

January 8, 2023

**Announcements**  
Jarvene Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Brice Lindley

**Scripture Reading**  
Bo Chapman

**Opening Prayer**  
Bryan Davis (A.M.)  
Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
John Hopper (A.M.)  
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Larry Wood

**Count and Usher**  
Dale & Jimmy Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
John Hopper (1/11/23)

### OUR RECORD

**January 1, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 86  
Sunday Morning Worship: 119  
Sunday Evening Worship 85  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 74

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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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

### God's Care For His People By Wayne Jackson

After more than two centuries, God brought the nation of Israel out of Egypt and into the bleak wilderness of Sinai.

Ideally, the Hebrews should have gone directly into Canaan (150 miles to the northeast), which would have taken about a month. However, due to their lack of faith, they were forced to wander in the harsh desert for 40 years.

According to a census that was taken, there were 603,550 fighting men (Num. 1:46). Based upon this figure, scholars have estimated that the total number of Israelites would have been between 2 and 3 million people. The exodus was thus an enormous undertaking.

The following estimated statistics may alter your mental image of that ancient event:

- If the Israelites had crossed the Red Sea in double file, the column would have been 800 miles long, and the crossing would have taken about 35 days and nights.
- As it was, they went over in a single night. The column thus may have been about 5,000 abreast (or 3 miles wide) as they crossed the sea. The nightly camping space would have required an area of about 25 by 30 miles.
- This mighty throng would have needed about 1,500 tons of food per day. That is about the amount that two trains, each a mile long, could hold.
- Moreover, they would have required about a million gallons of water each day. That is the equivalent of a train of tank cars about 1,800 miles long.

These astounding figures have led critics to allege that the data presented in the book of Numbers regarding this multitude are much exaggerated. The claim is made that it would have taken miracles to sustain the Hebrews under these circumstances.

**That is precisely what the Old Testament narrative affirms.**

The Israelites could not have sustained their own lives. God supernaturally took care of them, providing them with manna, quail, and water.

More importantly, this vivid pictorial lesson of old speaks to you and me today, if we will listen. Though he provided special help with miracles to the children of Israel, today he provides aid and comfort **through his Son** (Hebrews 1:1-2).

It is by following his word that we are sustained: physically and spiritually. May we be wise enough to listen.

*"And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD" (Deut. 8:3).*

## Article on Intelligent Design Brad Harrub

His name was “Dr. Joe.” He described himself as a medical doctor, a homeopathic physician, a Taoist, and a devout atheist. For three hours he and I debated on three televised segments that aired nation-wide in New Zealand. We discussed a spectrum of topics, such as the existence of God, the inspiration of the Bible, and creation vs. evolutionary. The debate proceeded fairly smoothly and we both enjoyed some laughs as the moderator did his best to keep us on topic.

However, as time passed, Dr. Joe found himself having to answer “I don’t know” more and more frequently. I asked him how he would explain the initial matter in the Universe. He quietly said, “I don’t know where that came from.” I followed that up by asking him to describe how life had evolved from non-life. And again he bowed his head and said “We don’t know the mechanism that led to that step yet.”

I then changed tactics and asked him if he had ever performed surgery. He brightened up and said, “Oh yes, I’ve done many surgeries.” I asked him if he had many opportunities to look inside the human body. By this time he was proudly smiling, and his posture had changed to one of confidence. He proclaimed, “I have looked inside the human body countless times!” I asked calmly if he had seen first-hand the distribution of certain nerves, to which he said: “Of course.

I have seen this hundreds of times.” I looked over at my opponent and asked, “Did you notice the design in this plexus of nerves?” His response: “Yes, I’ve seen the design.” At which point I simply smiled...and then he realized what he had admitted. He then tried to cover himself by asserting “But that does not mean there is a Designer.”

But the damage had been done. He knew, just like all of the viewers, that you don’t get a poem without a poet. You don’t get a house without a house builder. And likewise, you don’t get a design without a Designer. The inspired psalmist proclaimed “For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother’s womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well” (139:13-14). Proverbs 20:12 reminds us, “The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them.” Psalm 94:9 tells us it was: “He that planted the ear and He that formed the eye.”

Later in the debate the moderator asked if we believed in alien (extraterrestrial) life. Dr. Joe was absolutely sure there must be other life forms out there. I quickly demonstrated his pitiful logic. He had ridiculed me for believing in a God I couldn’t see or allegedly didn’t have proof of. And yet, this man was willing to embrace aliens that he could neither see nor provide proof for. The problem was not the evidence, the problem was his heart.

## UPCOMING

### LADIES WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Starting Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
Topic of Study: “Fear in 2023”  
7:00 PM

Location: Vacant Classroom with pink sign  
This class will last six months allowing all that teach children classes to have an opportunity to attend.  
ALL AGES OF LADIES  
ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND

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

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**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Brother Jodie Criswell, Mitchell Hurt (Wanda Yancey’s Nephew), Mark Lindsey, and Kyle Jordan.

**SICK SUNDAY:** James & Sammie Pilgrim, Wayne & Dala Vandygriff, Robin Chapman

**HOSPITAL:** Ken Wade (Tommy’s Brother), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law, Address: Room 442 West, Methodist Le Bonheur Germantown Hospital, 7691 Poplar Avenue, Germantown, TN 38138)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Theo Smith, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon’s Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox Kennamore (Leukemia), Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler’s Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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