

**October 25, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Logan Yancey (A.M.) Johnny Cissom (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

J C Newby (10/27/15)

OUR RECORD

October 18, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 140

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103

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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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DO ALL THINGS TO GOD'S GLORY Mark Lindley

One thing all people have in common is the desire to live with a purpose. Several years ago, a book entitled, *Purpose-Driven Life* was published and became wildly popular. The book was designed to teach one to find his or her purpose, and more than "32 million" copies have sold! It seems as if the age-old question, "Why am I here?" is as relevant as ever.

For those who turn to the Bible to find purpose, man's purpose is easily seen in passages such as 1 Corinthians 10:31: "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." This text makes it clear that our purpose is to live "to the glory of God."

But what does that mean? How do we bring glory to God? Essentially, we live to the glory of God by seeking to please the Lord in all that we do. Paul wrote that we are to "live unto the Lord" (cf. Romans 14:8). "Living unto the Lord" is living to please the Lord.

Another way of looking at it is this: God is glorious whether we seek to please Him or not. He is glorious in power, love, wisdom, holiness, and mercy. These infinite attributes constitute and reveal His glory. When we possess such divine characteristics, we reflect God's glory. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we are to reflect the glory of God.

We can glorify God by bearing spiritual fruit (John 15:8), being willing to suffer criticism or persecution for the Lord (1 Peter 4:14), using our abilities and talents to promote the cause of Christ (1 Peter 4:11), and by becoming more like Jesus in our love, compassion, purity, and dedication to God, the Father (John 17:4).

Doing all to God's glory also involves the seemingly small, insignificant decisions we make daily. Choosing appropriate friends, having the right attitude toward one's job, selecting God-honoring clothing each day, establishing priorities to help us use our time wisely, choosing healthy, nutritious food to put into our bodies, developing healthy "habits,"—are all ways of "doing all things to God's glory."

Each day we should make a conscious, deliberate effort to bring glory to God. We should frequently ask ourselves, "Will doing this bring glory to God?" By asking and responding to this question appropriately, we can find our purpose. "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Corinthians 6:20).

Their Bliss Will Go Amiss

by Gene Taylor

The newspaper headline for the article simply read "More Than Half Will Wish They'd Said 'I Don't.'" It was referring to those who had said, "I do" in marriage. Most of the article was devoted to the findings of Ray E. Short, a University of Wisconsin-Platteville sociology professor. He said, "Research shows that half of all first marriages today will end in divorce, separation or unhappiness tomorrow. Their bliss will go amiss."

It is sad to think that the failure rate for marriage is so high in our society. While marriages fail for many reasons, underlying most failures are common causes -- a lack of understanding of the marriage relationship, the failure to choose a proper mate in a calm, rational way, and a disrespect for God's law concerning marriage.

Before marriage is ever contemplated, one should seek to understand the husband-wife relationship and what is involved in it. First of all, one should realize that they are making a lifelong commitment. Long after the honeymoon is over, the marriage is to endure. In instituting His law which was to govern the marriage relationship, God, in the beginning, said, "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh." (Genesis 2:24)

God intends for a man and woman to become one in marriage and for that union to endure until death severs the bond (Rom. 7:1-3). Our Lord, in Matthew 19:6, emphasizes the permanent nature of the relationship when He says, "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

The dissolution of a marriage is a serious matter with God. Matthew 5:32 states, "...whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery." In the eyes of God, marriage is a lifelong commitment and it should be entered into with that in mind. Every effort must be made to make the union endure the ups and downs, the joys and sorrows, and all other things that happen for better or worse.

As to selecting a proper mate, the professor offered three suggestions:

First, take plenty of time in your courtship and engagement -- the longer the better.

Second, get good, science-tested preparation from textbooks (the Bible is the best book you could use -- GT), marriage and family courses or qualified counselors.

Third, be sure that what you have is real love that can support a long and happy relationship.

He even offered some clues, each in the form of a question, so that a person can sort out a real love from just an infatuation:

- How many things about the person attract you?
- How consistent is your level of interest in each other?
- How does the romance affect your personality?
- How do you see each other?
- How do parents and friends view you two?
- What about jealousy?
- How do you feel about and refer to your relationship?
- What is your overall attitude?

To the professor's three suggestions for mate selection, I would add a fourth -- make sure your prospective mate has the same love for the Lord and things spiritual that you have. So many people have either abandoned the faith or had to experience almost insurmountable difficulties in an effort to keep their marriage intact because of their mate's lack of appreciation for or outright hostility of God and the religion of Christ.

Much happiness and fulfillment is possible in marriage if you keep these things in mind. If all husbands and wives would follow the will of God and use His word as their guide in all they do, their "bliss would not go amiss," rather, they would have much satisfaction on this earth and eternal joy in the world to come. Let no one enter into marriage without knowledge of God's arrangement.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Fish Fry:
Thursday,
October 22rd
at 5 PM
Ladies please
bring desserts.



Thanks to everyone who helped in the fall food drive for Pine Vale Children's Home. Greatly appreciate your help!

CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-TREAT/HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE:

Saturday, October 24th at 6PM

We would like to encourage everyone to dress up. There will be prizes for the best child & adult costumes and best decorated trunk. The trunk-r-treat participants are to park in the front parking lot and all others park in the back.

There is a food sign up sheet in the foyer.

HACKLEBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST Ladies Day: Saturday, November 7th – 9 to 1PM

Will leave from church building at 7:30AM.

More information is available in foyer.

If you are interested in going – please see Kathy Moore or Karen Yancey.

CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS

Sunday, November 15th at 2:00 PM

Baskets will be done differently this year. In order to keep baskets all the same - 3 or 4 individuals will be purchasing the basket items. If you wish to help on the purchasing of these items - please give money to Karen Yancey. All Lads To Leaders and every one - welcome to help make baskets and deliver on the 15th.

LADIES - NEED RECIPES!!!

Chapman Ladies Bible Class is working on a cookbook. Please fill out recipe forms available in foyer - return completed forms to box in foyer.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Sharon Pannell, Tavin Fitzgerald

•**IN HOSPITAL :** Mildred Shackelford (TCH #116), Mike Vandygriff (Memphis/Automobile Accident)

•**TEST :** Sandy Newby (Back)

•**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), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, 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, 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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