

**April 10, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

Tom Wade

**Opening Prayer**

Chance Criswell (A.M.) Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chris Moore (A.M.) Mason McAlister (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**

Brock Lindley (04/13/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**April 3, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 116**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 127**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 104**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,609**

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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).

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**DEACONS:** Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister, Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## BAPTISM, WORKS, AND SALVATION Mark Lindley

What does the Bible teach about baptism, works, and salvation? All who study the Bible will immediately agree that salvation from sin is not “by works.” Many verses of the New Testament reveal this Biblical fact: “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9). Paul wrote to Titus: “Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost” (Titus 3:5). Paul also wrote concerning salvation: “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (II Timothy 1:9).

Notice that each of these verses has something in common. Each verse states that salvation does not originate by works. Salvation is not “of works,” “by works,” nor is it “according to our works.” Any honest student of the Bible would readily agree with this doctrine.

However, doctrinal problems arise when people begin interpreting verses, such as the ones just mentioned. Many interpret “not of works” to mean “not by baptism.” Their argument is as follows: 1) Salvation is not by works; (2) Baptism is a work; (3) Therefore, salvation is not by baptism.

There are many problems with this argument, but the main problem is that the Bible states that salvation is not of works—it does “not” state that salvation is “not of baptism.” The idea that “works” refers to baptism is a pre-conceived idea, invented by those who do not believe baptism is for the remission of sins. Therefore, anytime they see “works” in the Bible, they immediately interpret the word “works” to refer to baptism.

Did you know that no scripture of the Bible refers to baptism as a work? That is worth repeating: no verse of the Bible refers to baptism as a “work”! Those who teach that baptism is a “work” need to realize that “baptism” is an act of obedience, and obedience to the Gospel is required (Hebrews 5:8-9; II Thessalonians 1:6-9). Those who want to throw out “all works” fail to recognize that when they teach that sinners must believe, repent, confess Jesus as Lord, “accept Jesus,” say the “Sinner’s Prayer,” “receive Jesus as personal Savior,” etcetera, they do the thing they attempt to condemn. That is, they teach that sinners must “do” something to be saved! They teach this long list of things sinners must do, but then label baptism as a “work.”

Why not just accept that there is one additional act of obedience that is necessary for salvation? Why not just admit that works of obedience are necessary (James 2:24)? Why not just admit that the Bible teaches that baptism is a simple act of obedience required of God? Please read with an open heart Acts 2:38; 22:16; I Peter 3:21; Mark 16:15-16.

Yes, the Bible teaches that salvation is not by works. However, baptism is never identified in Scripture as a work! Baptism is an act of obedience and obedience is required of God.

## A Christian's Reaction to Stressful Times Dan Jenkins

The situation in Jerusalem was one of immense danger. The northern kingdom of Israel was being overrun by the Assyrians, and in the southern kingdom the holy city of Jerusalem was being threatened by the same army that had invaded the north. Isaiah was in that city, and his writings allow us to sense what was happening. To study this event gives tremendous insight into how individuals react to stressful times.

Stressful times should create humble hearts before God. Isaiah said, "And in that day the Lord God of hosts called for weeping and for mourning, for baldness and for girding with sackcloth" (Isa. 22:12). Had Judah looked around them they would have seen how dire the circumstances were. The city was not only being threatened by Assyrians but the armies of Kir (Syria) and Elam (Persia) were also part of the attacking forces (Isa. 22:6). The valleys around the holy city were filled with chariots of the enemy, and there were breaches (gaps) in the walls (Isa. 22:7-9). It was a time when the Jews should have been on their knees, clothed in the sackcloth of repentance. Such simply was not happening!

Stressful times are times when we foolishly seek comfort in material things. God had called for repentance, "But instead, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating meat and drinking wine: 'Let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die'" (Isa. 22:13)! How remarkable it is that we ignore the God of all comfort when we really need comfort. This is the avenue of escape those with addictions seek, but the seeking of comfort in material things is also the route taken by many. When adversity comes our way we no longer spend time with His word. We become sporadic in church attendance. We push the spiritual out of our lives in so many ways. The "let us eat and drink for tomorrow we die" philosophy is such a fatalistic view of life. It may be the only source the ungodly have, but Christians have an amazing source of spiritual comfort and hope.

Stressful times either bring us closer to God or distance us from Him. How closely we live to God is determined by us. James said, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8). When we humble ourselves before Him, He always lifts us up (James 4:10). The adversity in the days of Isaiah became Satan's tool to destroy spirituality in Jerusalem, when it could have been the instrument used by God to create greater spirituality. Israel decided which it would be.

So the next time you are burdened, just remember that you determine if that situation is a blessing or a curse!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### "Seeking The Lost" Billy Bland

## April 24, 2016

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

### 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 Terry Jumper, one of our dearly beloved brothers. He will be greatly missed at Chapman.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Joan Berryman

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Amy Chapman (168- Tupelo/Rehab), Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis), Rosemary Ward (Birmingham)

*\*So wonderful to have Amy Chapman back with us Sunday.*

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Robin Chapman, Audrey Box

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, 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:** Wayne Crabb, 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).