

February 5, 2023

**Announcements**  
Dale Vandygriff

**Song Leader**  
John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**  
Bobby Bridges

**Opening Prayer**  
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)  
Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Bo Chapman (A.M.)  
Bryan Davis (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Tim McMillin

**Count and Usher**  
Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Mason McAlister (2/08/23)

### OUR RECORD

**January 29, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 84  
Sunday Morning Worship: 107  
Sunday Evening Worship 68  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 74

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper, Rickey  
Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## TWO LOST DOGS AND TWO PEOPLE

James Pilgrim

The McMillin's two dogs recently got out of their fence. One was found after a week; the other remained lost for some two (2) weeks. Many hours were spent in looking for them. There were searches through electronic means, which led to their being found and reclaimed. Many others kept their eyes peeled looking for them. Many miles were put on vehicles looking for the dogs. **They were lost!**

This story reminds us of a number of spiritual lessons. First, we must not forget that there are many **lost people** around us. "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23). A parable in Luke 15 reminds one of this. There was the parable of the lost sheep which was sought **until** it was found. (15:3-7).

Jesus asked, "what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not **light** a candle, and **sweep** the house, and **seek diligently** till she find it?" (15:8-10, emphasis mine, JP). Lastly, the lost son, whom we call the prodigal son, returned home, was found (15: 11-32, especially verse 24). Each of these brought great joy. (15:5-7, 9, 10, 20-24, 27, 29, 31, 32). Whom do I know who is lost: Spouse, father, mother, son, daughter, other relative, neighbor, fellow-worker, schoolmate, others? What am I doing to find (save) them?

Second, many looked diligently for these two dogs. Do we get as excited and concerned in looking for lost people? Are we looking for lost people? We do not have to look far!

Thirdly, if the dogs had never been found, found mangled, or even dead it would have been sad. However, lost ones who are never found (saved) "shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation.21:8). Those who have studied know the final abode of all. (John 5:28, 29). "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men;..." (2 Corinthians 5:11). Knowing "the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering;...knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?" (Romans 2:4), let us teach others, saving them eternally, and not allowing them to be lost.

Fourth, is a man, woman, boy or girl less important than an animal. **LOOK** at your friends, even casual acquaintances. Do not just see them. Look at them, and ask yourself, What am I doing to find this person? Am **I** a Christian? Do I set a **Christian Example?** Where will this

person go after this life because of **me?** **LOOK FOR SOMEONE TODAY!**

## IS IT POSSIBLE TO RECEIVE DIRECT REVELATIONS TODAY?

Neal Pollard

A letter dated January 17, 2013, and addressed to me at the church's address arrived a few days ago. It was from a woman pastor who works with a "charismatic" church just east of Denver. It purported to be a message dictated to her from Jesus. The message was for His "servants throughout this city" and it said, "All you who cry out for revival, All you who are waiting for the move of God; I have prepared my servant, I have prepared my holy warriors, I have released them to bring revival to this city, open the doors of your church to my chosen ones, so that I may bless you through them, and grant you the revival you have been crying for." She assured me (and the other recipients?) that at this revival there would be "Open heavens, deliverance, healings, opening of spiritual eyes, baptism of Holy Spirit and fire, outpouring of spiritual gifts and much more." As I do not receive many letters like this, I found this correspondence quite noteworthy.

The question is, "Could this be true?" Could this very ardent and sincere woman have received such a revelation? If so, I am troubled by the implications. Going to their website, I saw teaching about salvation ("sinner's prayer"), the end of time (premillennialism), worship ("holy dance"), women's role (multiple women preachers) and demon possession that contradict revealed Scripture. If Jesus was behind what she and her church claims He is, then the situation exists that He would be contradicting through people like these what He taught through the apostles and prophets who wrote the New Testament. Ironically, the web site prominently features a passage from near the end of the Bible which says, "Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints" (Jude 3). Jude declared "the faith" (objective, not subjective) handed down "once for all." What does that mean? The faith was handed down once, not continuously or progressively. The faith was handed down for all, not just the saints of the first-century.

When people claim receiving direct messages and revelation from Christ, they face two insurmountable problems. The first is confirming the message with miracles, wonders, and signs, since the miraculous age ceased. The second is pitting God against Himself, by having Him tell us in the Bible that it (the Bible) is His complete guide for man (cf. 2 Peter 1:3; Gal. 1:6-9) and then sending messages in addition to it. Not doubting the lady's sincerity, I still dispute her claim. May we be content to faithfully receive God's Word and actively live it. Alleged additional revelations today are impossible in light of the fact that God chose to limit Himself to that message "once for all handed down to the saints."

## Things No One Ever Said

*On death's doorstep, many statements will be made. The following will not be among them.*

"I went to church too often."

"Pornography made me a better man."

"I encouraged people too much."

"I hated it when my husband would bring home flowers."

"I loved my teenage daughter enough to let her dress just like all the other girls at her school."

"Budweiser saved my marriage."

"I spent too much time talking about the Bible with my kids."

"I'm really glad I didn't discipline my children."

"I should have prayed less."

"I'm really thankful for the overtime I spent at work instead of with my family."

-Author Unknown

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**YOUTH NIGHT**  
**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup> at 5PM**  
Meal will follow.

**GOSPEL MEETING**  
**MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
Sunday meal following AM service.  
PM Service at 1:30PM

**SPRING BRING – APRIL 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
Meal following AM service.  
PM Service at 1:30PM

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY - APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
Meal following AM service.  
PM Service at 1:30PM

**YOUTH NIGHT**  
**MAY 28<sup>TH</sup> at 5PM**  
Meal will follow.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> – 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – JULY 30<sup>TH</sup>**  
Meal following AM service.  
PM Service at 1:30PM

**LECTURESHIP – OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup>**  
Meal following Sunday AM service.  
PM Service at 1:30PM

**TRUNK OR TREAT – OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**

**5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
No Meal since Trunk or Treat.  
PM Service at 2PM

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Bobby Chapman, Brenda Shackelford, Gene Yancey, Debbie Chapman, Amy Staggs, Keith Newby

**HAVING SURGERY:** Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood, Karen Yancey, Billy McBryde, Hannah Perry & Baby

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Theo Smith, Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman

**CANCER:** George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law/Going to MD Anderson 2/8), Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** Tippah County Health & Rehab: Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis Resthaven: Johnnie Carpenter

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