

**JULY 12, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Brock Lindley

Opening Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

David Smith (A.M.) Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Brad McAlister (Presiding),

Starrett Chapman, Kevin Shackelford, Junior Derrick

Count and Usher

Eric Melton

Jack Harris

Prepare Communion

Brandi Reese and Karen Yancey

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (07/15/15)

OUR RECORD

JULY 5, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 107

Sunday Morning Worship: 125

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,189

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

COME JOIN US!

A BACKYARD ADVENTURE

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 12-15

7:00 - 8:30 PM

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. BULK RATE
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Keep Swinging By Joe Chesser

Henry (Hank) Aaron is a baseball legend. He has hit more home runs than anyone else in baseball, even more than Babe Ruth. Aaron holds the record, and has for many years. Such an achievement requires many qualities, including talent, time, good health, persistence, focus, adaptability, and the ability to overcome obstacles. Regarding this last quality Aaron once said, "My motto was always to keep swinging. Whether I was in a slump or feeling badly or having trouble off the field, the only thing to do was to keep swinging." That's pretty good advice for baseball players. It's also pretty good advice for Christians. Keep swinging. No matter what's going on around you keep doing the things you do best, keep doing the things that are most important to you, keep focusing on the positive.

Sometimes in your personal life there are a lot of distractions and difficulties to overcome. You may not feel your best physically or emotionally. Keep swinging. You may have financial or employment problems. Keep swinging. You may be struggling with a particularly strong temptation. Keep praying. Keep reading the Bible. Keep attending church. Keep in touch with those who want to help. You may feel like you have given everything you have to give and those around you are still asking for more. Don't give up. Christians keep swinging.

Or it may be broader in scope. It may be that your family is having difficulties. Good relationships with your spouse and children are always challenging. Your spouse is selfish and doesn't understand you, and your children aren't listening. But don't give up. Keep swinging. Or maybe it's your in-laws who are troublesome. I don't recommend that you swing at them, but do try to work toward positive solutions. Great Christian relationships require long-term commitment and effort.

Sometimes there are even distractions and difficulties in the church. The one place where things ought to be the best often is not. Satan knows how to use our human weaknesses to achieve his purposes. You can bet he never stops swinging. He encourages in-house fighting; he promotes discouragement and discontentment. He wants us to tolerate sin. To counter his attacks, we must keep swinging ourselves. We must take on the Christian armor, study the scriptures, pray without ceasing, draw near to God, and maintain a pro-active, aggressive advance against Satan. In the words of Hank Aaron, we must keep swinging! In the words of Paul, "Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord ..." (1 Cor. 15:58).

**Problems Between Brethren
by David Padfield**

Problems between brethren are nothing new. Paul and Barnabas disagreed over whether or not to take John Mark with them on their second journey. Luke said, "the contention became so sharp that they parted from one another" (Acts 15:39). Paul would later write that John Mark was "useful to me for ministry" (2 Timothy 4:11).

What should you do when a brother in Christ sins against you? Jesus said to "go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear you, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector" (Matt. 18:15-17).

A few observations about this much abused passage:

1) Jesus goes from the private, to the semi-private, to the public. If the one in error listens to his brother in private that should be the end of the matter; no one else should ever know of the "sin."

2) This passage does not deal with "church discipline." The church is not commanded to do anything in this passage. The Bible has much to say about church discipline, but not in this passage.

3) Problems between brethren need to be dealt with quickly. "Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath" (Ephesians 4:26). If not taken care of promptly, problems between brethren will grow like a cancer.

4) Matthew 18 does not deal with public sin, but private disagreements between brethren. Some mistakenly believe all rebuke of sin must be done in private first. Such an attitude is not in harmony with apostolic examples.

When Peter stopped associating with the Gentiles, Paul publicly rebuked him in the presence of many brethren. Paul said he "rebuked him to the face, because he was to be blamed" (Gal. 2:11). Peter's public hypocrisy was a blight on the name of the church and cried out for a public rebuke.

The fornicator at Corinth was publicly rebuked by Paul without the benefit of a private meeting first (1 Corinthians 5:1-13). Everyone at the church in Corinth already knew of his sin, and instead of mourning, they were "puffed up." Paul, "absent in body but present in spirit," commanded the church to "deliver such a one to Satan." According to some, Paul should have gone to this man privately before writing the letter.

John warned "beloved" Gaius about Diotrephes in 3 John 1:9. Diotrephes "loved to have the pre-eminence" among brethren. John said, "if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church" (3 John 1:10). It is obvious that John had not talked with Diotrephes before he wrote to Gaius. Public sin needs to be dealt with in public.

The children of God are not immune from sin. If our sins become public knowledge, let us have the courage to make public correction.



UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAPMAN
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
A BACKYARD ADVENTURE**

EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

July 12-15 - 7:00-8:30

Prize to the boy & girl who brings the most visitors! Start inviting! Flyers are available in foyer.

Ladies, please bring cookies, chips or finger foods for VBS snacks.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES:

Due to VBS starting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday Evening our services have been changed. **We will meet for Sunday Evening Worship from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** VBS will start immediately following worship services.

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 26th - 29th

Start inviting!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Julia Robbins (Andy Reece's Mother), David Smith

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Connie Mauney

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Barbara Criswell, Robin Chapman, Everett Hurt

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:**

Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), 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. •**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), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, 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*)

Let your **Light So Shine** before men. that they may see your **GOOD WORKS,** AND *Glorify* your **FATHER** which is in **Heaven.**