

APRIL 1, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

J C Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Mason McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Palmer Jones (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chase Chapman (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Rickey Loveless, Ross Shackelford, Eli Carter

**Count and Usher**

Joel Moore & David Smith

**Prepare Communion**

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brock Lindley (4/04/18)

**OUR RECORD**

March 25, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 123

Sunday Morning Worship: 139

Sunday Evening Worship: 128

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 123

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,829

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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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Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## Do What You Can By Edd Sterchi

One of my favorite accounts in the gospels is in Mark 14 when Jesus is at Simon the leper's house (v.3-9). While there, Mary, the sister of Lazarus and Martha, took a flask of very costly oil and anointed Jesus' head with it (see also John 12:1-7). Some there, apparently led by Judas, were very upset at the waste of the oil. But Jesus defended her noble actions, saying that she had done a good work for Him in that she was anointing His body for burial. He also said that wherever the gospel is preached, what she had done will be told as a memorial to her; obviously it has been time and time again over the ages.

But the words that stick most in my mind concerning the actions of Mary are when our Savior said, "She has done what she could" (Mark 14:8). In those six short words, volumes are said about the attitude of Mary in serving and honoring the Christ. In fact, it is interesting to note that what she didn't do says just as much as what she did do. Notice, for example:

She didn't wait to be asked to do something. What a great example to us! She found a way to do what she could. Too many brethren don't do anything for the Lord because they are never asked. Follow Mary's example; find something to do and do it.

She didn't make excuses about her limitations. I'm sure there were a lot of things she did not have (ability, time, resources, etc.) to properly do for Jesus. But she didn't dwell on that; she sought out something that she could do. You can do a lot with even a little. Sadly, there are Christians today who make excuses for not doing for the Lord.

She didn't worry about criticism. And she was criticized, but she did it anyway. Which is more important, the praise of the Lord or the approval of men? We spend too much time worrying about what others will think or say. To gain the approval of the Lord, do what you can and don't worry about man.

She didn't fret over the cost. It was very costly, but that was unimportant as far as she was concerned – Jesus was worth it. There are a lot of things that some people consider too valuable to give up for the Lord. But for the true follower, nothing is too big of a sacrifice for the One who was sacrificed for them.

Look at it this way: Can you do it? Then do what you can.

"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men" (Col. 3:23).

## Love Demands Everything That God Commands

By Gerald Cowan

A new commandment I give to you: Love each other as I have loved you. – John 13:34

Love is not blind. It cannot afford to be. It cannot ignore the truth, whitewash sin, weaken the gospel, or minimize the difference between Christians and non-Christians. Love cannot support peaceful co-existence of the followers of Christ with followers of Satan. The reason is obvious: the goals of love and peace and salvation, the ultimate good for everyone. There is no fellowship, no common ground, no agreement, and no peace between God and the ungodly (2 Cor. 6:14-16). There is no salvation for those who are at odds with God (2 Cor. 6:17). It may be difficult for some to understand, but God and His people demand righteousness, exhort to temperance, warn of judgment, and deny fellowship to some without any loss of love and with no contradiction of love.

Keep in mind as we continue here that the love we have for each other is patterned after the love God has for us (1 John 4:8-10, John 13:34). We are not permitted to define love to suit ourselves and then expect God to approve us just because we are true to our own code or creed (see 2 Cor. 10:12, 18). Here are a few aspects of the love of God which we are commanded to follow in our relationships with each other.

■ This love is not emotional. It is not the syrupy sentiment often called love. For a definition of the kind of love God requires and commands, read 1 Cor. 13:4-13. It is greater than faith, greater than hope because it is of the essence of God (1 John 4:8). We cannot say “God is faith, or God is hope” but we can say “God is love.”

■ Love does not hide or overlook the flaws and imperfections of others. Instead it is painfully aware of those things. True love seeks perfect awareness of both strengths and weaknesses in the beloved. Not in order to condemn but in order to be of help in correcting and compensating for flaws and to capitalize and utilize the strengths in the best interests of everyone – to help, not to hinder; to make acceptable, not to find excuses for rejecting. Heb. 4:12-16, 1 Peter 4:8, James 5:20

■ Love is critical, both positively and negatively. It seeks truth, not error (1 Cor. 13:6), but it recognizes error and calls attention to it when it is found (Gal. 6:1-2). It sees things as they are and then tries to change them into what they should be.

■ Love does not require indiscriminate acceptance and approval of all person. God himself does not accept those who refuse to obey Him (2 Thess. 1:7-9). God continues to love all people and desire their salvation (2 Peter 3:9 and 1 Tim. 2:4). But He accepts and saves only those who seek Him and do His will. Heb. 5:9 and 11:6, Mt. 7:21-23.

■ Love is selective and discriminating. This is not the same thing as prejudice or partiality. Love is devoted first to God and then to others by the will of God (2 Cor. 8:5). It does not require us to accept in fellowship those who are opposed to God or will not abide by the will of God (2 Thess. 3:6, 3:14-15). Love does not require or even allow us to accept what God rejects.

This kind of love allows one to acknowledge the true spiritual condition of every person without any loss of concern or appreciation for the person. This kind of love is truly Christian.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**March 30<sup>th</sup>-April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION**  
Memphis, TN  
**Good Luck**  
**to all of our participants!**

**CHAPMAN**  
**SPRING BRING**  
**Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

We will have a fellowship meal (potluck)  
followed by services at 1:30 p.m.

**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
**Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

**PROGRAMS OF WORK**  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of following: Jackie Childers and Virginia Hodges

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mary Brady, Mildred Shackelford

•**TEST:** Johnny Cissom, Gary Michael

•**HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman (Tippah County Hospital - Rehab), Nina Morrison (Tupelo), Becky Null (Tupelo)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jo Chapman, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony & Jane Morrison, Juanita Mauney, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Bobby White, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Johnny Johnson, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (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).