

**October 11, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Mickey Chandler

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

David Smith

**Opening Prayer**

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Bryan Davis (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Blair Chapman (Presiding),

John Hopper, Brock Lindley, David Palmer

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman

Andy Reese

**Prepare Communion**

Romia Palmer, Janette Rickles

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (10/14/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**October 4, 2015**

**Sunday Bible Study: 124**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 138**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 148**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 117**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$4,041**

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis,  
Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## IS ONE CHURCH AS GOOD AS ANOTHER? Mark Lindley

A popular doctrine of our day is that one Church is as good as another. Those who say, "Choose and attend the Church of your choice," indicate that they have bought the idea that one Church is as good as another.

The reasoning behind the doctrine is as follows: (1) All Churches of our day are denominations which were started by men; (2) All Churches have weaknesses and may teach "some things which are wrong"; (3) Therefore, one should find a Church (denomination) he likes, and join it.

The doctrine may sound good in our "tolerant" and "politically-correct" culture, but I affirm that it is a false doctrine for the following reasons: First, one Church is not as good as another because "one doctrine is not as good as another." Each Church comes with its own set of doctrines. The doctrines of one Church often contradict the doctrines of other Churches. If the Bible teaches that one doctrine is not as good as another, then that would prove that one Church is not as good as another, since each Church has its own set of doctrines.

The Bible does, indeed, teach that one doctrine is "not" as good as another. Jesus warned, "But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9). What if a Church teaches "the commandments of men"? Would that Church be as good as the church that teaches sound, Biblical doctrine? No! Surely, no sober-minded person would take the position that one doctrine is as good as another. However, when someone teaches that one "church" is as good as another, that implies that one "doctrine" is as good as another. But...it is not.

Second, one church is not as good as another because one builder and founder is not as good as another. Jesus built and founded His church. He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). The Lord's church was established in the first century in Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost, as recorded in Acts chapter 2. Only within the past 500 years have Protestant denominations come into existence, and each one was started by a fallible, uninspired man.

I refuse to believe that a denomination started by a mere man is as good as the Lord's church that was started by Jesus, Himself. No, one church is not as good as another.

Here is some good news: We can all be part of Jesus' church without ever joining a denomination! To find out how, read the "manual" for the Lord's church, the New Testament, especially Acts chapters 2, 8, 10, 16, 18, and 22.

## GRANDPA'S MEASURING STICK

An old story is told of a small dry good store located in a small rural town. The store was as old as the town and was managed by the grandson of the business's first owner.

One day a government man from the state's weights and measures department came to inspect the store. He found that the yardstick being used to sell fabric was one inch too short.

"That's impossible" said the owner. "That yardstick was put here by my grandfather and was used by my dad. They never would've cheated anyone. They were honest, Christian men."

The inspector paused for a second and then said: "Sir, I'm sure that your father and grandfather were completely honest. In fact, they were so honest what do you think they would have done if they had discovered the yardstick was too short?" Without hesitation, the owner said: "They would've made it right without delay...and that's exactly what I'm going to do."

Too often, people will not accept plain Bible teaching concerning salvation or church government because that's not what their parents or grandparents believed. I submit that if those ancestors had found the truth of the Bible with open hearts, they would have changed their beliefs. Will we do less than what they would have done? Which do you think would have made them happiest, knowing that their children have blindly followed some tradition or that they fully accepted God's teaching.

The Bible teaches that through faith we must obey the gospel plan of salvation (2 The. 1:8). The gospel plan includes repenting of sins (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Christ as the Son of God (Rom. 10:9), and being immersed in water for the purpose of having your sins forgiven resulting in a clear conscience (Rom. 6:1-6; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21).

Your obedience to the plan of salvation does not in any way condemn the family members who have passed on before you. God is their judge...not you (Rom. 14:10).

Follow Jesus, the author of salvation who gives us an example of obedience so we might be saved through our obedience (Heb. 5:8-9).

Author Unknown

## What Is Brotherly Love?

It's SILENCE when your words would hurt

It's PATIENCE when your brother is curt

It's DEAFNESS when some gossip flows

It's COMPASSION for a brother's woe

It's COURAGE when misfortune falls

It's FIRMNESS when one's duty calls

It's WILLINGNESS to help another

It's TRUSTING and especially a brother

It's RESTITUTION made when due

It's FORGIVING when asked of you  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**\*\*\*RESCHEDULED AGAIN!\*\*\***

**Sunday, October 11th - 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 (October 11th) for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

### CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 Speaker: Kim Lindley

### 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 October 19th.

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Chapman Fish Fry:  
Thursday,  
October 22nd  
at 5 PM  
Ladies please  
bring desserts.  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Gene Ward.

- **SICK SUNDAY:** Brandi Reese
- **SURGERY RECOVERY :** Debbie Chapman
- **IN REHAB:** Connie Mauney (Golden Living 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, 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).