

August 13, 2023

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

John Hopper (A.M.)

Larry Wood (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Brock Lindley (A.M.)

Bo Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Ross Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Larry Wood (08/16/23)

**OUR RECORD**

**August 6, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 89

Sunday Morning Worship: 102

Sunday Evening Worship 83

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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Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## IS IT POSSIBLE TO KNOW THE TRUTH?

By Mark Lindley

The above question is one that is vital. We live in a time when many have adopted the view that there is no such thing as absolute truth. We are told that what is truth for one, may not necessarily be the truth for another. It simply depends upon the situation. Therefore, according to this view, what one believes to be the truth *becomes* the truth. If this theory is correct, then there is no higher standard for determining truth than one's mere, fallible, human opinion. In other words, everyone has a right to his or her own opinion and that person's opinion is "the truth" for that person.

Those who believe the Bible cannot accept this idea because the Bible affirms that there is an objective standard for determining what is true. Paul wrote, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). This statement assumes that there must be an objective standard by which to "prove all things." If truth varies from person to person, how could we follow Paul's instruction to "prove" anything? After all, the real truth would depend upon a person's own subjective view.

This is the way many approach religious questions pertaining to worship, the church, and how to be saved from sin. One might say, "Well, the reason I believe I should be a member of this church is because 'brother-so-and-so' is the preacher, and he won't lead me astray." Another might reason, "Well, I am confident that I am saved because I feel that I'm saved. My feelings prove my salvation." Still, someone else might affirm, "The Lord spoke to me in a vision and told me that I am secure in my salvation."

But think for a moment. Paul said to "prove all things." When Paul made that statement, was he instructing the church to "prove" our teachings by what "brother so-and-so said"? Was Paul suggesting that we prove all things by our unstable feelings and emotions which may change from day to day? Was he suggesting that we prove our beliefs by a vision? What if the vision contradicts the teachings of the Bible? What if what "brother so-and-so" said does not harmonize with Scripture? What if our feelings are misguided, and not led by God's Word?

The ultimate test of truth must be God's Word, the Bible. Jesus said, "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32), and he prayed to the Father, "Thy word is truth" (John 17:17). Let us rely on God's Word for our standard of truth, and not on faulty standards erected by fallible men.

## "OF CRITICS AND CRITICISM"

By Dalton Key

How do you react to unjust criticism? Do your grow sour and sullen, drowning yourself in a sea of self-pity? Do you become bitter? Do you frantically attempt to justify yourself by engaging in a frenzied word-war with your critics?

The sad truth is this: if you are like most of us, you waste more time, thought and energy in responding to the criticism than the criticism is worth.

One man who had been slandered by a newspaper sought advice from the famous statesman, Edward Everett. Everett's counsel was both simple and sage: "Do nothing! Half of the people who bought the paper never saw the article. Half of those who saw it did not read it. Half of those who read it did not understand it. Half of those who understood it did not believe it. And half of those who believed it are of no account anyway!"

Paul offered similar advice to his young son in the faith, Timothy. Because he was a young man, as compared with the more aged Paul, Timothy was certain to suffer a certain amount of criticism concerning his age. Observe Paul's inspired prescription: "Let no man look down on you because you are young, but be an example of the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12, McCord.)

Timothy's best response of criticism would be to live right, to be a good example.

You many as well prepare yourself now. Eventually, by some means, from some source, baseless criticism will come your way. The best response may well be no response at all. Yes, it may be best to just ignore the criticism - and then live in such a way as to prove the critics wrong.



Welcome,

# BABY

*Julie Rose Hobson*

WE WILL HAVE A DIAPER,  
WIPES, & GIFT CARD TABLE  
SET UP FOR THE HOBSON  
FAMILY IN THE SPACE  
BETWEEN THE CLASSROOMS.

LET'S SHOWER THIS SWEET  
FAMILY WITH LOVE!

## AUGUST 27, 2023



## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

### WELCOMED WITH LOVE

*Julie Rose Hobson*

BORN AUGUST 3, 2023  
6 POUNDS, 9 OUNCES, 19.6 INCHES LONG

PARENTS: LUKE & BRYANA  
SISTER: EMMIE BROTHER: DAVIS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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 Stevie Barnes  
(Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law).

**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood, Britt &  
Katherine Lindley, Louise Pannell

**HOSPICE:** Lisa Miller (Hospice House)

**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:** Billy McBryde (Starts  
Treatments 08/16, 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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