

**JUNE 7, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

J C Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Ricky Cissom

**Opening Prayer**

Joel Moore (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Blair Chapman A.M.) Johnny Cissom (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

John Hopper (Presiding),

Terry Chapman, Jeff Brewer, Logan Yancey

**Count and Usher**

Eric Melton

Casey Harris

**Prepare Communion**

Sandy Newby & Candace Hopper

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (06/10/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**May 31, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 128

Sunday Morning Worship: 148

Sunday Evening Worship: 126

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,665

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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

## RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE

By Mark Lindley

Prejudice is "a preconceived opinion that is not based on reason or actual experience." To be prejudiced, therefore, is to pre-judge without having adequate knowledge of the facts involved. There are many different kinds of prejudice: racial, political, prejudice based on one's financial status, and there is religious prejudice.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus frequently encountered those who had religious prejudice toward Him and His teachings. Perhaps, the most prejudiced ones of all were the scribes and Pharisees who were supposed to be the religious leaders of that day.

In condemning their prejudice, Jesus said, "For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them" (Matthew 13:15). This text shows that the scribes and Pharisees "stopped their ears," "closed their eyes," and "hardened their hearts" against the teachings of Christ. Why? The answer is "prejudice." They had pre-judged that Jesus was not the promised Messiah of the Old Testament. Consequently, they rejected Him and His teachings. Spiritually speaking, they were blind and deaf because of their choice to remain in religious prejudice.

Religious prejudice is still alive and well today. Many make judgements about the beliefs and practices of others, without ever trying to gather the facts. They close their eyes and ears, harden their heart, and condemn the teachings of others; yet, their criticism stems from nothing more than ignorance. They do their evil work, nearly always in the company of those who are less informed than they. This is done so that they might persuade others to become prejudiced as well.

They say such things as, "Those people believe they are the only ones going to heaven," or "That church believes in water salvation." They also might accuse, saying, "Those people are legalists, and believe they can work their way to heaven," or they might mutter, "Those folks do not believe in grace."

Do they seek answers from strong members of the church they criticize? No! Do they "search the scriptures" to see if what others teach is true (cf. Acts 17:11)? No! Are they willing to study with those whom they criticize (cf. II Timothy 2:15)? No! Will they attempt to defend what they believe (cf. Jude 3)? No! Rather, they will simply say, "You will have to talk to my preacher about that." [Generally, the preacher will be "busy" and cannot answer questions.]

Jesus prayed for unity among those who follow Him (John 17:20-21). The only way to have such unity is to put away prejudice, get out "the Book," and study it together that we might agree on truth (John 17:17).

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Amazing - But True!!  
Jim Faughn

I wonder if the experts were shocked at the findings of a recent study. The study was newsworthy enough to make the second page of our local paper. I'm reasonably sure it merited similar exposure in other papers and news outlets. The headline read: "Study: Sex-Driven Lyrics Affect Teens' Sexual Behavior."

The dateline was Chicago and the author of the article was Lindsay Tanner of the Associated Press. Ms. Tanner's first sentence provides for the reader the gist of the entire article: "Teens whose iPods are full of music with raunchy, sexual lyrics start having sex sooner than those who prefer other songs, a study found." Imagine that! I wonder how many dollars and hours were spent to make that startling discovery.

A very large number of people in our "enlightened" society scoff at the very idea that God's Word has anything of any importance to say to the modern mind. After all, they insist, the Bible is a relic of an era which long ago passed into ancient history. How could anything written thousands of years ago possibly have any relevance to the twenty-first century? Even if these people were forced to grudgingly accept the notion that the Bible is, indeed, a message from God, they would argue that it might have been a message from Him for people in the long ago. It still would not (in their minds) contain anything of any relevance for us.

Well, let's just see about that. If we would dust off that old book, we might find something like the following: "As (a person) thinks in his heart, so is he." (Pro. 23:7). "...whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things." (Phil. 4:8)

- "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (Mark 7:21-23)

What are the young people in your house listening to, watching, reading, etc.? What are the adults in your house listening to, watching, reading, etc.? Could the answers to those questions help to explain where we are as a society, as families, and as those who claim to be God's people? If we think some improvement could be made in what we would like to be and what we are, maybe one place to start would be to honestly assess the quality and content of our sources of entertainment.

### How do You Say It?

#### People Often Say:

1. "Church of Christ People"
2. "Church of Christ Preacher"
3. "Church of Christ Doctrine"
4. "Come and hear what the Church of Christ teaches"
5. "I'm trying to teach him our position"
6. "I'm trying to convert him to the Church of Christ"
7. "The Church of Christ teaches...."
8. "The Church of Christ is right"

but

#### The Biblical Concept Is:

- "Christians" or "God's Children"
- "Gospel Preacher" or "Evangelists"
- "New Testament Teaching"
- "Come and hear the Word of God proclaimed"
- "I'm trying to teach him God's Word"
- "I'm trying to convert him to Christ"
- "The Bible says..."
- "The Bible is right and faithful churches of Christ are making all efforts to conform to that word."

Charles R. Rose-adapted

[Let us "call Bible things by Bible names, and do Bible things in Bible ways"—ML]

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chapman Family Reunion

June 6, 2015 - Noon

Chapman Fellowship Hall

OLIVIA GRIFFIN & CHASE CHAPMAN

### BRIDAL SHOWER

JUNE 7, 2015

Come and Go - 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Registered: Gift of Gab/Pineapple Shop/Belk

Colors: Neutral

June 7, 2015

Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM

&

Visitation Group:

Will meet will not meet.

### MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING

BIBLE CLASS 4:30 PM

### BEECH HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 7-10 - 6:30-8:30

Classes for all ages.

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Juanita Bryan and Martha Shackelford.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mickey Chandler

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Geraldine Benefield (TCH), Charley Shackelford (Memphis), Ashton Kelly (San Diego, CA, Navy, Grandson of Merida Bane, Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister)

•**SURGERY:** Tommy Wade, Betty Melton (*Nerve Block - June 8*)

•**TEST:** Barbara Criswell

•**MILITARY:** David Spires

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, 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 Camp, 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), 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*)