

**January 22, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Johnny Cissom

Scripture Reading

Casey Harris

Opening Prayer

Tom Wade (A.M.) Palmer Jones (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

David Smith, Mason McAlister, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom and Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Angela Bridges and Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (01/25/2017)

OUR RECORD

January 15, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 113

Sunday Morning Worship:136

Sunday Evening Worship:106

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 110

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,640

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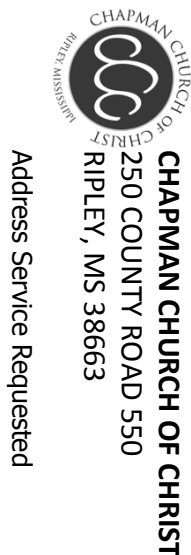
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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

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).



THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Where Does the Bible Condemn Gambling? by Wayne Jackson

Occasionally someone will ask, "Where does the Bible condemn gambling?" They would like a book, chapter, and verse that specifically mentions the practice. Like many other sins, gambling is not directly named in Scripture. It is nonetheless, condemned in principle numerous times.

1. Gambling is a violation of faithful stewardship. The Bible teaches that what we have belongs to the Lord and that it is entrusted to us for our stewardship.

Imagine leaving money to care for your children with a relative while you were away on a trip. How would you feel if your relative put the whole wad on Powerball Lotto tickets? The flippant person will say, "Great if he won!" But the reality is gambling empires are built on people losing, not winning.

To put at risk of loss our Father's money on games of chance is poor stewardship.

•1 Cor. 4:2

•Lk. 12:42

•1 Pet. 4:10

2. Gambling ignores the welfare of your neighbor.

Gambling ignores the law of love for one's neighbor. It is a zero-sum game. It is stealing by deception, because the loser, even though he grants permission never anticipates losing.

Love for other people means acting in their best interest even when they do not.

•Matt. 22:39

•Rom. 13:10

•1 Cor. 10:24

3. Gambling is dishonest.

Gambling violates the principle of doing honest work for one's bread. It places your prosperity in the hands of Lady Luck, rather than a fair exchange of value for value. Lady Luck owes you nothing!

•2 Thes. 3:10

4. Gambling enslaves.

Gambling is highly addictive. According to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, 15 to 20 million adults and adolescents have either problem or pathological gambling addictions, which is about 5-7 percent of the U.S. population.

"If you take 15 million people and place them in average-sized NFL Football stadiums that hold about 70,000 people, you could fill approximately 214 stadiums to capacity with problem and pathological gamblers in the U.S. alone!" (CitizenLink.com)

•1 Cor. 6:12

•Gal. 5:23

5. Gambling sets an evil example.

How many parents who truly love their children would want them to experience the negative consequences of gambling addiction? Your influence on others either makes this world a better place, or it leads your friends and neighbors farther away from Christ.

- Rom. 12:17;
- 1 Tim. 4:12; 5:14;
- 2 Pet. 2:2.

6. Gambling is often a gateway to crime.

Gambling is the frequent companion with other vices, e.g., stealing, drugs, prostitution.

7. Gambling destroys families.

Gambling is the destroyer of numerous homes. It takes food, clothing, and medical care from wives and children.

- 1 Tim. 5:8

8. Gambling destroys the soul.

Gambling is the enemy of mental peace. It brings fear and anxiety. It creates an obsession with money that consumes the gambler. The suicide rate among gamblers is very high.

Let every person who wishes to honor God and respect his neighbor avoid this noxious habit altogether.

**"ONE-TALENT LAMENT"
(MATTHEW 25:14-30)**

by Dalton Key

I'm just someone to pity, Lord
A poor, one-talent soul;
My fears and doubts took hold of me,
And so I dug a hole.

The talent that you gave to me,
I hid beneath the earth;
You know I've not what others have,
I've not but dirt and dearth.

Those with more should bear the load,
And put their gifts to work!
But me – a poor, one-talent soul?
I've every cause to shirk!

My little matters little Lord,
There's not much I can do;
I think I'll sit and rest my bones,
I've dug my hole – I'm through!

What's that? You say I'm wicked, Lord?
A slothful servant, too?
You're taking what I have away?
Now what am I to do?

Forgive me, Lord! And give me strength,
To use what'ere I've got;
To focus on your will for me,
And not on what I've not.

BAPTISM: We rejoice with Devin McVey as he made the decision to be baptized on Thursday night of last week. Let's all be encouraging to him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**LADS TO LEADERS
PHOTOS NEEDED**
If you have any photos from any Chapman Events – please get to Karen Yancey. Need for Lads To Leaders Scrapbook.

5th Sunday - January 29th
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

PROGRAMS OF WORK
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Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful (1 Corinthians 4:2).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Charles Leonard.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Danny Shackelford, Eli Carter, Bo & Mikayla Chapman, Janie Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall, Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655. Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer.

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