



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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March 7, 2021
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Kevin Shackelford

Sunday Song Leader
John Hopper

Wednesday Song Leader
J C Newby (03/10/21)

Scripture Reading
Eli Carter

Opening Prayer
Terry Chapman (AM)
Chris Moore (PM)

Closing Prayer
Bobby Bridges (AM)
James Pilgrim (PM)

Count and Usher
Michiel Criswell & Bryan Davis

Communion
Tommy Wade

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

February 28, 2021

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

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

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Psalm 27—A Message in Life By Ron Thomas

1. Life is in need of Courage. Some men prepare themselves for the battle ahead mustering up courage to engage. For some, try as they might, it does not come easy. The battle is engaged, they learn they had more within than they realized. Some Christians wonder about themselves when they face the enemy. Commitment to the Lord means they are better prepared than they realize.

2. Life is in need of Shelter. The battle is over, the scars are impressed on the body and the mind. Lives are changed, sometimes not for the better. What to do? Stay within oneself, seeking only self-consolation. Better still, turn to the Lord, though one does not understand, there is understanding in the Lord. "O that I may dwell in the house of the Lord forever." It is there that I find the only relief that is long lasting.

3. Life is a great Teacher. The battle has been fought, the scars have made an impression, now how do I learn from these experiences to be a better person? So many appeal to the Lord, but after the Lord has spoken, the Lord is not heard. To be a better person, the Lord has to be THE teacher. There are experiences in life that are great teaching moments, but what about the teachings moments that take us from this life to the next? Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (Matt. 11:28-30, ASV).

4. Life's Exhortation. You are prepared; you enjoy life and try to be a person of joy to others around you. You have been taught by the Lord, so you try to teach others. Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord (Psa. 27:14, KJV).

Constants in a Changing World By David A. Sargent

“The only constant in life is change.” – Heraclitus, ancient Greek philosopher
Who could have ever imagined the changes that COVID-19 and the pandemic have brought into our lives? One wonders what additional changes lay ahead. Living in a constant state of change, it is good to be reminded of some things that do not change.

God is still God. "For I am the LORD, I do not change" (Malachi 3:6). The psalmist praised God saying: "Of old You laid the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You will endure; Yes, they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will change them, And they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will have no end" (Psalm 102:25-27). God is still God and is infinite in all of His attributes such as holiness, omnipotence, omniscience, omnipresence, and love.

Sin is still the world's greatest problem. COVID-19 is a terrible problem in the world today, but it is not the greatest problem. Sin is the greatest problem because it separates us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and dooms one to eternal destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

The Gospel still saves. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

The Gospel ("good news") is that although every person has sinned and falls short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23), God loves each and every one of us and wants to save us from sin (1 Timothy 2:4). He loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4).

God will save those who obey the Gospel by placing their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and by being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Heaven awaits the faithful child of God. An eternity in heaven where "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away" (Revelation 21:4), is God's promised inheritance to His faithful children (Romans 8:15-18). Please remember: earth is not heaven, so we cannot expect heaven on earth. Christians, however, can look forward to "an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for" them (1 Peter 1:3-4).

In a world that is ever-changing, it's good to hang on to those things that do not change. God invites each of us to cling to Him and trust His promises. What God has promised, He is able to perform (Romans 4:20-21).

Won't YOU cling to the Rock which shall not be moved through your trusting obedience?

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

“New Great-Grandbabies”

Bobbie Chapman:

Anna-Blaire McElyea
February 24, 2021
7 pounds and 14 ounces

Joy & Larry Simmons:

Charli Klaire Rinehart
February 26, 2021
6 pounds and 3 ounces

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sharon Graves (Michael Gowdy's Sister) and Kay Thompson.

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

Jeff & Kelly Brewer had a house fire. Please keep this family in your prayers.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ola Wade

•**HOSPITAL:** Treva Lewellen

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Jill Loveless, Pat Wade

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Mitch Fowler (Kevin Shackelford's co-worker), 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

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663)

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