



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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RIPLEY, MS 38663

January 31, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Danny Shackelford

Sunday Song Leader
John Hopper

Wednesday Song Leader
Brock Lindley (02.03.21)

Scripture Reading
Keith Newby

Opening Prayer
Chris Moore (AM)
Young Men (PM)

Closing Prayer
Reed Shackelford (AM)
Young Men (PM)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Ricky Loveless

Communion
J C Newby

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

January 24, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 68
Sunday Morning Worship: 88
Sunday Evening Worship: 73
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 72
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: NA

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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

STEPHEN AND CANCEL CULTURE Mark Lindley

Stephen was a man of tremendous courage who preached God's Word with great boldness. On the occasion of Acts chapter 7, Stephen preached that he saw the heavens opened and Jesus standing at the right hand of God (Acts 7:56). In the audience that day were unbelieving Jews who rejected Christ. When they heard Stephen preach Christ, they were enraged and "stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord, and cast him out of the city, and stoned him" (Acts 7:57-58). Notice from this text that the Jews "stopped their ears." They refused to listen to what Stephen preached. Rather than listening, they stoned to death an innocent, godly man.

We live in a time when some refuse to hear any opposing view. Rather than granting others freedom to express opposing views, the culture "cancels" them. "Canceling" often involves some type of punishment against those—mostly conservative—who attempt to express controversial views. One may lose business, be fired, or publicly shamed if one dares to share an opposing viewpoint. Much like the unbelieving Jews "stopped their ears," some "stop their ears today" and cancel all opposing views.

However, the unbelieving Jews who stoned God's faithful preacher, Stephen, did not change the truth about Jesus. They refused to listen, even stopping their ears, but their rejection of Stephen's message did not change the truthfulness of the message.

Likewise, refusing to listen to opposing views today will not change the truth. Refusing to listen to the pro-life position that abortion is taking innocent, human life, does not change the truth about abortion. Silencing the voices of those who oppose homosexuality, does not change the truth that homosexuality is a perversion of God's plan for human sexuality (Leviticus 18:22; I Corinthians 6:9-10). "Canceling" those who affirm that there are only "two" genders, male and female, does not change the truth that being transgender is a distortion of God's original plan (Genesis 1:26-27).

Christians must always speak with love and compassion for others (Ephesians 4:15). However, if ever there was a time when bold, brave, Christian voices were needed, that time is now! "And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word" (Acts 4:29).

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands.

² Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

³ Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

Assumptions: Some Do's and Don'ts By Lance Cordle

You can safely assume:

- That God loves you (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).
- That the price of your sins was paid by Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- That your past sins were washed away— forgiven—at your baptism (Acts 22:16; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).
- That you can be faithful to God (Revelation 2:10).
- That, during your faithful walk with God, your sins are being cleansed by the blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7).
- That the kingdom of God will never be destroyed (Daniel 2:44; Matthew 16:18).
- That Satan will ultimately be punished, since he has already been defeated (Luke 10:18; John 12:31; Revelation 20:10).
- That heaven and your experience there will be greater than anything you can imagine (Romans 8:18; Revelation 21:4).

On the other hand, you should never assume:

- That God cannot/will not forgive you (Romans 5:8; Hebrews 8:12).
- That you know exactly what someone is thinking (1 Corinthians 2:11).
- That you know the motive behind an act of someone toward you or someone else (Matthew 7:1; John 7:24).
- That you know everything (Romans 11:33).
- That you will never fall from grace (1 Corinthians 10:12; Galatians 5:4).
- That all your companions and loved ones will be faithful just because of their association with you (Romans 14:12; 2 Corinthians 5:10).
- That you will be saved just because you come from a strong family or attend a faithful church (Philippians 2:12, 13).
- That you will win before you even fight the battle, or run the race (1 Kings 20:11; 1 Corinthians 9:24).
- That something is right because you have always thought it was (Acts 26:9; 1 Timothy 1:12, 13).

Attendance By Rob Albright

Attending Bible classes and worship assemblies is vital for our spiritual growth. But it is also a time when we are encouraging one another. So, we come together not just for our own benefit, but for the purpose of building up one another. If you are not meeting together you are missing the opportunity to encourage others, as well as missing the opportunity to grow spiritually.

The inspired writer of Hebrews recognizes the dual purpose of glorifying God and encouraging one another in our assemblies. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." [ESV]

We need to be attending Bible classes and worship assemblies to become disciples who grow to be more like Jesus and honor the One who saves us. But, let's not be selfish and forget that our presence in the classes and assemblies is also a time we can help others. As you begin the New Year of 2020 why not make it a priority and commitment to meet regularly for classes and worship assemblies? Think seriously about improving our attendance pattern. May each of us take thought and try to improve our presence and involvement for the glory of God and concern for one another.

CHAPMAN SERVICES:

*Teen & Child Classes suspended until Feb. 7th.
Adult classes and service times remain the same. Bible Class in Auditorium*

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Burrah Stubblefield. (Father of Terry Stubblefield).

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

•**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

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