

January 9, 2022

**Announcements**  
Ricky Cissom

**Song Leader**  
Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**  
Reed Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**  
Jodie Criswell (A.M.)  
Chase Chapman (P.M.)

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

**Lord's Table**  
Larry Wood

**Count and Usher**  
Tim McMillin & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Logan Yancey (01/12/22)

### OUR RECORD

**January 2, 2022**

Sunday Bible Study: 69  
Sunday Morning Worship: 78  
Sunday Evening Worship: 64  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 85

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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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## ONE MORE YEAR Mark Lindley

Those who read this article have lived another year and will soon enter the year 2022. The beginning of a new year presents a good opportunity to examine one's life and to make changes which will improve one's life. Whatever successes or failures one might have experienced in 2021 are now gone. It is now time to move forward and to begin the New Year with optimism and expectations of a happy new year.

But what if one knew this was his last year? What if one knew that at the end of 2022 he would die and be judged? Certainly, knowing death would come soon would give one a new perspective and would, perhaps, change one's priorities. In giving the "Parable of Barren Fig Tree," Jesus told of a certain man who planted a fig tree in his vineyard (Luke 13:6-9). After three years, the tree had produced no fruit. The man decided that because the tree was barren, it should be cut down. However, the vineyard keeper said to the man: "Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that thou shalt cut it down" (verses 8-9). In effect, the keeper of the vineyard said, "Let's give it one more year. Then, if it does not produce fruit, I will cut it down."

Within this parable, the barren fig tree represents the unrepentant nation of Israel. The Lord had blessed the people of Israel, but they rejected Jesus (John 1:11). Therefore, the nation of Israel would be "cut down," judged and punished by the Lord.

Although the immediate application was to Israel, each one should apply the parable to oneself. What if each one had "one" more year to repent and to produce spiritual fruit? What if we had just one more year to obey the gospel? To attend worship services with our families? To give up sinful habits and pursue holiness? To show love and respect to others? To share the gospel with others? To get serious about studying God's Word, the Bible? In short, what if we had only one more year to produce fruit?

One thing is certain: the Lord has blessed all who live in America with opportunities to hear and to obey the gospel. We enjoy the freedom to worship God openly and to live as Christians. The Lord expects us to seize these opportunities and to produce fruit. "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8).

Live as though 2022 were your last year. Determine that this will be the year you produce great spiritual fruit for the Lord! Happy New Year!

## YOU HAVE HEARD, BUT DID YOU UNDERSTAND? No. 5 James Pilgrim

This lesson is a follow-up to the last one. Some of the things studied will be similar. Herein is a comparison to what many teach and what the word of God says. One frequently hears students of the word of God tell others to be saved they only need to (1) Say the sinner's prayer, (2) Just call on the name of the Lord, (3) Believe only, (4) Do nothing, because it has all already been finished on the cross. One man said salvation is as easy as ABC—Admit you are lost; believe on the name of the Lord; and confess your faith. As a boy, one would frequently hear a radio preacher say that he wouldn't give his faith or the feeling in his heart for a stack of Bibles as tall as the Empire State Building. Are either of these proclamations taught in the word of God?

Remember, it is easy to read without comprehending what is read. Examples of this are found in Matthew 5:21, 22; 5:27, 28; 5:31, 32; 5:33-37; 5:38, 42; 5:43-48.

Diligent study which finds one rightly dividing the word of God (2 Timothy 2:15) is necessary to a proper understanding of the word of God. On the day of Pentecost, those who murdered Jesus asked, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" They were not told any of the things in paragraph one. Rather, they were told by men filled with the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:1-4), Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38). Glad recipients of the word did so. (Verse 41). Is this what you hear and do when the Lord's invitation is extended. Saul of Tarsus was told what he MUST (Acts 9:6) when Ananias was sent to him by the Lord (Hebrews 5:8, 9). Read Acts 22:10, 16. He was obedient, calling on the name of the Lord. (Acts 9:18; 26:19). Cornelius, his family and friends were obedient to Peter's preaching. (Acts 10; 11).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS Monday, January 10th at 6PM

#### Bible Study Topics:

January – Women of the Bible  
February – Loving One Another  
March – Are We Teaching Young Ladies  
April – Effective in the Church  
May – Prayer Life

*Young and Young at Heart  
Please attend as often as possible*

He hath shewed thee, O man,  
what is good; and what doth the  
Lord require of thee, but to do  
justly, and to love mercy, and to  
walk humbly with thy God?  
(Micah 6:8)

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Newby Carter (Sister of J.C. Newby and Gearlene Cissom).

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Keith & Robin Newby, Larry & Wilma Wood, Logan Yancey, Connie & Bryan Davis, Emimie Gaillard

#### HOSPITAL:

Molly, Joshua & their unborn child Hopkins, Austin Wentz (Ronald McDonald House), Billy Stroupe (Send card: Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation, 1240 South Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138, Room 207)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury

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