

**August 9, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Larry Wood (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),

Tom Wade, Gene Yancey, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

David Smith

Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris (08/12/15)

OUR RECORD

August 2, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 123

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 102

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 107

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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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God's Grace

“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8).

After these forty-two years of ministry, I have learned two important things. First, God's servants are totally dependent upon the grace of God. God's grace or favor provides far more than forgiveness. God shapes and molds us into the kind of people that He wishes us to be.

In Philippians 1:6 Paul wrote, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Yes, God expects us to use the talents and abilities He gives us, but we should never forget that every good gift comes from Him (James 1:17). Paul urges us, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure” (Philippians 2:12–13).

Second, we are wholly dependent upon the kindness of God to provide for our needs and the needs of this ministry. God does not send us into His vineyard empty-handed and ill-equipped. God's grace abounds so that we have all sufficiency in all things at all times for every good deed. When faithful Christians ask, God answers; when they seek, He helps them find; and when they knock, the Lord opens the door. God truly answers prayer (Matthew 7:7-9).

—Phil Sanders
Author of *A Faith Built on Sand and Adrift*
Speaker for “In Search of the Lord's Way”

The Purpose of Life...

Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who “forms the spirit of man within him” (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to “seek the Lord” (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths: 1) “One's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses” (Luke 12:15); 2) Christians ought to “lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20); and 3) “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10). Life's purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that “bodily exercise profits a little” (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to “Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man's all” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

—Chad Ramsey
Author of *Reasons to Believe* and *In God's Image*
Minister, Gloster Street Church of Christ in Tupelo, MS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Area-Wide Youth Devotional

Speaker: Tom House
“Drug Abuse”

August 16th
6:00 PM

Meal (finger foods) following
services in fellowship building.
Everyone is invited to stay and
enjoy meal and fellowship.

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY: August 30th

Fellowship meal (potluck) after
morning services. Evening Services at
1:30 p.m. conducted by Chapman
young men.

Youth Skating - 4:00 to 6:00PM

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Officer Sean Bolton (*friend/co-worker of Allen Yancey*).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Keith Newby

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Connie Mauney(Tupelo), Geneva Oliver (Red Bay, AL - Rehab. - Car Accident - Brent Townsend's Grandmother)

•**HAVING TEST:** Erik Longoria

•**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*).