

**March 19, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Palmer Jones

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Andy Reese (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Brock Lindley (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

Keith Newby (03/22/17)

OUR RECORD

March 12, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 121

Sunday Morning Worship: 127

Sunday Evening Worship: 104

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 118

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$2,988

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL:

Receive bulletin by e-mail notify us:

chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net

Also can view on our website:

chapmanchurch.com

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

Published Weekly by
Chapman Church of Christ
Ripley, Mississippi
(662) 837-7012
chapmanchurch.com

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

THINGS YOU WILL NEVER BE SORRY FOR

For telling the truth; For living a pure life; For your faith in Christ; For acknowledging your sins; For doing your best; For thinking before acting; For hearing before judging; For forgiving your enemies; For helping a fallen brother; For being loyal to the church; For standing by your principles; For being courteous and kind; For money given to the Lord's cause; For being honest in business.

_____ *via BulletinGold*

Chapman Church of Christ
Invites You
To Come & Hear

Bro. B.J. Clarke,
Director, Memphis School of Preaching

GOSPEL MEETING

March 19th – 22nd

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. Clarke will focus on our youth and we will have refreshments following services in the fellowship building. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening

How Do I Talk to My Friends about the Church? by: Todd Clippard

Allow me to suggest four ways to communicate effectively this vital Bible truth. This plan can be used to teach any "controversial" Bible truth.

Speak INTELLIGENTLY - This requires STUDY! "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim 2:15). May we never be guilty of misusing or misrepresenting God's Word. Speaking intelligently requires a knowledge of what to say, but it also includes knowing how to say it. Too many people have driven from the truth by well-meaning Christians either through poor attitudes or poor selection of words. Colossians 4:6 says, "Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, so that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." Jesus spoke in words the common man could understand (Mark 12:37). Use words that are easily understood and create an interest in learning more.

Speak INCREMENTALLY - Don't try to teach everything you know (or think you know) in one sitting. Sometimes in our zeal to teach, we overload our audience with too much information. Remember! Most of our friends have never considered the idea that denominationalism is anti-biblical and unacceptable to God! The "one church is as good as another" idea has been taught to them all their lives. Even Jesus practiced this principle. In John 16:12, He told the twelve, "I have many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." These men had been with Jesus, heard His teaching, and witnessed His miracles for three years, yet Jesus knew the limitations of their understanding. Paul writes similarly to the Corinthians in 1 Corinthians 11:34.

Speak ILLUSTRATIVELY - "A picture is worth a thousand words." The same is true in teaching. We all love to hear folks who can "spin yarns" and place you in the middle of their stories as if you were an invisible spectator.

Great teachers and preachers do the same. Consider Jesus' first recorded sermon in Matthew 5-7. Jesus pictured His audience as the light of the world and a city on a hill (5:13-16). Not coincidentally, He was on a mountain at the time. He illustrated the hypocrisy of the religious leaders (6:1-8) and the worthlessness of worry (6:25-34). He illustrated using hyperbole (an intended exaggeration - 7:1-5). He spoke of narrow and broad roads (7:13-14), of sheep and wolves figs and thistles (7:15-20), of firm and foundering foundations (7:21-27). In like fashion, the church is pictured in many ways. It is called a kingdom in Matthew 13, meaning it has a king, subjects, a law, and a boundary. In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul describes the church as a family (v 1), a field or vineyard (v 9), a building (vv 9-14), and as a temple (vv 16-17). All of these characteristics of the church can be explored individually.

Finally, speak INSISTENTLY - "Buy the truth and sell it not" (Prov 23:23). Do not compromise the truth. Where the Bible speaks definitively on a subject, we must be firm in our resolve concerning that truth. The Bible speaks clearly as to the number of churches having a scriptural right to exist . . . ONE! Jesus promised to build His church, not churches (Matt 16:18). On the day of Pentecost, the saved were added to the church (Acts 2:47). Ephesians 4:4 says there is one body. Earlier in that same epistle, Paul equated that body with the church (Eph 1:23). Later, in Ephesians 5:23-32, Paul uses 12 nouns and pronouns to describe the church . . . all of them singular. This settles the matter of how many churches Jesus built and how many existed in the New Testament.

We must not be ashamed to say what the Bible says on this or any other subject (Mark 8:38). Let us all prepare ourselves to speak as oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). Anything less is to do God and His

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN DOOR KNOCKING

Saturday, March 18th at 10:00 AM

If you are NOT able to attend Saturday – please pick up flyers/materials in the foyer and **INVITE** as many as you can!

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*

**Ladies: Bring Chips/Dip, Desserts or
Drinks. Pizza will be served.*

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday
Evening

CHAPMAN SPRING BRING
Sunday, April 23rd

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Rodney Hilliard and Kenneth Richardson.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Joan Berryman, Kirsten Fitzgerald (bed rest - twins)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Yancey (Shoulder)

•**SURGERY:** Declan Hill (Joy & Larry Simmons' Grandson)

•**TEST:** Tracey Gross

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, 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:** 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*).