



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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## March 28, 2021 ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Announcements**  
Kevin Shackelford

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Keith Newby

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
Tripp Yancey (03/31/21)

**Scripture Reading**  
Britt Lindley

**Opening Prayer**  
Randell Koon AM)  
Eli Carter (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
J C Newby (AM)  
Gene Yancey (PM)

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

**Communion**  
Wayne Vandygriff

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

### OUR RECORD

**March 21, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study: 87  
Sunday Morning Worship: 104  
Sunday Evening Worship: 80  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87  
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. 2 James Pilgrim

In the last installment it was shown that the card one gives to another makes a difference. All agree. It was also seen that in eternal matters most have an entirely different view, saying that it does not matter what one believes as long as there is honesty and sincerity. Is this true?

Today's world would certainly think it doesn't matter what one believes, UNLESS ONE DISAGREES WITH ONES RIGHT TO BELIEVE ANYTHING! Notice a few things that have changed in recent weeks, with some even becoming law.

Grace School in New York, operated by the Episcopal Church, is now telling their students to stop referring to parents as "mom" and "dad." Rather, the students are to refer to them as "grownups", "folks", "family" or "guardians."

Transgender people are now acceptable, with the current United States President signing a law by Executive Order, allowing one male-born to play on girl's teams.

Note: Some states have rejected this law. It is a national and state shame that it has come to this. The LSBGT movement has gained acceptance by many. Abortion (murder of babies during pregnancy, and after birth in some places) is considered by many to be acceptable. To say the least, many sit idly by while it occurs. The right of churches to "preach the word" (2 Timothy 4:2) is being threatened. Some feel like the requirement to wear masks, assemble, etc., are efforts to weaken if not destroy religious beliefs and practices. Many other things along this train of thought could be mentioned.

Do any of the things mentioned above matter? They may not make a difference to some, but they do to the One who matters, to the One who is the author of eternal salvation to those who obey Him! (Hebrews 5:8, 9). God expects one man and one woman to be married for life. (Genesis 2:18-25; Romans 7:1-4). God expects parents (plural; a man and a woman, rather than two men or two women) to raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 6:1-4).

God expected each conceived child to be born, rather than murdered. If not, where is the acceptance and/or tolerated statement or example to the contrary?

There are many things ordained by the government for Christians to do, and all who will obey God will obediently do these things. (Romans 13:1ff). An example is taxes (Matthew 22:21), and other laws, including speed limit and stop signs, etc. (Romans 13:2, 3). "whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." (Romans 13:2, 3). The only exception to Romans 13, is Acts 5:29; one must resist any law which contradicts God's law.

### *"HOPE IN DEATH" by Dalton Key*

As the old saying goes, "The young may die; the old must die." Upon honest and serious reflection we are forced by facts to agree. A quick glance at the daily obituary column, a short stroll through a cemetery, or a casual look through an old family photo album will remind us all too graphically of death's cold stark reality. "It is appointed for men to die." (Hebrews 9:27.)

For most of this world's travelers death provides no hope. Solomon chillingly reports, "And so I saw the wicked buried." (Ecclesiastes 8:10.) Because "the whole world lies in wickedness" (1 John 5:19), the world without Christ sees in death only despair. Robert Ingersol, a self-confessed agnostic, stood over the grave of his dear brother and sadly remarked, "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our own wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no sound."

But death need not be hopeless. For God's children, death can be, and can be seen as, a blessing. In the words of Charles Colton, death is "the liberator of him whom freedom cannot release, the physician of him whom medicine cannot cure." Scripture promises, "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. Yes, says the Spirit, they that may rest from their labors, and their works follow them." (Revelation 14:13.) And again, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints. (Psalms 116:15.)

The fact of death is beyond our control. We cannot will death away. But whether or not we die "in the Lord," as "His saints," has been left up to us.

#### TEXT ALERTS

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#### Controlling One's Anger By Ron Thomas

He who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, And he who rules his spirit than he who takes a city (Proverbs 16:22, NKJV)

Who has never been angry? Who have never been on the verge of losing control? It is likely that not only have you been on the verge of losing control, that you might actually have done so a number of times. If you are conscientious, then it is also likely you have regretted it a great deal. I know I have.

Consider what we are being taught here by the Lord. If you slow your anger response down, to that degree you have controlled your emotion. Now, after having done so, each of us needs to progress a little further along in slowing our anger down. In time, with this effort, we will have complete control. It won't be our control, but the Lord's control of each of us who have heard and heeded His counsel. Note the comparison the Lord makes with the one who controls his anger – you are far more powerful, far more influential than one who takes a city in battle. The latter compels others to submit, but the former influences people to submit to the Lord.

**CHAPMAN CEMETERY  
CLEAN UP  
Saturday, March 27  
8:00 AM – if weather permits.**

#### 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:** Wayne Vandygriff, Treva Lewellen, Pat Shackelford, Brice Lindley

•**SURGERY RECOVERY :** Billy McBryde , Braydon Mims (Montana Brown's Brother), Sharon Pannell

•**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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