

**November 22, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

Chase Chapman

**Opening Prayer**

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

David Smith (A.M.) Evan Yancey (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**

Blair Chapman (11/25/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**November 15, 2015**

**Sunday Bible Study: 111**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 120**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 91**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,111**

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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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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## THOSE NOBLE BEREANS Mark Lindley

There is an interesting statement in the books of Acts about certain Jews who lived in the city of Berea. It is written: "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. Therefore many of them believed; also of honourable women which were Greeks, and of men, not a few" (Acts 17:11-12).

Notice first that these Jews were "more noble" than the Jews of Thessalonica. Then, reasons are given which indicate why they were considered such noble people.

1. They were noble because they were Bible students. The passage says that they searched the "scriptures." This is a reference to the Old Testament scriptures. The New Testament had not yet been completed. The Bereans understood that the scriptures are the proper standard of authority in all religious matters, and that the scriptures are inspired of God (II Timothy 3:16-17).

2. They were noble because they were "diligent" Bible students. The passage says that they "searched" the scriptures. The Bereans were not content to be vaguely familiar with the scriptures. Rather, they "searched" the scriptures. This indicates that they searched God's Word with interest, intensity, diligence, and with perseverance.

3. They were noble because they were "honest" Bible students. The passage says that they searched the scriptures to see "whether those things were so." This implies that they went to the scriptures to "get" their doctrine, instead of going to the scriptures to "prove" their doctrine. The Bereans based their beliefs on the teachings of the scriptures, not on what any man said.

4. They were noble because they were "regular" Bible students. The passage says that they searched the scriptures "daily." They did not study only on the Sabbath. Rather, they studied "daily."

What a difference it would make in our lives if we would apply these principles to ourselves! If we all were diligent, honest, and daily students of God's Word, this would certainly make a positive impact on our lives. Let us determine to spend time with God's Word, searching the scriptures, that we might know, believe, and obey the truth of God.

## GOD'S PRECIOUS PROMISES

by Jimmy Young

In a time of such skepticism and doubt, many in the church have forgotten what the Bible has to say of the precious promises that God has given us. Even though it is just a very small sample, I do hope these scriptures will help us all to rely more upon His promises.

WHEN I AM TEMPTED...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 (1 Cor 10:13; 1:9).

WHEN I HAVE SINNED...If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9; Jas. 5:16; Psa. 143:1).

WHEN I AM LONELY...Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me (Rev 3:20; Luke 12:37).

WHEN I AM AFRAID...Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness (Isa 41:10; Heb. 13:16; 1 John 4:18; Rev. 2:10).

WHEN I NEED GUIDANCE...In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths (Prov 3:6; Jer. 9:24: 10:23; Psa. 10:12; 1 Chr. 28:9).

WHEN I NEED WISDOM...If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him (James 1:5; 1 Kin. 3:9, Psa. 72:1-2; 2 Chr. 1:10; Jer. 29:12).

WHEN I FEAR DEATH...Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this? (John 11:25; 26, 1 Cor. 15:22).

May we all trust and believe in the promises that God has given us.

"Tell me what you are busy about, and I will tell you what you are"

(Goethe)

What You Really Are

by Gene Taylor

The above quotation from Goethe, when applied to our lives, rings true. How we spend our time and what we allow to occupy our attention tells others what we really are and that may be dramatically different from what we claim to be.

Professing to be Christians does not mean that we are living as the children of God should. Unless we conform our thoughts and actions to the word of God and the example set by His Son and be busy about the Father's business, others will know and the Father will know that even though we claim to be dedicated to the Lord, our affections lie elsewhere.

What are you "busy about?" Is it your job? Does it take all of your energy and most of your time? Is your main interest in life the amassing of "things?" Do you use all spare moments in some recreational pursuit? If any of these apply, you need to take stock and channel your "busyness" into that which is more profitable -- serving the Lord. If one is going to be Christ-like, he must have the mind of Christ (Phil. 2:5). It is evident that Christ's attitude while on earth was to be busy about His Father's business (Luke 2:49). Such passages as John 4:34, 6:38 and 9:4 show that He continually focused on doing the will of God. In turn, He taught His disciples the most important thing in life for them was to do God's will and be concerned with His kingdom first (Matthew 6:33).

The apostle Paul zealously applied himself to the will of God. He was always busy serving the Lord. He constantly pressed on so that he could attain his goal to live a life pleasing to God so that he would gain an incorruptible crown (Phil. 3:7-16). On the other hand, Demas, a fellow-worker with Paul, busied himself with other things -- the things of this world (2 Tim. 4:10). His love for this "present world" ultimately caused him to abandon both Paul and the Lord.

When Jesus was in the house of Mary and Martha, two sisters who lived in Bethany, both of them were busy. In the eyes of the world and even in the eyes of her sister, though, one seemed to be idle (Luke 10:38-42). Martha was "distracted with much serving" (Luke 10:40). She busied herself seeing that the needs of her guests were satisfied. She became so anxious about it that it consumed her. Her sister Mary sat at the Lord's feet not wishing to miss a single word He was saying. She busied herself listening to Him knowing that it was the most important thing she could be doing. When Martha complained to Jesus about her, He told her not to worry about so many things that, in reality, were not necessary. Rather, she should devote herself and her time, as Mary had, to "the one thing that is needed" -- hearing and obeying the word of God. Again, with what are you busy? Is it your job, a hobby, material possessions or worldly pleasures? If so, what does that say as to what you really are? What do others think is your first love? What is the Lord's view of you?

A question that has been used before, possibly overused, but nevertheless is relevant to our line of thought is, "If you were tried for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?" If you were "busy about" that which you should be busying yourself with, it would be evident to all what you really are. All would know you are a Christian, see the glory of God in you and glorify your Father in heaven (Matthew 5:14-16). More importantly, the Lord would know. If you claim to be a Christian, get busy doing the will of the Lord.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Criswell Resigns as Elder

Our hearts were very saddened last Sunday Morning when Brother Jodie Criswell resigned as Elder.

We just want you to know, Brother Jodie,  
How much we appreciate you,  
You've always been there, rain and shine,  
Whatever we've been through.

We pray that God will bless you more  
In a very special way  
As you have been a blessing to us,  
Each and every day.

Thanks for your many years of service  
and leadership to Chapman Church of Christ.

### CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, November 19th at 6:30

Speaker: Jill Loveless

### LADS TO LEADERS KICK OFF

Sunday, November 22nd

After evening services in fellowship hall.

### 5th Sunday - November 29, 2015

Fellowship meal (Soups, Sandwiches, Chips/Dips)  
after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 p.m.  
conducted by Chapman young men.

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood, Romia Palmer

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

•**HOME RECOVERING :**Sandy Newby

•**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), 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 (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), 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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