

**November 15, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Blair Chapman

Opening Prayer

Junior Derrick (A.M.) Keith Newby (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Blair 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

Ross Shackelford (11/18/15)

OUR RECORD

November 8, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 141

Sunday Evening Worship: 104

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,823

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

WHY NO ONE WANTS TO GO TO CHURCH ANYMORE

Wes McAdams

According to a study by the Hartford Institute of Religion Research and a new book entitled, "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore," less than 20% of Americans attend worship services every week. They say there are four main reasons why people don't want to "go to church." Here they are...

They don't want to be lectured.

They see the church as judgmental

They see the church as hypocritical.

They see the church as irrelevant.

Certainly, not everyone in this study is a Christian in the New Testament sense, but doesn't this show you the real reason so many have stopped attending? The real reason is that over the last 2,000 years, the concept of "church" has become so diluted and twisted that people don't even know what it is anymore. The church is supposed to be the family or body of all Christians.

For a Christian to say, "The church is judgmental, hypocritical, and irrelevant," is for that Christian to call himself judgmental, hypocritical, and irrelevant because he is the church. When Christians don't understand they are the church and see the church as an institution which they can either choose to support or not, they lose the entire concept of Christianity. Jesus did not come to redeem individuals, but a people. One simply cannot be a Christian outside of the body of Christ (Romans 12; 1 Corinthians 12). To be a Christian is to be in the church.

When someone is in need and Christians say things like, "You should call the church and they will help you," it reveals that these Christians probably see the church as an institution which exists separate from themselves. As a Christian, when you say, "The church should help this person," what you should be saying is, "I (or we) should help this person." The church is not "they," the church is "us."

Secondly, the problem is that people see "church" as a weekly event to attend. Church is not something Christians attend when they get a chance. Church is who Christians are...every day of the week. Someone might say, "Wes, it's just semantics. You know what I mean when I say I'm going to church." Sure, I know what you mean and I also know that a few generations of saying, "Going to church," has contributed to the current decline in attendance.

If you asked me, "What is family?" and I said, "Oh, that's something I attend when I come home from work," you would look at me like I lost my mind. My family is not an event I attend. My family is something I'm a part of – even when I'm somewhere else. If I started saying, "I'm going to 'family' now," when I went home, it might very well change the way I see and interact with my family.

When people see the church as either an institution to support or an event to attend, it's no wonder they see it as being irrelevant. If we want to see Christians stop checking out, we must start teaching people that we are the church!

DO YOU HAVE A MOSES ON YOUR HANDS?

Jay Lockhart

“What do you know about Moses?” the Bible class teacher asked her eager 5th graders. “He was saved from death because his mother put him in a little boat on the river.” “He was found by Pharaoh’s daughter.” “He led the people out of bondage.” “He gave the Ten Commandments.” “He led the children of Israel in the desert.”

We know a great deal about Moses, don’t we? Without a doubt, he is one of the greatest people in the Bible. But, what do you know about his parents? Some may know their names were Amram and Jochebed. Others may know they were of the tribe at Levi. A few may know this passage of Scripture: “By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child and they were not afraid of the king’s command” (Hebrews 11:23).

The story of Moses really begins with parents’ faith. The king of Egypt had decreed that all Hebrew male babies should be thrown into the Nile River.

However, the faith of Moses’ parents led them to reject the king’s commandment. As a result, Moses was rescued from the river by the daughter of Pharaoh and nurtured for the first few years of his life by his own mother. During those years his parents must have taught him about his heritage, the God of Israel, and the promised future. What happened then is history: Moses was brought up in the house of Pharaoh as the son at Pharaoh’s daughter; after 40 years in Egypt he refused the splendor and power of a position in Egypt and became a shepherd in the wilderness of Sinai for another 40 years; then God called and Moses answered to become Law-giver, deliverer, leader, prophet, priest, protector, and a household name to millions.

What Moses became was largely because of his parents’ faith which led them to preserve him, provide for him, and prepare him for the service of God. Now, look at your child. Here is a gift from God. You are entrusted with a treasure. What will your child become? The answer will largely be dependent upon your faith. You may have a Moses on your hands if (and that’s a big “if”) you have enough faith to fulfill your God-given responsibilities in training him in the ways of God. Bible classes will help. Regular attendance in worship will help. Christian associations will help. Do all you can to capture the Moses in your child while the opportunity is there. Think about it.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS Sunday, November 15th at 2:00 PM

All Lads To Leaders and every one - welcome to help make baskets and deliver on the 15th.
JOIN US FOR THIS WORTHWHILE WORK-
Remember...It is more blessed to give than to receive.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS Thursday, November 19th at 6:30

LADS TO LEADERS KICK OFF Sunday, November 22nd

After evening services in fellowship hall.

BAPTISM: We rejoice in the baptism of **Brent Townsend**. Let us be an encouragement to him.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com

Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman Challengers

The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Daxton McVey, Mickey Chandler, Jo Chapman

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Tony Morrison (TCH Room 137), Taylor Crawford (Atlanta/Heart Transplant), Larry Kennedy (Kidney Transplant)

•**SURGERY :**Sandy Newby (Back), Weston Walker (Birmingham)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Connie Mauney, 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*).