

**February 5, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Casey Harris

**Opening Prayer**

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Blair Chapman (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Eli Carter (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

John Hopper (Presiding),

Ross Shackelford, Brock Lindley, Palmer Jones

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges

Devin McVey

**Prepare Communion**

Connie & Bryana Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Jack Harris 02/08/17

**OUR RECORD**

January 29, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 117

Sunday Morning Worship: 144

Sunday Evening Worship: 114

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,647

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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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**ELDERS:** Barrett Chapman, Jarvene Shackelford,  
Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis, Rickey  
Loveless, Brad McAlister, Joel Moore,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## Think Before You Like Brad Harrub

Twenty-five years ago, there was a phrase that was familiar to most New Testament Christians: “bringing reproach upon the church.” A person who was caught publically intoxicated or caught having a marital affair brought shame upon the church, as well as themselves. Christians committing a public sin were expected to go forward at their local congregation and ask for the forgiveness of the congregation. After all, that person represented all the Christians in that particular community.

Fast-forward twenty-five years and that particular phrase has been cast on top of an antiquated heap of words that are not used very often. Most young people today have probably never heard that phrase used in the Lord’s invitation.

But the situation remains: New Testament Christians can bring reproach upon the church by their very actions. And sadly, for many Christian young people, this reproach is just one click away.

Want a modern-day example? How about when a Christian “likes” or “retweets” someone’s post that contains profanity or immodesty? Sure, the Christian was not the originator of the post, but their “like” or “retweet” has now brought it before the eyes of their friends and family—and sadly, it now bears the Christian’s stamp of approval.

There are two problems with this situation. First, and probably most critical, is a heart problem. What you “like” displays a window into your heart. Why would a Christian young person today be “liking” a post or meme that contains profanity, vulgar slang, or indecent language? Or why would they retweet or like an image of someone scantily clad? These are not things that a person seeking to be more Christ-like would be doing. These are symptoms of someone who has fallen comfortable being in the world. This is someone who has not put on the new man, and has forgotten what it was that put Jesus on the cross.

Second, this individual has forgotten that they represent the church to many of their friends or coworkers. They are “Christians” in the eyes of classmates or coworkers. And so those lost in sin look at this behavior and never feel any conviction about their own sin. They look at this Christian and feel comfortable—because after all, they are not much different from one another.

Friends, it matters what you “like” or “retweet” on social media. It matters what your friends think you are putting your stamp of approval on. Christ died for His bride, the church. When you click that “like” button you are a representative for His bride. Don’t take your job too lightly. And don’t “like” something that crucifies Him afresh. Be careful what you decide to represent by a “like” or “retweet”.

**"SELFISH FORGIVENESS**  
by Dalton Key

Scientific findings have recently confirmed what we Christians have known all along. An unforgiving, grudge-holding spirit is not in our best interest. According to a report heralded by Newsweek, more than 1,200 published studies have now been conducted on the subject and the results are both consistent and conclusive: ". . . increased blood pressure and hormonal changes – linked to cardiovascular disease, immune suppression and, possibly, impaired neurological function and memory" are the "specific physiologic consequences" of unforgiveness.

One researcher, Everett Worthington, uses language even I can understand: "It happens down the line, but every time you feel un-forgiveness, you are more likely to develop a health problem." Dr. Dean Ornish goes even further. "In a way," he says, "the most selfish thing you can do for yourself is to forgive other people."

It seems the Bible has been right all along: "Blessed are the merciful..." (Matthew 5:7.) "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32.) "Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye." (Colossians 3:13.) "For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive your trespasses." (Matthew 6:14,15.)

I once heard of an epitaph engraved upon the headstone of an unkempt, long-forgotten grave which read, "Died of Grudgitis." No doubt many death certificates could accurately list "grudgitis" as contributing cause of death. Have you ever heard someone snarl, through clenched teeth, "I'll get even with them if it's the last thing I ever do"? Too often it is.

**The Attitude Factor**  
By Joe Chesser

This is the time of year when the wind chill factor is important. Most of the time wind chills are merely a nuisance. We have to hold our coats tighter. We put scarves around our faces. We dart more quickly into and out of cars and houses and stores. But there are times, especially in the northern states, when knowing the wind chill factor can be a matter of survival. The cold and the wind can be deadly.

In the summertime it's just the opposite. We welcome the effects of the wind blowing in the summer heat. Without even a gentle breeze, the summer heat, especially in the southern states, can be stifling. How pleasant it is when you are hot and sweaty from working outside in the summer to feel the coolness on your skin that a gentle breeze brings.

In both of these cases, what the wind does is to take what is naturally present, the temperature, and turn it into something either helpful or harmful. The temperatures don't change; just the way the temperatures feel changes. In the winter, the temperature feels worse; in the summer the temperature feels better.

Our attitudes work in a very similar way on the natural circumstances surrounding us. Our attitudes can make any situation feel better or feel worse. The circumstances may be unchangeable, but the way we view them or react to them is entirely dependent on us. A good attitude "blowing" on bad circumstances can make them much better, while a bad attitude "blowing" on the same set of circumstances can make them seem much worse.

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones" (Prov. 17:22). We all know how much our attitudes affect our physical health. In a much greater way, our attitudes affect our spiritual health. In fact, our attitudes affect everything in our lives. How much more pleasant would driving be without road rage? How much happier would our homes be if there were no griping and complaining? How much more Christ-like would our churches be if we didn't take every opportunity to be offended? How much better could we handle disasters and setbacks if we had the attitude of Christ?

Jesus came to earth to make it possible for our sins to be forgiven. He also came to show us how to live transformed lives. He didn't come to make the world a better place to live, but to help us live better in the world around us. A part of His plan included changing our attitudes for the better.

Here are some scriptures that can help you have a better attitude: Rom. 12:2; Phil.1:27-28; 2:3-5, 14; 4:4, 6-7, 8-9, 13; Col. 3:17, 23; Hab. 3:17-18.

**BAPTISM:** We rejoice with **Taylor Staggs** as she made the decision to be baptized on Wednesday night of last week. Let's all be encouraging to her.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**February 5, 2017**  
**Chapman Singing:**  
Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home  
at 2 PM  
&  
**Visitation Group:**  
Will meet Sunday Night after services  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Bring finger food or desserts

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

- SICK SUNDAY:** Janie Chapman
- HOSPITAL:** Leland Ralph, Sandra Ford (TCH)
- SURGERY:** Helen Chapman (Alison Wade's Mother)
- SURGERY RECOVERY:** John Luke Hopper
- EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.
- CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, 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*).