



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
250 COUNTY ROAD 550  
RIPLEY, MS 38663

January 17, 2021  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Danny Shackelford

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Tripp Yancey

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
J C Newby (11.20.21)

**Scripture Reading**  
Britt Lindley

**Opening Prayer**  
Jarvene Shackelford (AM)  
Logan Yancey (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
Brock Lindley (AM)  
Wayne Vandygriff (PM)

**Count and Usher**  
Bobby Bridges & Ricky Loveless

**Communion**  
Larry Wood

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**  
**January 10, 2021**  
Sunday Bible Study: 66  
Sunday Morning Worship: 86  
Sunday Evening Worship: 61  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 49  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: NA

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**ELDERS:** Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper,  
Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## THE ASSEMBLING No. 2 James Pilgrim

In installment No. 1, it was shown from the scriptures that Jesus established His church (the called out) to come together (assemble) to worship. This second part seeks to do two things. First, it looks at reasons for assembling. Briefly, Hebrews 10:25 (Commanded); Psalm 122:1 (Joy); 1 Timothy 4:12 (Example); Luke 17:11-19 (Gratitude); Ephesians 5:19 (Teach/Admonish); Ephesians 5:19 (Be taught/Admonished); 2 Peter 3:18 (Grow in Knowledge); Matthew 5:6 (Hunger/Thirst after righteousness); Matthew 6:33 (Seek first God's kingdom/Righteousness); 1 Corinthians 15:58 (Abound in Lord's work, not get by); Matthew 22:38-40 (Show supreme love to God); Titus 2:3 (Peculiar/Zealous); Titus 3:1 (Ready unto every good work); 1 John 1:7 (Fellowship); James 4:17 (Do good).

Second, some general questions and observations. What if the disciples had not assembled in the upper room? (Mark 14:15; Luke 22:12; Matthew 26:26-29). What if they had not assembled on the day of Pentecost? (Acts 2). The late beloved and knowledgeable Gus Nichols concluded that if 1 person can miss 1 service without sinning, he/she can miss 2. If 2, then 4. If 4, then 8. If 8, then 16. If 16, then 32...All! He then observed if 1 person can do this, 2 can...All! If 2, then 4. If 4, then 8...All! His conclusion was that, if this were acceptable, one could destroy the church without sinning! Absurd!!! Said he. He was correct. Rhetorical (self-answering) Question: Would the absenteeism seen in the church be acceptable in the work place? A second question: Why is it wrong to steal \$ 1 million dollars? Because it is wrong to steal 1 cent. (Ephesians 4:28). For the same reasons, one should **not** miss services of the church unless the ox is actually in the pit. (Matthew 12:11). As one person observed, "If your ox is in the pit, get it out and fill the pit, or place a fence around it. Your ox should not be in a pit every week." Questions. Am I really sick when I miss? Would I go to work, a ball game, other? Does it take most or all of the family to assist one who is truly sick? Does it hurt me not to be able to assemble? By the way, some expressed a desire to get back to our regular assemblies when we temporarily suspended coming together to keep from spreading Covid-19. It was great to see the happy faces when services were resumed. Were you there?

**Remembered For Doing Good**  
**By Jimmy Hodges**

“Remember me for this, O my God, and do not blot out what I have so faithfully done for the house of my God and its services.” (Nehemiah 123:14, NIV)

Nehemiah wanted to be remembered for good. This was more than just wishful thinking. He was actively involved in doing good. He hears that Jerusalem is in shambles. The news leads him to weep and pray to God. He plans to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the wall. He asks his boss, the king, to help him with his plan.

The king grants Nehemiah his request. Off he goes to Jerusalem on his rebuilding project. Unlike many today, he does not travel with a caravan of hype. He surveys the work, and then he reveals his plan to the locals. The citizens support him.

Finally, Nehemiah has opposition. Sanballat and Tobiah were leaders in the area. A fortified Jerusalem would pose a threat. So the two did all they could to delay construction. Nehemiah would not be stopped. Half the workers were on guard for attack while the other half worked. Nehemiah even slept with his clothes on so he could be ready in a moment's notice.

When the rich Jews were putting the poor Jews into slavery, Nehemiah put a hasty stop to that practice. Why should the Jews work so hard for independence if they sold each other back into slavery? Nehemiah points to his own example. He was not a heavy tax burden to the people as governor, unlike his predecessors. Even 2500 years ago, people appreciated lower taxes.

While Nehemiah was leader, Ezra read the law to the people. Upon hearing the law, the people were prompted to confess their sins. After confession, the people renew the covenant with God. So yes, Nehemiah is remembered for good. In fact, he did so much good it is hard to remember it all. I am sure I have left some of the highlights out in this article. Thankfully, God has a good enough memory to recall all of Nehemiah's good.

How about you? Do you have the same desire? Do you want to be remembered for good? Follow Nehemiah's lead. Do good. Do so much good that we have trouble remembering it all. Even though all the details may evade us, we will remember you for good. Thankfully, God will recall all your good.

## *Ina Ruth Harris*

May 21, 1946 - January 8, 2021

Ina Ruth Derrick Harris, 74, passed away Friday, January 8, 2021, at Baptist Memorial Hospital

Memphis, TN. She was born May 21, 1946, to Leroy and Jewel Mauney Derrick in Ripley, MS. Ruth was a Homemaker and loved working in her garden. She was a member of Chapman Church of Christ.

Visitation will be Sunday, January 10, 2021, from 1:00 PM until 5:00 PM at McBride Funeral Home.

A private family graveside service will be Monday, January 11, 2021, at Chapman Church of Christ Cemetery with Minister Mark Lindley officiating.

Ruth is survived by three sons: Brad Harris (Jessica) of Ripley, MS, Casey Harris (Rebecca) of Ripley, MS, Matt Harris of Ripley, MS; one brother: Jr Derrick (Betty) of Ripley, MS; six grandchildren: Deven, Addie, Logan, Jackson, Kyson, Dauson, and one great-grandchild on the way.

She was preceded in death by her husband: Kenneth Wayne Harris; her parents: Leroy and Jewel Mauney Derrick.

## CHAPMAN SERVICES:

*Teen & Child Classes suspended until Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>. Adult classes and service times remain the same.*

### **Sunday Services**

*Bible Class in Auditorium*  
Bible Study .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....10:45 am

### **Sunday Evening Service**

Evening Worship .....2:00 pm

### **Weekdays**

*Bible Class in Auditorium*  
Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Ina Ruth Harris. She will greatly be missed at Chapman.

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Chris Moore, Bobbye Chapman, Terry Chapman

•**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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