

**March 12, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

J C Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Chance Criswell

**Opening Prayer**

Danny Shackelford (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) John Hopper (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**

Mason McAlister (03/015/17)

**OUR RECORD**

March 5, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 141

Sunday Evening Worship: 102

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 90

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,991

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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

## “NOT SAVED BY WORKS”

**Mark Lindley**

The Bible teaches that the foundation of salvation is the grace of God. Grace is often defined as “the unmerited favor of God.” There is nothing one can do to earn grace or merit salvation from sin. The Scriptures teach that sinners are saved by “grace through faith” (Ephesians 2:8), and that eternal life is a “gift” from God (Romans 6:23).

However, some interpret such verses to mean that there is “nothing” one must do to be saved, and that any “work” a man might attempt to do to be saved cancels out grace. Is this true? Does a sinner have to “do” anything to receive the forgiveness of sins?

It is interesting that those who preach the loudest that there is “nothing” one must do to be saved, frequently tell sinners what they must “do” to be saved. While preaching there is “nothing” one must do, many often say, “The only thing you have to ‘do’ is believe.” They might even continue by preaching that a sinner must “receive Jesus,” “believe on the Lord,” “call on the name of the Lord,” “trust the Lord as your personal Savior,” “say the Sinner’s Prayer,” “confess Jesus as Lord,” “repent and turn to Jesus” and/or other things one must “do.”

The inconsistency of such a doctrine is easily observed. Think about this statement: “You don’t have to do anything to be saved, the only thing you have to do is....” Now, regardless of what is said next, the speaker has contradicted himself. On the one hand, he has said that there is nothing one must do, but then he proceeds to tell his audience what sinners must “do”!

The confusion results from an attempt to avoid the command to be baptized. In the minds of some, it seems the only “work” is baptism. Some preachers do not recognize believing, repenting, confessing, saying the Sinner’s Prayer, receiving Jesus or a hundred other things as works. It seems, to them, that only “baptism” is a work.

The truth is that sinners must “do” something to be saved. Even those who insist there is nothing to “do” contradict themselves by telling sinners to believe. Jesus identified belief as a work: “Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent” (John 6:28-29). Notice that Jesus applied the term “work” to “believe.”

It is rather ironic that baptism is never even referred to in the Bible as a “work.” Yet, it seems that some are determined to label it a “work of man’s righteousness” and discard it from the plan of salvation.

Either a sinner must meet conditions to be saved or not. If a sinner must meet conditions—and essentially all agree that conditions must be met—then, it stands to reason that sinners must meet “all” conditions, including baptism. Let us be consistent! “Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16).

## Are We Bringing Our Children Up or Down?

Allen Webster

### Rules for Bringing Up a Child:

1. Make home the brightest and most attractive place we can.
2. Make him responsible for helping in some daily duties at home.
3. Never punish in anger nor to relieve our own feelings, but only in love and for disobedience.
4. Do not ridicule his ideas; talk frankly on matters in which he is interested.
5. Encourage him to invite friends to our home and table.
6. Impress on his mind the fact that service and honesty are more important than making money.
7. Live Christ before him so you will be able to talk of Christ to him.
8. Let him see your enjoyment and profit from Bible reading and prayer.
9. Set an example in faithful church attendance and interest in the work.
10. Be much in prayer for his salvation and spiritual growth.

### Rules for Bringing Down a Child:

1. Let him have plenty of money to spend as he likes.
2. Permit him to choose his companions without restraint or guidance.
3. Let him spend Sunday hours on the street or with companions with low ideals as to the Lord's day.
4. Allow him to go out at night as he pleases and return when he gets ready.
5. Make no inquiry as to where and with whom he spends his leisure time.
6. Teach him to expect pay for all help at home and for all service to others.
7. Allow him to think that good manners are a good substitute for good morals.
8. Do not trouble to interest him in the Bible or to win him to Christ.
9. Let him see that you think church attendance is not important.
10. Never let him hear you pray, especially for his salvation.

**“Bring them UP in the nurture and admonition of the Lord” Ephesians 6:4**

## What Would've Happened If ...

By Gary Knuckles

...Noah had decided not to build the ark to the saving of his family? Would his family have been saved or would they have perished in the flood?

...Abraham just didn't "feel like" leaving Ur with his family? Would he have become the "father of many nations"?

...Moses had decided that leading the children of Israel out of Egypt was going to be too big a job for him to handle? Would he have gone back to the "pleasures of sin"?

...Elijah had not challenged the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel? Would he have been considered a faithful prophet of God?

...Naaman had not followed Elisha's instructions to dip seven times in Jordan? Would he have been healed of his leprosy?

...Paul had resisted the call of God to be an apostle? How long would it have taken to get the gospel "into all of the world"?

...21st Century Christians refused to get involved in the work of the church? Would anything ever get done? Would our children grow up to be strong Christians taking their place in the leadership and work of the church? Would the gospel be taken into local communities so the lost could believe and obey?

One of the leading factors in the success or failure of any congregation is the level of membership involvement. We cannot put the burden of work on the elders, deacons, preacher or Bible School teachers. We cannot sit back and believe that "someone else will do it". If the church is to grow, mature, gain strength, and be strong in the future, all of us **MUST** be involved in its work.

What would happen if...the work of the church depended solely on you?

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
**Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 6:30PM**

**CHAPMAN DOOR KNOCKING**  
**Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Frankie Beard (Grandmother of Winston Smith).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Connie Koon, Joan, Jimmy and Thad Berryman, Kirsten Fitzgerald (bed rest)

•**SURGERY:** Susan Yancey (Shoulder)

•**TEST:** Tracey Gross

•**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 (Hospice), 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*).