



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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January 10, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Danny Shackelford

Sunday Song Leader
Chris Moore

Wednesday Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Ricky Cissom

Opening Prayer
J C Newby (AM)
David Smith (PM)

Closing Prayer
Michiel Criswell (AM)
James Pilgrim (PM)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Ricky Loveless

Communion
John Hopper

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

January 3, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 59
Sunday Morning Worship: 75
Sunday Evening Worship: 66
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 64
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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**READING GOD'S WORD
IN THE NEW YEAR
Mark Lindley**

The New Year is now well underway. Many have made New Year's resolutions to lose weight, diet and exercise, and to put more money into savings. Keeping these common and worthy goals will likely lead to better health and improved finances.

The beginning of a new year is also a great time to set spiritual goals. One spiritual goal that can be easily achieved is to read the entire Bible in the New Year. Reading for about 15 minutes a day, one can read the entire Bible through in 2021. If one reads three chapters of the Bible each day, Monday through Saturday, and reads five chapters each Sunday, one will complete the entire Bible within the New Year. There are also other plans online for reading the Bible through in the New Year. Search "Classic Daily Bible Reading Plan," and one can find a yearly plan for reading the Scriptures.

The Bible teaches that God's people are expected to read the Word. Jesus, on more than one occasion asked, "Have you not read?" Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were with him?" (Matthew 12:3). On another occasion, Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female?" (Matthew 19:4). The Lord also posed a question to the Sadducees: "Have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living?" (Matthew 22:31-32). These questions show that Jesus expected the people of His day to read God's Word.

If Jesus were here in bodily form today, would he be surprised at how little the Bible is read? Would he ask church goers, "Have you not read?" and then make inquiry about some passage that needs to be read?

The Bible is the best-selling book of all time, with more than 5 billion copies in print. However, "having" a Bible does not mean that one actually "reads" his Bible. It is unlikely the average church goer could provide the names of the twelve apostles, list the 27 books of the New Testament, or name the one who preached the Sermon on the Mount. Could you? Maybe you could, but many who own a Bible have never read it. If Jesus were present in body today and spoke to you, would he ask, "Have you not read?" Why not resolve to read God's Word in the New Year? If you do, you will be blessed! John wrote, "Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand" (Revelation 1:3). It was true when John wrote, and it is true today: those who read God's Word are blessed. Happy New Year! Read the Word!

Coping in 2021
By Ronald Bartanen

What will we be facing in this new year? Will it be a year of good health, or of illness? Will there be a stabilizing economy or a stock-market crash? Will there be an increase of unity as a nation or an increase of chaos, looting, burning and physical violence? As individuals, will we learn to cope with life's illnesses and failures or will we collapse under the stresses of life? We don't know all the answers to the situations we must face. As our fears mount up, it becomes more and more difficult to cope.

Even those who are people of faith find it difficult to face personal, national and global problems confidently. We need daily to be reminded of the words of Jesus: "In this world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer. I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

Our ability to cope begins with faith in Jesus. The apostle Paul wrote, "We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us" (Romans 8:37). Is your trust in Him who died for you, and was raised again? Have you, in faith, repented of sins, confessed faith in Christ, and been baptized? (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). Are you faithfully following Him? (Revelation 2:10) When united to Him who died for us, we are encouraged and strengthened by His Spirit to cope with the problems of life, and to rejoice in the new life He has promised those who follow Him.

Following the Pattern in the New Year
By Joe Slater

What do you suppose God's people were doing on New Year's Day roughly 3500 years ago? Would you believe they were putting up the tabernacle? "On the first day of the first month, you shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting" (Exodus 40:1). "And it came to pass in the first month of the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was raised up" (40:17). Earlier in Exodus (chapters 25-31) God had given Moses explicit and detailed instructions about the tabernacle and all of its furnishings, beginning with this exhortation: "According to all that I show you, that is, the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings, just so shall you make it" (25:9). The Lord repeated this command several times as He specified the dimensions, materials, design, etc., of the tabernacle and its furnishings. "And see to it that you make them according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain" (25:40). "And you shall raise up the tabernacle according to its pattern which you were shown on the mountain" (26:30). "As it was shown you on the mountain, so shall they make it" (27:8). Moses and the Israelites took God seriously! "Thus Moses did; according to all that the Lord had commanded him, so he did" (Exodus 40:16). The tabernacle and things associated with it were a shadow of the better things Jesus Christ established in the New Covenant. The Hebrews writer taught that we ought to be even more diligent to be faithful in the New Covenant than Moses and the Israelites were in the Old Covenant (Hebrews 2:1-4; 10:28-31).

In this new year, let us renew our determination to follow God's pattern set forth in the New Testament!

CHAPMAN SERVICES:

Teen & Child Classes suspended until Feb. 7th. Adult classes and service times remain the same.

Sunday Services

Bible Class in Auditorium
Bible Study10:00 am
Morning Worship10:45 am

Sunday Evening Service

Evening Worship2:00 pm

Weekdays

Bible Class in Auditorium
Wednesday Bible Study7:00 pm

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Chris Moore

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663)

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