

**January 19, 2020**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Ross Shackelford

**Song Leader**

John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**

Ricky Cissom

**Opening Prayer**

James Pilgrim (A.M.)

Jeff Roberson(P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Andy Reese (A.M.)

Keith Newby (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

J C Newby (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Bobby Bridges, Michiel Criswell

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman & Danny Shackelford

**Prepare Communion**

Ruby & Christy Jones

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Keith Newby (01/22/20)

**OUR RECORD**

**January 12, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 132

Sunday Evening Worship: 110

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 105

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,345

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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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## Careful Where You Pitch Your Tent By Edd Sterchi

Abraham's nephew Lot is a very interesting study in many areas. One of those areas can show us how sin can work its evil in our lives. It can be seen in the various places Lot finds himself and how his condition worsens each time. You may remember that when Abraham gave him a choice of which way he and his herdsman would go, "Lot lifted his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere" and "chose for himself all the plain of Jordan" (Gen. 13:10-11).

From this point on, it is very interesting to note the places where Lot ends up. From them, we can learn the progressive and aggressive nature of temptation and sin.

First, we see Lot pitching his tent "toward Sodom" (Gen. 13:12, KJV). This meant that he set up camp in the direction of Sodom. Every day he went about his business, Sodom may well have been in sight, and Lot may have indeed been tempted to move ever closer toward Sodom's wickedness.

We next see Lot dwelling in Sodom (Gen. 14:12). By this time, Lot had moved into Sodom and was likely being influenced by the citizens' wickedness in even greater proportions, since he was living amongst them.

Finally, we see Lot sitting at the gate of Sodom (Gen. 19:1). No longer was he simply a resident of that wicked city, he was apparently a leader of it (or at least in association with the leaders). The city gates are where the elders and city officials sat and conducted business. While compared to Sodom's standards, Lot remained righteous (cf. 2 Pet. 2:7-8), the fact remains that by this time Lot had become quite influenced by evil. Else why would he call the Sodomites "brethren" (Gen. 19:7) or offer his daughters to be used sexually at the Sodomites' wildest whims (Gen. 19:8)?

I realize that some of what I have written is conjecture. We do not have all of the facts to know what was in Lot's intentions or heart. But I do know this: the closer we dwell to sin, the easier it becomes to commit sin. And remember this - it all begins with where you pitch your tent.

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren." (Jas. 1:14-16).

## **Bible Study is Eternally Important** **Doug Dingley**

I daresay that it is far more than likely, that just about every congregation of the Lord's church whose leadership has decided to give their members the opportunity to get together and study the Bible either before or after their Sunday worship assembly, encounters virtually the same phenomenon every Lord's Day: Bible class attendance numbers that are markedly less than that same Sunday's worship assembly attendance numbers. Why is that? (Now, obviously I am not talking here about those few folks in each congregation whose physical health limitations prevent them from being there and sitting through both – Matt. 26:41b.)

Destroyed for a lack of knowledge?  
Is it perhaps because some have come to the conclusion that worship assembly attendance is a requirement in order to get to heaven (which it is – Hebs. 10:23-31), but that taking advantage of every opportunity possible to study God's word and steadily grow in their faith after conversion, somehow isn't all that important? Does not the Bible itself show that being in a constant and consistent state of Bible study, whenever possible and wherever the opportunity is presented, will provide both incredible earthly as well as eternal blessings to those who do so – including helping to guarantee their entrance into heaven? It certainly does (2 Ptr. 1:2-11).

What else does the Bible say about the importance of taking consistent advantage of every opportunity one possibly can to study it?

God's O.T. people were commanded to do so constantly (Dt. 6:4-9).

God promised prosperity/success to those who did so (Josh. 1:8-9).

God's word is worth far more than anything else on earth (Ps. 19:7-11); therefore, isn't spending time within it, far more beneficial than time spent doing anything else in the world (Ps. 119; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)?

God's O.T. people were destroyed because of their lack of Biblical knowledge (Hos. 4:6-10; Matt. 13:14-15, 22:29) – and the Bible teaches that such destruction will not be limited to them alone (Matt. 7:21-27; Acts 17:30-31; Ro. 10:1-3).

In order to truly be His disciple, Jesus said one must "abide" ("take up residence," "live") in His word, and thus know the truth (Jn. 8:31-32).

Bible study is how we show we are approved of God (2 Tim. 2:15).

Yes, for all of these God-given reasons and more, it is easily seen that taking constant and continual advantage of every opportunity we possibly can to grow our faith through the study of God's word (Ro. 10:17) is vital to our eternal life. Please consider coming and growing in your faith as we study God's word together each Sunday and Wednesday as if your eternal life depended on it... because it does (2 Ptr. 3:14-18).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Chapman Ladies Bible Class**  
Thursday, January 16, 2020  
At 6:30PM

If a man say, I love God, and  
hateth his brother, he is a liar:  
for he that loveth not his brother  
whom he hath seen, how can he  
love God whom he hath not  
seen? And this commandment  
have we from him, That he who  
loveth God love his brother also.  
1 John 4:20-21 KJV

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## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Linda Vance(Larry Newby's Sister).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Sammie Pilgrim

•**HOSPITAL:** Josephine Chapman (TCH),

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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