

**JULY 19, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Logan Yancey (A.M.) Eli Carter (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

Johnny Cissom (07/22/15)

OUR RECORD

JULY 12, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 150

Sunday Evening Worship: 120

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,654

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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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Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

GOD'S LAW TRUMPS MAN'S LAW

Mark Lindley

God approves of civil government. In fact, the reason we have civil governments today is that God has ordained them. Paul wrote, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Romans 13:1-2). This text instructs Christians to submit to the powers of government, understanding that these powers are of God.

However, the government of a country may make laws which are in conflict with the law of God. While God approves of civil government, that does not mean that He approves of every law of government. When law-makers make laws which contradict the laws of God, God's law always trumps man's law.

Daniel, an Old Testament prophet of God, was instructed to cease praying. This "law" was signed by the king and it was binding on all the people, including Daniel (Daniel 6:6-9). Daniel knew that the law prohibited praying to God. Nevertheless, Daniel intentionally broke man's law that he might keep the law of God. Knowing that the law prohibiting prayer had been signed by the king, Daniel went into his room and kept on praying to God (Daniel 6:10). Daniel knew something we should all recognize—God's law always supersedes the law of man.

A court of the land may declare that two people of the same gender can marry, but God's law warns that such relationships are abominable (Leviticus 18:22), against nature (Romans 1:26), and ungodly (II Peter 2:4-6): A piece of paper stating that two people of the same sex are married does not make it legitimate or approved of God.

Suppose a court decided to sanction bestiality, pedophilia, and polygamy. Suppose people began to argue that some are born to practice bestiality, some are born pedophiles, while others are born polygamists. Supposed laws were made and imposed on others who disagreed with these practices. Would the laws of such a corrupt government change the laws of God? No! God's law is superior to man's law.

When there is a conflict between man's law and God's law, we "ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29). One day, we will all, including those who serve as court officials, be judged by God's law (John 12:48). Let those who believe in God and His Word never be ashamed to stand up for what the Bible teaches about the sanctity of marriage (Genesis 2:22-24)!

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WHAT IF JESUS WERE ON FACEBOOK?

by Don Blackwell

I wake up, grab my iPhone, turn off the alarm, and update my Facebook status. On the way to school I scroll through my friends' status updates, updating mine with the song on my iPod.

At lunch, I take a picture of me and my friends and upload it to Facebook.

Now, I am chatting with my best friend in Tennessee. Status update: "Good night all. I'll text you in the morning." Such is the day of a typical American young person.

Facebook has taken the cyber world by storm and our social lives forever in a different direction. Compete.com ranked Facebook as the most used social network in the world. According to Facebook's own stats page, there are currently more than 350 million active users, and 65 million people are accessing Facebook through their phones/mobile devices. They say that the average user has 130 Facebook friends and spends more than 55 minutes a day on their site.

What if Jesus were on Facebook and he sent you a friend request. We know that such is not possible, but for the sake of illustration pretend.

Would you have to stop and think before you accepted it? Would you have to look through your pictures to be sure that you don't have any immodest pictures or anything tasteless?

Maybe make sure that you don't have any pictures taken in inappropriate places? Would you go back over your postings to be sure that you haven't said anything crude or inappropriate?

Would you scan through your list of favorite movies and music, perhaps deleting a few before you let Jesus on your site? What about the games you play? Quizzes you take?

Is there anything that would make you stop and say to yourself, "I think I'll delete that before I let Jesus on my site?" If the answer is "Yes," then why not go ahead and take it off? The fact of the matter is the Lord does look at our Facebook pages!

Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good."

Not only God is watching me on Facebook, but other people are watching. What they see on my Facebook site affects what they think about me, and the church, and Christianity.

What if I have my "religious preference" listed as "church of Christ," and then I have pictures posted of me at a nightclub, or dancing, or at the beach immodestly dressed, or with an alcoholic beverage?

Or what if my status update has immoral lyrics? Or maybe I'm venting, and running someone else down. We ask, "What effect is it going to have on my non-Christian friend who looks at my site?" He might say to himself, "I do better than that, and I don't even pretend to be a Christian!" Or he might think, "What a hypocrite!"

Imagine that you are surfing Facebook, and you see that Jesus has his own site. You are excited, so you send him a friend request. Would he accept it? Most of us when we receive a friend request have some sort of criteria before we indiscriminately accept someone as our friend. We want to know if we know the person. We glance at his information, his friend list, where he lives, etc. Does Jesus have criteria for friend requests? Sure he does! He said, "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you" (John 15:14). Therefore, to be a friend of Jesus, you have to obey him. In light of this, Christian friend, ask yourself "Would Jesus accept my friend request?"

Before you answer, consider your faithfulness in attending worship, your Bible study habits, your efforts to teach others, your giving, the way you treat other people, etc. Now, with your answers in mind, "Would Jesus accept your friend request?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

WHAT A GREAT VBS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great success! Special thanks to the ladies for wonderful snacks. Great job!!!

Chapman Ladies Bible Class
Will Not Meet In July

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 26th - 29th

The Sin of Unbelief

Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 a.m.

Unbelief & Existence of God - James Pilgrim

Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.

Unbelief in the Church - James Pilgrim

Fellowship meal will follow.

Sunday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

Causes of Unbelief - Tony Brown

Monday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

The Unbelief of the Israelites - Greg Pollock

Tuesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

Dying in Unbelief - Jeff Bates

Wednesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

The Foolishness of Unbelief - Randy Collum

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Barbara Criswell (ICU - Germantown Meth.), Danny Meeks (Heart Surgery - Corinth), Connie Mauney(Tupelo)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Blair Chapman (Knee), Melissa Bennett (Eye), Bettye Melton (Knee)

•**TEST:** Deborah Gullick

•**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).



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