

**JULY 26, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Tom Wade

Opening Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Brock Lindley (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

J C Newby (07/29/15)

OUR RECORD

JULY 19, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 107

Sunday Morning Worship: 123

Sunday Evening Worship: 96

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

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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

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

**“YOU CAN'T CROSS A BRIDGE UNTIL YOU
GET TO IT”**

Jimmy Young

All my life I have heard the expression, “you can't cross a bridge until you get to it,” or “I'll cross that bridge when I get to it.” These often-used expressions have to do with worry about things before they happen.

A traveler was stopped and told of some dangerous bridges ahead. With confidence he said, “I'll cross them when I get to them.” He held the proper attitude. Some, however, aren't like this traveler. They go through life trying to cross their bridges before they get to them. This will fill their lives with frustration. They think and say, “What if I fail,” or “Suppose things go wrong.” The fact is: At times we will fail and at times things will go wrong. So many are guilty of “premature” living.

So many find it difficult to break the “bridge crossing” attitude. Even when they have all the facts, they still worry. Sadly, this robs them of their peace in Christ (John 10:10).

Why do people try to cross those bridges before they get to them? There are several reasons. Let us look at them. Fear is the major reason. This is contrary to what the Bible teaches (2 Tim. 1:7). Some live with an anxious spirit. They simply worry over everything. The apostle Paul teaches us not to be this way, that is, don't fret or be improperly anxious over anything (Phil. 4:6). Insecurity is a real cause of premature “bridge crossing.” Many feel they must know what lies ahead. They can't seem to leave it in the hands of God (Phil. 4:19). This will lead one to believe “if anything can go wrong, it will.” They become impatient. Yet, we are taught to be patient in every situation (Jas. 1:2-5). All of this will bring about a lack of faith in God and His Word (Heb. 11:6).

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Our future is in God's hands. This should comfort us. Jesus doesn't want us to worry (Matt. 6:24-34). We may feel at times that no one cares, but we can always know God cares. Worry just proves we aren't trusting in God and His Word as we should.

One can break these terrible habits. The first thing one must do is to acknowledge there is a problem. This takes honesty and real soul-searching. Resolve to break it and learn to live one day at a time (Eccl. 5:4; Phil. 4:13; Matt. 6:32-34). We can cast all our burdens on the Lord (Psa. 55:22). Let us trust His power and wisdom (Prov. 3:5). Learn to enjoy this moment, it's all you have (Phil. 4:11). Believe that all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28; 31, 32). Let us follow God's orders (Psa. 119:133; 37:23).

Remember, Jesus came to give us joy, hope, power, peace of mind, and most of all salvation. Premature bridge crossing robs one of these. Let us turn our attitude to win over to God. We have the power of choice (Prov. 23:7). God sees all those bridges; He will be with us (Psa. 139:1-12).

"Your Life is but a Vapor"
Jonathan Stanley

This past Wednesday morning I found out that someone I knew from my days as a student at Freed-Hardeman had just lost her husband in a car accident. They are both younger than I am; in their late 20's I presume. One day they were happily married and looking forward to their future together, and the next day a grieving widow was coming to terms with the fact that her husband was gone.

Although I had never met her husband, I know there is a silver lining in this story because I know he was a Christian. From everything I have heard he seemed to be a wonderful young man and a great Christian example to others. We can be assured that due to his faithfulness he is now in Paradise. But how many people breathe their last breath unprepared to die?

Many people make plans to get their lives right, just not right now. They want to live carefree in their youth. They assume they have plenty of time to get their lives right. "Oh, I'll obey the Gospel before I die," they'll say. But how many of them never make it? How many of them keep putting it off, and keep putting it off until it's too late? Not everyone lives to old age or has a lingering, terminal illness which may prompt them to act. All too often people die when they believe things are going great in their lives. We must always remember that we are not in control. At any moment we could be in a car accident, a shooting, a tornado, or some other event that could take our life. We must be ready at a moment's notice.

When James wrote his letter to the Jews scattered abroad, he reminded them of this very fact which they had forgotten. "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.' But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." (James 4:13-17).

The problem here is not with making plans but with leaving the Lord out of those plans. We should always consider the Lord and His will in our actions and plans. That certainly includes being baptized and living righteously! Many people know that they need to be baptized, but look at what James says "to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." This could mean doing something good for someone, but it can also apply to getting our lives right with God.

James was well aware of the Law of Moses as well as these Jews should have been. Had they paid attention to Proverbs 27:1 then there would have been no need for James to remind them of the words of Solomon "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." A day may bring forth sunshine or rain, happiness or sadness, good or evil, and yes, even life or death. Many people forget this just as those Jews to whom James was writing had forgotten.

Often we tend to think that we will live to an old age and dying young only happens to "someone else". I remember in high school looking in the casket to see a classmate of mine who had died in a car accident. It was surreal. And on the way home I drove 95 mph. Talk about having a disconnect! I had just seen one of my peers lying in a casket because one of his friends had been driving recklessly, and then I drove recklessly immediately after! How foolish humans can be! Even when reminded that we are mortal, we still sometimes believe that bad things won't happen to us.

I like the metaphor that James uses. "Your life is a vapor". I remember on many occasions while I was growing up watching the mist rise over the mountains. It was beautiful! But it didn't last all day. For a brief period of time in the morning there was a moment of beauty...and then that beauty faded. The mist was gone. James says our lives are like that. Our lives are like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Yet, we still believe we have plenty of time to get our lives right. Remember, Solomon and James both told us by inspiration that we do not know what a day may bring. Just because we are healthy now does not mean we will survive the day. Just because we are young does not mean that today may not be our last. We must make sure that we are prepared for the Judgment every day just in case our time has come. And just as I found out this past Wednesday that a friend's husband had died, tomorrow I may find out that another person I know has died. Or even that my own life, like the mists rising above the mountains, has faded away. Let's all make sure we are ready for when our time comes. If you haven't made your life right with God, won't you do so today?

UPCOMING EVENTS

GREAT JOB!

Congratulations to Jase Noe and Emily Mann! The Bible recipients for bringing the most visitors to VBS.

Our Annual Lectureship will be this week: July 26th - 29th. Services will be at 7:00 P.M. each evening. Please make plans to attend!

Fellowship meal will follow Sunday Morning Services.

WEDDING:

Congratulations and best wishes!
Chase and Olivia Chapman
Married Saturday, July 18, 2015

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Criswell. She will be greatly missed at Chapman.

• **SICK SUNDAY:** Eric Longoria, Tony Morrison

• **IN HOSPITAL:** Connie Mauney (Tupelo), Geneva Oliver (Tupelo ICU - Car Accident - Brent Townsend's Grandmother)

• **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Kelly Brewer, 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).