesus was thought by his own family to be insane (Mark 3:21). Since the disciple is not above his master (Matthew 10:24), it should come as no surprise that we will sometimes have to endure slander, misrepresentation, and ugly names. However...

- If opposing homosexual marriage is being homophobic, Lord, give us more homophobes!
- If demanding obedience to the Bible is legalism, Lord, give us more legalists!
- If opposing divorce, except for the cause of fornication, is idealistic, Lord, give us more idealists!
- If opposing women leadership in the church is chauvinism, Lord, give us more chauvinists!
- If dressing modestly is prudish, Lord, give us more prudes!
- If opposing abortion is right wing, Lord, give us more right-wingers!
- If believing in the inerrancy of Scripture is fundamentalism, Lord, give us more fundamentalists!
- If total commitment is fanaticism, Lord, give us more fanatics!
- If believing one should be a virgin when one marries is Puritanism, Lord, give us more puritans!
- If believing in creation is foolish and unenlightened, Lord, give us more fools!
- Just remember this truth: It doesn't matter what names the world may call us so long as the Lord calls us "right!"

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN SPRING BRING

April 26, 2015

We will have a fellowship meal (potluck) followed by services at 1:30 p.m.

May 3, 2015

### CHAPMAN AREA-WIDE YOUTH NIGHT

Speaker: Randy Collum

Refreshments following services in fellowship building.

Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

### MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING

BIBLE CLASS 4:30 PM

WILL NOT MEET THE 26TH

### Gospel Meeting

Tiptersville Church of Christ

April 26-28th at 7:30 PM

Speaker: Brother Wade Webster

### Beech Hill Ladies Class

April 27th at 6:30PM

Speaker: Amy Collum, Pinevale Childrens Home

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

• **SICK SUNDAY:** Jimmy & Joan Berryman, Sharon Pannell

• **IN HOSPITAL:** Deborah Gullick (Tippah County Hospital/Rehab), Buddy Gross

• **HAVING TEST:** Keith Newby, Ina Ruth Harris, Erik and Kasandra Longoria

• **MILITARY:** David Spires

### • EXTENDED ILLNESS:

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, 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), Don Allen Riggs, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, 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: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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