

**September 20, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Chris Moore

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Mason McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

Keith Newby (A.M.) Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Tom Wade (A.M.) Blair Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Joel Moore (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Evan Yancey, Ross Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges

Jeff Brewer

**Prepare Communion**

Kathy Moore & Shelia Criswell

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Chris Moore (09/23/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**August 13, 2015**

**Sunday Bible Study: 107**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 132**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 103**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 93**

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**Contribution this week: \$3,312**

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

## OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

Mark Lindley

Temptation is something we all have in common. Temptation comes in many forms and is presented to us through many sources, but each one must deal with temptation.

In the first century, many people in the city of Corinth overcame a sinful past through obedience to the Gospel of Christ (I Corinthians 6:9-11; Acts 18:8; I Corinthians 15:1-2). Though they had been guilty of all kinds of sin, their sins had been washed away. Now, they needed encouragement—encouragement to battle temptation and remain faithful to Christ. The apostle Paul wrote the following words to encourage them: “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (I Corinthians 10:13).

This verse, originally designed to encourage first-century Christians in Corinth, will encourage Christians today in fighting temptation. This passage teaches:

1. That temptation is common. “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man.” This concept is comforting and encouraging. Christians need to be reminded that being tempted is not sinful. Regardless of how difficult one’s battle against temptation may be there is nothing wrong with experiencing temptation. Temptation is “common.”

Jesus was tempted “in all points” as we are; yet, He did not sin (Hebrews 4:15). When Jesus encountered Satan’s temptations, those temptations were just as real as the temptations we face today (Matthew 4:1-11). Yes, even Jesus, the Son of God, was tempted.

Feeling tempted may cause us to question whether we are spiritual; it may cause us to feel inferior or inadequate. Understanding that temptation is “common” should help us. Even Jesus was tempted!

2. That God will provide a way of escape. The text says that with each temptation, God will provide a way of escape that we may be able to bear it. We have to look for the “way of escape,” but there will be a way we can resist the temptation (cf. James 4:7). To escape temptation at work, one may need to ask for a job transfer. To escape temptation at school, one may need to choose new friends. To escape temptation when travelling on business, a married person may need to stay in close contact with one’s spouse. The point is that there “will” be a way of escape. God, who is “faithful,” has promised it.

I trust these ideas will strengthen us all as we cope with temptation. Keep on fighting!

## A Neglected Habit

By Justin Morton

One of the most important habits we can participate in is Bible study. Sadly though, this is one of the most often neglected habits in the lives of Christians. Even though this habit is widely neglected among the so called "religious" today, we would all agree Scripture speaks about the study of the Word and the importance of it.

Consider just a few things that make Bible study important:

- 1). God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path (Psa. 119:105).
- 2). The Word of God helps us in our battle with sin (Psa. 119:9, 11).
- 3). The more we study the Word, the more we accurately handle the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15).
- 4). Through studying the Word, we discover the truth found in scripture (Jn. 8:31-32).
- 5). Spending time in the Word helps us to know how we are to live our lives (Col. 1:9-10).

Just the other day, I posted the following question on Twitter: "What is the biggest hindrance to you when it comes to reading the Bible?" Several of the answers were: I'm just so busy, I have a hard time concentrating and I've read and heard it all before. I'm afraid too many Christians don't attempt Bible study because it seems too hard. Perhaps the reason it seems too hard is because we don't know how to study the Bible.

Let's consider a few tips that can help us in our study of the Word. Always remember, before you do anything else, begin your Bible study by praying and asking God to give you an open heart and mind.

- 1). Study the text over and over. This is the easiest way to learn. The more we study something over and over, the more it penetrates into the depths of our hearts and takes shape in our lives.
- 2). Know the context. Read the verses before and after what you are studying. Sometimes it's beneficial to read a chapter or two before and after the text you are studying. If we don't know the context, we may walk away from our study with the wrong idea about the passage we studied.
- 3). Make sure you are able to give your full concentration. Many things can distract us and get our minds off what we are studying. Find a quiet place and time so you can give the study your full attention.
- 4). Be sure you comprehend what you study. It's okay if some days you don't cover as much as you would like. Take your time and look up key words, phrases and things you don't understand. It will make a huge difference in how much you truly comprehend.
- 5). Take time to make application. This is an area many struggle with. Studying the Word is good, but applying the Word is crucial. Find ways to use what you have studied in your daily life. Remember, "Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Psa. 119:105). In a few of my Bibles I have a book mark that reads, "Every time the Bible is opened knowledge is gained!" This statement is so full of truth. It's time the people of God start opening the Word and digging deep within. Let's take what is often a neglected habit and make it a part of our daily lives. You just might begin to see the difference the Word of God can truly make in your life!

## THERE ARE NO BARBERS

A man visited his barber. As always, they struck up a conversation. As they talked, the discussion turned to religious matters.

The barber finally said, "I just don't believe in all that God nonsense. I'll prove it to you. Look outside. If God were really out there, would there be so many broken homes and abandoned children? If God were really out there, would there be so many people starving? If God were really out there, would there be so many people in pain and suffering? Nope. I say God doesn't exist. If He did, He would do something about all this."

The customer wasn't sure how to respond and sat there quietly. The barber finished and the man walked out. On the sidewalk, he saw a man with ragged long hair. He came back to the barber and said, "Barbers don't exist."

"But here I am to prove it."

"No, barbers don't exist. Look outside. If barbers were really there, would there be people with such long ragged hair?"

The barber replied, "Well, I exist, but not everyone comes to see me. That is why there are people with long, ragged hair."

"Exactly," the Christian responded. "The same is true with God. He exists, but not everyone will come to Him. That is why there is so much sin, suffering and pain."

There was a time when no one suffered any pain. No one got sick. No one hurt. But then a serpent entered the garden and sin entered the world (Gen.3). Since that time, Satan has continued his influential work. People have turned their backs on God, have committed sin and we have a world of suffering because of it.

Does suffering mean our God doesn't exist? Or does it merely mean everyone hasn't turned to the loving God.

Sadly, because our world is so governed by sin, even when a few of us do turn to God, we still suffer. Sometimes we suffer because we turned to God (2 Tim.3:12). However, a time is coming when those who turned to God and still suffered will suffer no longer.

In that time, we will learn that all the suffering was worth it because the glory that will be revealed to us and through us will be worth it all (Rom.8:18). We will see God and we will be with Him for eternity. There we will be able to rejoice with exultation and glorify our God for eternity without fear of suffering.

But to ever enjoy that comfort, that peace, that joy, we have to turn to God. Have you turned to Him? (Heb.11:6).

-Author Unknown

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chapman Ladies Bible Class September 17th - 6:30 PM

### Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:  
**Pickles                      Chili Beans                      Deodorant**

*Please place items in the kitchen by  
classrooms.  
Will be picked up the first week of October.*

### CHAPMAN THIRD QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (JULY-SEPTEMBER)

**Sunday, September 27th - After Evening  
Services**

The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday July - September to stay after church services Sunday Night(27th) for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall.

Please make plans to attend.

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

**Website: [chapmanchurch.com](http://chapmanchurch.com)  
Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman  
Challengers**

### **The Bible Broadcast**

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### **Southern Sentinel Article**

**Every other Wednesday**

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Rosa Lee Bullock Brock.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Reed Shackelford, Erik Longoria, Kristen McVey

•**SURGERY:** Debbie Chapman (09/16/15), Bobbie Chapman (cataract/09/17/15)

•**IN REHAB:** Connie Mauney (Rest Haven Rehab.), Bettye Melton (Tippah County Nursing Home Rehab.)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, 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:** Lorie Christian, Yater Shinall, 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.

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