

**January 5, 2020  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Ross Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.)

Mason McAlister (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Brock Lindley (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

J C Newby (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Bobby Bridges, Michiel Criswell

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman & Danny Shackelford

**Prepare Communion**

Ruby & Christy Jones

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Larry Wood (01/08/20)

**OUR RECORD**

**December 29, 2019**

Sunday Bible Study: 94

Sunday Morning Worship: 100

Sunday Evening Worship: 93

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 2,946

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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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Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**LIVING BY SIGHT**

**James Pilgrim**

When James Barrett Chapman, an elder of the Chapman Church of Christ, died on Monday, November 25, 2019, one of his nephews, Chase Chapman, told his father, Terry, "Uncle Barrett is no longer living by faith; he is living by sight now." That statement showed that Chase has a clear understanding of Paul's inspired statement, recorded in 2 Corinthians 5:7, "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)."

As long as we are in this life, we must live by faith. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1). We presently live "In hope of eternal life." (Titus 1:2). Paul explains how faith comes, saying, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17). We have not seen the future, but the evidence causes us to believe it. By weighing the evidence we may rightly conclude the truthfulness of each statement in the holy inspired word of God.

We believe that "God so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:14-17). We have not seen "the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see:..." (1 Timothy 6:15, 16). However, the evidence allows us to confidently say, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." (Acts 8:37). Barrett believed and confessed that faith; now he knows it. People like the rich man go to a place of "torments" (Verse 23), where they will be "tormented in this flame." (Verse 24). This is not eternal hell, for he still had five brethren in his father's house. (Verses 27, 28). Abraham told the rich man that there were still people on the earth to teach his brethren. (Verses 29-31). Also, the rich man still believed water was still available. (Verse 24).

All who will live like the beggar Lazarus and the faithful Barrett Chapman will be "carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom" (Verses 22, 23), "paradise" (Luke 23:43), where they are "comforted." (Verse 25). These are now living by sight. Presently, they are enjoying being in Abraham's bosom in Paradise, living by sight, knowing that in the morning of the resurrection, at the great and final judgment they will hear the Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." (Matthew 25:20, 21). "Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared from the foundation of the world:" because you were faithful. (Matthew 25:34ff). The unrighteous will "go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25:46).

**WHERE WILL YOU GO AT DEATH?  
WHERE WILL YOU EXIST ETERNALLY?  
NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE YOUR  
ETERNAL DESTINY SURE!**

## If I Knew Then... Ernest S. Underwood

Did you ever say, "If I knew then what I know now..."? There was a rich man who certainly expressed this concept. His story is found in Luke 16:19-31. He is the one that is associated with the beggar Lazarus. There are several things that he realized too late for him to change. Let us notice them. He Learned...

His material possessions in life did not assure him of riches in eternity (19, 23).

God's grace is limited. While on earth, he could avail himself of God's saving grace. In torment, he was not even granted one drop of water to cool his tongue (24).

God's power must be recognized. While on earth, man may take a position against God. However, God has the last say (23a).

He should have had a concern for the lost of the world (27-28).

Once life is finished on earth, there is no altering of one's eternal destiny (26).

A life of faithfulness returns an eternity of joy and comfort (22a, 25b).

Eternal fire and torment are a reality (24).

Some say, "It is never too late to learn." It was for the rich man, and it may become so with you.

## Overcoming Fear in 2020...and Anytime By Adam Faughn

It might seem strange that the first bulletin article of 2020 deals with fear, but many people struggle this time of year with this emotion. As they face a New Year, they might fear health issues or job uncertainty. Some simply fear failing in the resolutions they have made.

There is a sense in which some fear is a good thing. Fear is a natural instinct that, at times in life, keeps us from dangers that could truly harm us.

We also know, however, that the Bible speaks of certain types of fear in a negative light. These fears and anxieties are the types of things that draw our trust away from God, and that let the things of this world have a hold on us that is simply not right.

Psalms 56 was penned at a time when David was fighting to overcome fear. Near the outset of that poem, he stated that he had "an attacker" (verse 1) and that his enemies were trampling him "all day long" (verse 2). It would have only been natural and understandable to have a certain level of fear in those circumstances! (For the historical background to this poem, read 1 Samuel 21:8-15).

How can we overcome such fear? In the midst of the poem, David wrote, "When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?" (verses 3-4)

Those beautiful and faith-filled lines give us three steps to help in overcoming fear.

**Step 1: Trust God.** Often, when we fear, it is because we begin to take our eyes off of God and His unending power. We need to trust Him, no matter what enemies and struggles we face. After all, He is the only One who is truly Almighty!

**Step 2: Lift Up the Word of God.** We need to have God's Word in our hearts before difficulties come, so we can rely on its precious promises when we face times of discomfort. It offers us "comfort," among so many other things (see Romans 15:4).

**Step 3: Remember Human Limitations.** "What can flesh do to me?" Enemies may have certain advantages, but they are still just flesh, as we are. Even if they completely take away our life, what victory have they really won? They cannot cost us our soul unless we let them.

Fears will come, even in this New Year. How we face them and overcome them is what matters. Will you face and overcome them with God, or will you let fears get the best of you?

## NEW YEAR Jimmie Timbes

As we begin to transition into the new year, reflect on David's 46th Psalm, "Be still, and know that I am God". Then Proverbs 3- Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. What changes will you ask the Lord to help you make in the new year? Begin the new year in prayer, first thanking Him and then asking Him. Let us all resolve to grow closer to Him and serve Him more during this new year. Resolve to share your knowledge and faith with someone who does not know Jesus. Let's all adopt the motto "help helps the helper" for 2020. We will be happier and healthier when helping and focusing on others. But above all, let us all resolve to focus on HIM more and more! If we live by these suggestions we will all certainly have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Remember to pray for the sick and broken hearted today. And smile at everyone you meet, including yourself!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chapman Ladies Bible Class

Thursday, January 16, 2020  
At 6:30PM

#### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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Every other Wednesday

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of brother Tony Morrison.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Chap Moore, Wilma Wood, Dala Vandygriff

•**RECOVERY:** Mary Brady, Debbie Chapman, Patti Hall, Juan Stroupe

•**HOSPITAL:** Josephine Chapman (TCH)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), **Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).