

July 30, 2023

Announcements  
David Smith

Song Leader  
Larry Wood

Scripture Reading  
Eli Carter

Opening Prayer  
Bobby Bridges (A.M.)  
Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Rickey Cissom (A.M.)  
Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Terry Chapman

Count and Usher  
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Mason McAlister (08/02/23)

### OUR RECORD

July 23, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 86  
Sunday Morning Worship: 104  
Sunday Evening Worship 75  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

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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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**ELDERS:** Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper,  
Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin  
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HEART Mark Lindley

He had been to a funeral during which he began thinking about the condition of his soul. He knew that he was lost and wanted to be saved. Now, sitting on the shoulder of the highway in his truck, sin-burdened and guilt-ridden, he looked up into the sky and began pouring out his heart to God. On the radio a preacher was encouraging the listening audience to pray for salvation. The sky was the deepest blue he had ever seen. He could “feel” God’s presence. Then, it happened. In an instant, the Almighty filled his heart with peace. All the sin and guilt were taken away, and a sense of relief flooded his soul. He wept. He knew he was a changed man—saved from sin.

This is the “salvation experience” one man related to me. As he spoke, I noticed that something was conspicuously missing. He had not mentioned hearing the Gospel, being taught God’s Word, understanding God’s Will, or obeying the Gospel. His lack of Scriptural knowledge was obvious. He had never heard what the Scriptures teach about being saved from sin.

“But is that really necessary?” one may ask. “Does one really have to understand God’s Will?” The Bible answer is, yes. Jesus said, “For this people’s heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes, and **hear with their ears**, and should **understand with their heart**, and should be **converted**, and I should heal them” (Matthew 13:15). Observe that these people would not convert because they failed to “hear with their ears” and “understand with their heart.” The implication is that one *must* hear and understand God’s Word in order to be converted.

Therefore, no one can be saved by feeling emotional, having an “experience,” crying, praying, kneeling at the mourner’s bench, pleading with God for salvation, or shouting. Rather, one must hear the Gospel, understand it, and obey it. Jesus said, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:15-16). The man who told me his “salvation story” later did as the Lord instructs in this passage.

# The Value of Work

By Jerrie Barber

Working is a part of God's plan for man's fulfillment and happiness. After creating the world and making man of the dust, "the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it" (Gen. 2:15). Paradise was not then nor is now a place of constant leisure and no responsibilities.

Whether we are thinking of work by which we provide a living for our family or a task we do in the Lord's service, there are some biblical principles that will help us.

1. Find a work suited for you. Because of background, natural ability, education, experience, and interest, we do some things better than others. "For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Rom. 12:4-5).
2. Do your best.

Whether we are doing "church work" or whether we are on the job, we are working for the Lord. "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).

3. Schedule times of rest. God set the example by resting on the seventh day after creating the world in six. When the apostles had completed some work and reported to Jesus the results, Jesus said, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while" (Mark 6:31).
4. Be training others to do your work. It is no compliment to anyone's effectiveness and leadership for any work to show a decline after he or she moves, is promoted, or retires. Paul gave the principle to Timothy when he wrote, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim 2:2).
5. Prepare for work in the future that will call for growth. The challenging task of an elder is being addressed when Paul wrote to Timothy, "If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work" (1 Tim. 3:1).

Work is designed by the Lord to be a blessing - not a curse. How do you plan to be blessed in your work? "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." (Ephesians 2:10).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

July 30<sup>th</sup>

Meal following AM Service.  
PM Service at 1:30 PM.

### CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT

August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Speaker: Winston Smith  
Meal will follow.

#### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Gerohn Childs.

*Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.*

**SICK SUNDAY:** Sharon Pannell

**HOSPICE:** Lisa Miller (Hospice House), Stevie Barnes (Hospice)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Stevie Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

**MyKales Residential Living, New Albany:** Junior Derrick

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