

**March 5, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Chase Chapman

**Opening Prayer**

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Barrett Chapman (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Blair Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Gene Yancey (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Keith Newby, Joel Moore

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Loveless & Tom Wade

**Prepare Communion**

Rita Smith & Lauren Carter

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

John Hopper (03/08/17)

**OUR RECORD**

February 26, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 131

Sunday Evening Worship: 114

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 107

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,666

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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

## "FAST-FORWARD" by Dalton Key

Before his election as our twentieth United States President, James A. Garfield, was a well-known gospel preacher and educator. He had also been another kind of president; president of an institution known as Hiram College. The story is told of one man who brought his son to Garfield for entrance into the college with the following request: "The boy can never take in all you have to offer. He wants to get through quicker.

Can you arrange it for him?" "Oh yes," answered Garfield, "He can take a short course. It all depends on what you want to make of him. When God wants to make an oak tree he takes a hundred years. He only requires two months to grow a squash."

While patience is no doubt a valuable virtue, many of us have a long way to go before realizing such through personal experience. Waiting will have to wait. We want what we want and we want it now!

Young people expect the financial success their parents spent a lifetime together in building by the time they get back from their credit-financed honeymoon. The children soon born are expected to navigate the world of adulthood by the time they reach middle-school. And whatever problems surface along the way are expected to be solved just like they are on television – conveniently and effortlessly, and in the short span of time sandwiched between fast-forwarded commercials.

But life does not always imitate art. And what we want is not always what we get. Instant coffee and instant potatoes are as close as the kitchen pantry; instant solutions are a bit harder to come by.

Arnold Glasgow had the right idea in observing, "You get the chicken by hatching the egg, not by smashing it."

As we, God's children, "run with patience the race that is set before us" (Hebrews 12:1), may we never forget that some things (and yes, often those matters most important in life) simply will not be rushed.

## What's Needed in Syria David Sproule

We are hearing a lot about Syria in the news these days, and none of it is good. What is happening in Syria is very serious! Here is a nation that has been engaged in a horrific civil war for more than five years, which has claimed the lives of more than 250,000 people. Whatever the cause of this violence and however it might be reported, it ought to arrest our attention to hear of that many souls being killed!

But, I want you to know that I have the solution! Now, I'm not a diplomat or a politician or a military strategist or a sociologist, but I know exactly what is needed in Syria to bring an abrupt end to the vicious brutality that has caused millions to flee for their lives. Here's the short of it: If "Syria" today could have what "Syria" of 2,000 years ago had, things would be much different!

Syria needs the fame of Jesus! At the end of Matthew 4, Jesus was making His way through northern Palestine, "teaching...preaching the gospel...and healing" (4:23). "Then His fame went throughout all Syria" (4:24). Other translations say, "The news about Him spread" (NASB); "And the report of him went forth into all Syria" (ASV). The only sure, proven and long-term solution for peace is the good news about Jesus and His kingdom.

Isaiah prophesied of nations beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks (Isa. 2:2-4). Syria needs the good news of Jesus Christ!

Syria needs strong churches! As Paul began his second missionary journey from Antioch of Syria, "he went through Syria...strengthening the churches" (Acts 15:41). These congregations had already been established and were growing, but they needed further encouragement to stay true to the Lord and to fight against the wiles of the devil. A strong church can influence a whole community for good. Syria needs faithful and fervent congregations!

Syria needs servant-hearted Christians! On his way to Jerusalem, at the end of his third missionary journey, Paul "sailed to Syria...And finding disciples, we stayed there seven days" (Acts 21:3-4). Paul stayed in some hospitable Christian's home for seven days. When he left, "they all accompanied us, with wives and children, till we were out of the city," which was a common send-off of God speed. "We knelt down on the shore and prayed...and they returned home" (21:5-6). These brethren served Paul's every need. Syria needs servants of Christ!

The situation in Syria could turn around instantly if the good news of Jesus could be spread by strong churches made up of servant-hearted Christians! Actually, the situation in America could turn around instantly and the situation in our homes could turn around instantly by the same process!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 5, 2017**  
**Chapman Singing:**  
Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM  
&  
**Visitation Group:**  
Will NOT meet.

### CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING

**March 19 – 22, 2017**

**B J Clarke,**

**Memphis School of Preaching**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study**

**10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:**

*Fellowship Meal to Follow*

**7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening:**

**"AREA-WIDE YOUTH NIGHT"**

*Mr. Clark will focus on our youth &  
Fellowship Meal to Follow*

**7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday  
Evening**

**CHAPMAN SPRING BRING  
Sunday, April 23rd**

#### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Connie Koon, Joan Berryman, Morgan Dees & Boys, Chap Moore, Gene & Haley Yancey, Kirsten Fitzgerald (bed rest)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette & Faye Montgomery (Mildred Shackelford's Sisters), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Rodney Hilliard, Dwight Ward, 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), 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*).