



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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## March 21, 2021 ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements**  
Kevin Shackelford

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Brad McAlister

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
John Hopper (03/24/21)

**Scripture Reading**  
Ross Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**  
Mason McAlister (AM)  
John Hopper (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
Brock Lindley (AM)  
David Smith (PM)

**Count and Usher**  
Michiel Criswell & Bryan Davis

**Communion**  
Ricky Cissom

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

### OUR RECORD

**March 14, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study: 92  
Sunday Morning Worship: 108  
Sunday Evening Worship: 90  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 88  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: NA

### Chapman Challenger

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENCE NO 1**  
James Pilgrim

Recently, the writer made a purchase. He intended to pay for the purchase on his credit card. He mistakenly gave the cashier his driver's license. She handed it back to him, and said, "This is your driver's license." The card given and the one needed were two different cards. The card given might have been good for identification or to give to one in law enforcement, but not to purchase items. Both parties knew and accepted this.

It was not until the proper card was produced that the transaction was accepted. The same would have been true of other cards in the purchaser's possession. Each card would be good only for the purpose for which it was given. All understand this without disputations. An honest mistake did not change the situation.

The foregoing brought laughter, with the purchaser being a little embarrassed. Spiritual matters are a different matter. Many who understand the simple principle above are totally different when it comes to the word of God. For example, it matters what one says when studying the word of God. The truth, the word of God is what saves (John 17:17; 8:32; James 1:21), because it is the word of the living God that saves. (1 Timothy 1:1; 4:10; Hebrews 5:8, 9). The doctrines and commandments of men will not save. (Matthew 15:7-9). Peter was moved by the Holy Spirit to write (2 Peter 1:20, 21), "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God;...." (1 Peter 4:11). "Paul" (Galatians 1:1) "by the revelation of Jesus Christ" (Galatians 1:11, 12) told Timothy to "Preach the word." (2 Timothy 4:2).

## "DON'T BE A DEMAS!"

by Dalton Key

This was to be done under any and all circumstances to secure an abundant entrance into the heavenly kingdom. (2 Timothy 4:2-8; 2 Peter 1:11). The same apostle by the same authority told the "saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colossee" (Colossians 1:1, 2), "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17). In spite of these and many more admonitions, most religious teachers proclaim a message which says, "It doesn't make any difference what you believe, as long as one is honest and sincere." They use the wrong card, utilizing manuals, disciplines, catechisms, philosophical and/or political books, etc., to teach others, rather than a "thus saith the Lord." More next week, the Lord willing.

### TEXT ALERTS

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Like it or not, for the present, we must live within this world. Paul encourages us to "live soberly, righteously, and godly, *in this present world.*" (Titus 2:12.)

Though we are the people, the children, of God; and though our home is in heaven, we still, while in the flesh, must live as "strangers and pilgrims" in this foreign land. (1 Peter 2:11.) We are not angels, living above and apart from this sphere. Neither are we to live as monks or hermits, in recluse from the people and problems surrounding us. This world is not our home, but it is our temporary abode.

While we must live in this world physically, we must also determine to live beyond it spiritually. Our hope, our home, our treasures, our citizenship, our crown – these all concern heaven. (1 Peter 1:3,4; Matthew 6:19,20; Philippians 3:20, ASV; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.) We are married to Christ, not to the world. (Romans 7:4; Revelation 21:2.)

This world is both a challenge and a threat. What a challenge to think of the billions of souls in need of the saving gospel of Christ! Yet this world is a threat as it attempts to draw us to it, shaping us into its sordid, sinful mold.

Both God and Demas are said to have loved the world. (John 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:10.) God loved and loves the souls of the world's people; Demas fell in love with the world's seamier side. God sought to save the world; Demas, to become one with it. May we be followers, not of Demas, but of God.

## Sometimes Family Members are Wrong!

By Ron Thomas

As important as one's family is, sometimes family members are very wrong about others. Two examples: consider Jephthah. He was the son of his father Gilead, but to a woman not the mother of his siblings (Judges 11). When the children were grown, because Jephthah was not a "full-blooded" member of the family (i.e., having the same mother as they), they kicked him out and down the road (so to speak). Because he was thrust out from the family and on his own, he had to make his own way; he learned how to be a warrior. A portion of Israel was in trouble, the children of Ammon were beating down the door (if you will) and because Jephthah proved himself a man of valor, Jephthah was called to lead them in this difficult time. They judged him unacceptable, but then changed their minds when they were in a hard spot.

Second, David was the youngest son of Jesse, a devoted man to the Lord. David was a man of valor, but his older brothers did not see him the way the Lord did. David was a courageous man. On one notable occasion, when his older brothers fought for King Saul in the Israelite army, a huge man named Goliath called out Israel for a warrior to do battle. David asks about this and his older brother took exception to David's inquiry. Nevertheless, David steps forward during Goliath's mocking. In the end, David is victorious.

Sometimes families get things wrong. If they judge family members wrong, people they know well, how well will they judge things they don't know as well? If you have family members against you or who are not sure about you (including the church family), be reminded there were others before you. What should you do? Stay the course of righteousness, trust in the Lord and do not lean on your own understanding about how to navigate uncertainty. You will also be victorious.

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ola Wade, Treva Lewellen,

•**SURGERY :** Billy McBryde (Memphis)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY :** Braydon Mims – Montana Brown's Brother

•**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), 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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