

**December 13, 2015
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Kevin Shackelfrod

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

John Hopper

Opening Prayer

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Ricky Cissom (A.M.) Jeff Brewer (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

Britt Lindley, Andy Reese, Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher

Chance Criswell

Ross Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Myra and Anna Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Johnny Cissom (12/16/15)

OUR RECORD

December 6, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 115

Sunday Morning Worship: 133

Sunday Evening Worship: 102

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,926

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

There is Nothing for Me to Do Don Deffenbaugh

I am amazed at the number of people in the church who complain that there is nothing for them to do. By this they generally mean that the elders have not given them a specific assignment. Does this excuse them from not being active in the greatest cause on earth? No!

Every member must realize that the Lord has already assigned them specific duties like helping to restore brothers who have been caught in any trespass (Gal. 6:1) and bearing one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2).

Each one of us is under the commission we call great (Mk. 16:15, 16) and hence we need to be sharing the Gospel with one and all. Why should anyone have to give this to us as a specific assignment? The Lord has already done it.

Take a look at the judgment scene in Matthew 25:31-36 and note that we are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and imprisoned. Do we need an assignment from the elders to do these things? I think not since our judgment is to be based upon our doing them.

What about taking the time to offer an encouraging word to that person or persons you know who are "down in the dumps" and needs an encouraging word? Surely we have enough initiative to be a genuine helper in such cases.

There are those in the hospital, rest homes, or who are confined at home who would be helped if you would visit them. Why would any Christian need a specific assignment to take themselves and their smiles to such people? And remember when you go to those who refuse to smile, that they are the ones who need your smile the most.

"But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased" (Heb. 13:16).

Marshall Keeble on Baptism

Water is important in a man's life. God created water first, then He created man out of dust. Without water, dust wouldn't stick. There is power in the water.

There's water in a car. There's power in that water. If you don't believe it, try going home without it in the radiator and you've got a burnt up car. Now, try to get a man to go to Heaven without water and you've got burnt up man. Try going to Heaven without water, and you've got a burnt up church.

Some say you're saved before baptism. Christ said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Now, you can't say you're saved before baptism-besides, you're calling God a liar. You can't go to Heaven calling God a liar. You can call me a liar, but not Him.

Some say, "A man is not saved and then baptized." A woman doesn't wash clothes because they are already clean. I've seen a lot of smart women, but not that smart. She washes clothes because they are dirty. Man is baptized because he's dirty and needs to be cleansed.

The gospel is made up of five "pills" that will cure anything: first pill – "hear;" second pill – "believe;" third pill – "repent;" fourth pill – "confess;" fifth pill – "baptism." Take 'em with water, and they'll cure sin.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned" –Mark 16:16

Edification

Under the word edification Vine's Expository Dictionary has,

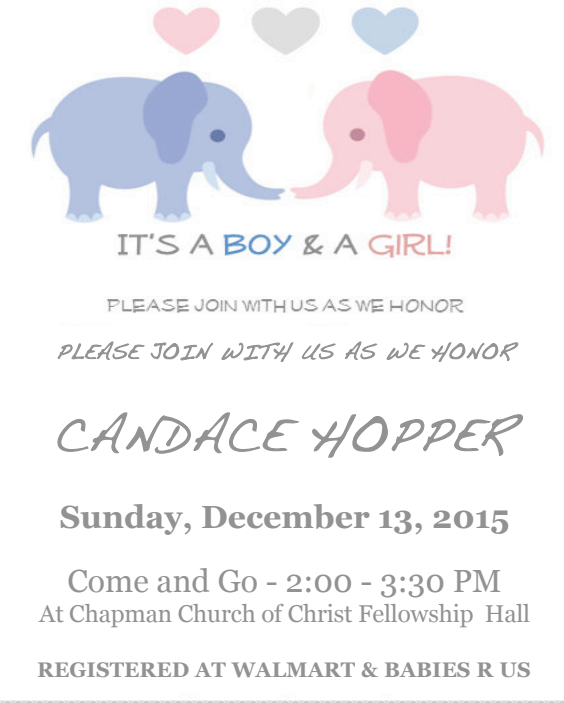
"(a) "the act of building'...this is used only figuratively in the NT, in the sense of edification, the promotion of spiritual growth ...is used metaphorically, in the sense of "edifying," promoting the spiritual growth and development of character of believers, by teaching or by example, suggesting such spiritual progress as the result of patient labor." (www2.mf.no/bibel/vines.html)

It is a work of the church along with evangelism and benevolence. (The mission of the church is soul winning and this is accomplished through the avenues of evangelism, edification benevolence.) This building up of the church is done by building up each individual Christian who makes up the body of Christ. We accomplish this through study (Eph. 4:12-16), provoking one another (Heb. 10:24-25), persuading (2 Cor. 5:10), and doing all things with the intention of edifying (1 Cor. 14:26; Rom. 14:19). Paul instructs us to "edify one another" (1 Th. 5:11).

"To edify means to build up, to strengthen, to encourage. It is to help the members of the church grow spiritually. What are some of the things that edify? God's Word, fellowship, engaging in worship, helping one another, good works, love, etc. Read these passages: Acts 9:31; Romans 14:19; 1 Corinthians 8:1; 14:26; 2 Corinthians 12:19; Ephesians 4:12; 1 Thessalonians 5:11. (truthfortheworld.org)

Leon Brashear

UPCOMING EVENTS



IT'S A BOY & A GIRL!

PLEASE JOIN WITH US AS WE HONOR
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CANDACE HOPPER

Sunday, December 13, 2015

Come and Go - 2:00 - 3:30 PM
At Chapman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

REGISTERED AT WALMART & BABIES R US

December 20, 2015

**HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER
After Evening Services**

**Bring finger foods.
Will be a "special guest" for the kids!**

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of John Wayne Criswell.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Robin Chapman, Gearlene Cissom, Gerohn Childs

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Taylor Crawford (Atlanta/Heart Transplant), Larry Kennedy (Kidney Transplant), Grey Roberson (Oxford)

•**HOME RECOVERING :**Sandy Newby

•**HAVING TEST:** Terry Jumper

•**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:** Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Yater Shinnall, 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).