

**April 3, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Keith Newby

Opening Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Randell Koon (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Barrett Chapman (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Britt Lindley, Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher

Casey Harris

Kevin Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Romia Palmer & Janette Rickles

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Jack Harris (03/30/16)

OUR RECORD

March 27, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 110

Sunday Morning Worship: 141

Sunday Evening Worship: 104

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,517

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).

CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
250 COUNTY ROAD 550
RIPLEY, MS 38663
Address Service Requested

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

"You Are the Trophy"
Josh Ketchum

Austin, my 11 year old son, was **disappointed** at not placing in his speech competition at Lads-to-Leaders. He rocked his speech! He delivered it the best he had ever done. He felt really good about it. He enjoyed the lesson, put his heart out there, and felt like he would get a trophy. He understood it wasn't about the trophy, but he felt he had done a great job and delivered the speech well. He had worked so hard.

We were discussing this with him in the hotel room. My parents were telling him how much better he did, than me, when I was his age. How I was so nervous and shaky; they didn't even know if I would make it through the speech. Of course I never won a trophy or made it into the finalist category.

It was at the completion of this story that my mom said this powerful line that captures the purpose and good of Lads-to-Leaders.

You are the trophy that has come from your dad doing it years ago. He never won a trophy, but from the seeds that were planted you have come today participating in preaching the Bible, leading a song, and competing in Bible Bowl. If he would have won a trophy, it would be in an attic gathering dust, but you, and your siblings, are the trophy that have come and that is what matters!

Sometimes Lads-to-Leaders gets a bad wrap because of its emphasis on competition, but **the competition is only to accomplish the purpose of training and motivating.** It is not the goal or end, but only a part of the process. **The real trophy is the product that comes!**

A Growing Church Sam Willcut

The early church grew (Acts 2:41-47, 4:4; 5:14; 6:7; 11:21), and Christ desires for His church to grow. In fact, He expects it to grow (cf. Dan. 2:44-45). Nevertheless, the manner by which we grow is a concern in the church today. For the sake of increased attendance, many have resorted to such things as entertainment, pop psychology, overemphasis of social issues and such like, many of which have led to changing that which God has not authorized in the church. Thus, for the congregation, we ought to see what God says in the greatest manual for church growth—the Bible!

A Growing Church Grows Properly.

A growing church is a **gathering** church: “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:25).

A growing church is a **gifted** church (Matt. 25:14-30).

A growing church is a **giving** church: “Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (1 Cor. 16:2).

A growing church is a **glad** church: “And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved” (Acts 2:46-47).

A growing church is a **glorious** church: “That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27).

A growing church is a **godly** church: “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world” (Titus 2:11-12). A growing church is a **going** church: “Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word” (Acts 8:4).

A growing church is a **good** church: “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith” (Gal. 6:10).

A growing church is a **gospel** church: “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

A growing church is a **gracious** church: “Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man” (Col. 4:6).

A growing church is a **great** church: “But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building” (Heb. 9:11).

A growing church is a **greeting** church: “But I trust I shall shortly see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be to thee. Our friends salute thee. Greet the friends by name” (3 John 1:14).

Therefore, let us strive to be a growing church, but to do so according to the pattern that we find in our New Testament!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Congratulations

to all of our 2016 Lads To Leaders/Leaderettes participants! You are to be commended on a great job. We appreciate all of your hard work and are very PROUD of you!

SPRING CLEAN

Sign up sheet in foyer.

CHAPMAN SPRING BRING April 17, 2016

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

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com

Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman Challengers

The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

Correspondence Course

Study the Bible in your home, at your convenience, by enrolling in a free Bible correspondence course.

To enroll: call (837-7012), write (250 CR 550, Ripley, MS 38663) or e-mail (chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Terry Jumper (Tupelo), Amy Chapman (168– Tupelo/Rehab), Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis), Rosemary Ward (Tupelo), Wayne Crabb (Lynn Bell’s Father, Tupelo/Cancer)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Robin Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler’s Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe’s Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), 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), Rodney Hilliard, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**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*).