

**January 8, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Randell Koon (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chase Chapman (A.M.) Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

David Smith, Mason McAlister, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom and Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Angelia Bridges and Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Barrett Chapman (01/11/2017)

OUR RECORD

January 2, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 102

Sunday Morning Worship: 128

Sunday Evening Worship: 107

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 110

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,226

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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

Ready or Not ... 2017 By David Bragg

Can you believe another year is in the books? Time marches relentlessly onward without asking for either our consent or approval. 2016 isn't even cold yet and 2017 is already relentlessly marching forward. Nothing you and I can do will ever get that time back. With each passing day we creep closer towards time's end. But, as always, with Jesus there is good news.

2017 will bring with it days of defeat and success.

2017 will bring with it both sadness and great joy.

2017 will bring days of suffering balanced with days of healing.

2017 will bring with it days of loss and others of enrichment.

For some 2017 will bring with it a day of finality.

But there will not be a single day in 2017 that you will have to encounter alone! We have One who can lift us up from defeat, comfort us in sadness and sustain us through suffering. There is One who can truly place momentary loss into eternal perspective. And not to be forgotten, we have each other, charged with the duty of sharing in life's highs and lows (Romans 12:12-15) and with bearing "one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2).

While we are powerless to keep time from sifting through our lives like sand through our fingers, we can do something about how we spend it. While much time will fall wasted at the feet of humanity, as a follower of Christ you can use your time to God's glory and time will ultimately deposit you in His timeless glory.

Encouraging Prayer

By Robert E. Guinn

Why bother with praying or studying it? It is a fair question to ask. For Christians, prayer is important because it turns a one-sided conversation into a two-sided conversation. The Bible tells us to cast our anxieties on God (1 Peter 5:6-10), and prayer is directly connected to a "peace that surpasses all understanding," (Philippians 4:4-9).

Without a doubt there is much confusion on the subject of prayer, even misunderstandings. Several misconceptions about prayer have developed and are almost accepted as truth. Some these myths include: prayer being natural, having to always know what to say, prayer being a "last resort" practice, prayer bothering God, prayer being always answered in the affirmative, and prayer not doing much good.

Outside of these myths, why study prayer? Prayer is how we are able to communicate with our Heavenly Father. We discover that prayer was a regular part of Jesus' life. His apostles asked how to pray (Luke 11:1). The Bible teaches us that we can approach God with confidence (Hebrews 4:16).

We are encouraged to pray (Romans 12:12; Colossians 4:2-4), and prayer is good for us (Philippians 4:7). This all sounds good, but what are some practical ways we can encourage prayer in our personal lives?

Make time to pray. The following quote is from an e-mail that my mother-in-law forwarded to me, "If you are too busy to pray to God or read His scripture, then you are busier than God intended you to be." If we do not make the time, we will not have the time. We cannot take out a loan for more time than what we have, we need to budget our time like our finances, putting God as priority.

Create a prayer journal/log. You can keep prayer lists, write down your prayers, and much more. This helps focus one's thoughts, helps prevent "vain repetitions," and encourages a deeper communication with the Almighty.

Utilize technology. Using our smartphones, social media, e-mails, and other resources we can create lists, reminders, and prayer circles through the avenue of modern technology. One person issued a challenge to pray through your phone contacts. You simply use the names in your phone as your prayer list. You can even text them to find out any prayer requests.

Like with many things, there is an art and a science to prayer. It is worth our time and effort to develop deeper, meaningful prayer lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS

Registration for Lads To Leaders is completed. Please review your events and make sure it is correct. List is posted on bulletin board by teacher supply room.

If your event is not correct or missing an event - write corrections by your name.

If you have any questions, please see Karen Yancey.

Deadline for any changes is January 15th.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 6:30PM

5th Sunday - January 29th

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Dawn Stroupe, Sandy Newby, Audrey Box

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall, Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, 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, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer.

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