

**November 1, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Tom Wade

**Opening Prayer**

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Chance Criswell (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Chase Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Barrett Chapman (Presiding),

Michiel Criswell, Casey Harris, Rickey Loveless

**Count and Usher**

Ricky Cissom

John Hopper

**Prepare Communion**

Karen Yancey & Kelly Brewer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Chance Criswell (11/04/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**October 25, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 134

Sunday Evening Worship: 102

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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# 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

## Let Go Of The Past By Larry Pasley

The passenger tapped the cab driver on the shoulder to ask him something. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, went up on the sidewalk, and stopped inches from a department store window.

For a second everything went quiet in the cab, then the driver said, "Look mister, don't ever do that again. You scared me half to death!"

The passenger apologized and said he didn't realize that a little tap could scare him so much.

The driver replied, "You're right. I'm sorry. Really, it's not your fault. Today is my first day as a cab driver. I've been driving a hearse for 25 years."

The cabbie allowed his past experiences to cause him to take his eye off of the road and his goal of getting his passenger to his destination.

Sometimes we allow our past to affect our present and future goals and destinations also. The apostle Paul told the Philippian brethren: "Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. 13 Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, 14 I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" Philippians 3:12-14.

When we find our past affecting our lives in a negative way, we need to learn how to forget those things.

We especially need to forget those things which keep us from focusing on our goal of heaven.

When we have people in our lives who are causing us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

When our guilt from former sins, which have been forgiven, causes us to take our eyes off of our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

When temptations to sin lead us astray from our goal of heaven, we need to forget them.

We need not to allow anything in our past to take our focus off of heaven.

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory" Colossians 3:1-4.

## Why I Believe... By Robert E. Guinn

Faith and belief are constantly used to justify one's religious practice and/or conduct. Yet that justification makes no sense if that faith is not a personal faith. So, what does it mean for faith to be personal?

For faith to be personal it must be more than a mere acceptance or acknowledgement of supposed facts. It is deeper than simply having an answer for a Bible question. Personally developed, faith can properly answer the question, "Why do you believe?" Not just supplying reasons to believe, but answering the question, "What truly persuades you to be a Christian?" or "Why are you convinced?" This answer should go deeper than the "I feel" responses and be more confident than "I think" statements. So, why do I believe? I am glad you asked.

I believe there is a God. When I consider Newton's Third Law, the Law of Bio- genesis, and the First Law of Thermodynamics, I find the Big Bang and Evolutionary theories contradicting fundamental laws of science and the natural world. I believe that the universe was created by a supernatural being known as God. I see design, engineering, and craftsmanship in our natural world. We look at a motorized vehicle and know that due to its complexity it was designed, engineered, and crafted by someone or something. In like manner, a small leaf from one tree is more complex than that automobile. I believe in a super-natural, all-powerful Creator.

I believe in the Bible. The most reliable documents from antiquity, based on manuscript evidence, are the Sacred Scriptures we call the New Testament documents. In a span of over two thousand years both the Old and New Testaments were penned. At least forty different humans, from various walks of life, were involved in its recording. Though supposed contradictions exist, I have yet to see one that cannot be adequately explained. Though its origin is found in antiquity, the Bible itself is not antiquated. The Bible has proven to be timeless and relevant to our present age with proper study and application. The Bible possesses the fingerprints of Divine origin. I believe that the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God.

I believe in Christ. The Bible is not the only ancient document that mentions Jesus as a real historical figure. Still, the New Testament, being the most reliable ancient document from manuscript evidence, clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is the son of God (Matthew 3:17, 17:5). He willingly allowed himself to be murdered by crucifixion (Luke 22-23), as a sinless sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15), for the sins of those willing to submit to His will (John 3:16, 36; Hebrews 5:9). Being raised to life again, he proved there is hope for life after this one (1 Corinthians 15; Romans 8). I believe in the risen, crucified Savior of my soul.

If I truly believe in these three faith statements, then my life should be in a constant state of transformation (Romans 12). No longer living for self but living for Christ (Romans 3). My belief should compel me to action, being grateful for God's salvation (James 1-2). Do you believe? Why do you believe?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

*Special Thanks to our elders for treating us to a great fish fry last week. We greatly appreciate all they do.*

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Chapman Trunk-R-Treat/Hotdog Roast/Hayride last Saturday such a great event. We had over 100 people attend.



**November 1, 2015**  
**Chapman Singing:**  
Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM  
&  
**Visitation Group:**  
Will meet Sunday Night after services  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Bring finger food, soups or desserts

### 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.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**IN HOSPITAL :** Mildred Shackelford (TCH #116), Sybell Dees (Tupelo??), Taylor Crawford (Birmingham - waiting for heart transplant), Larry Kennedy (Kidney Transplant)

•**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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