

**April 16 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

J C Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Tom Wade

**Opening Prayer**

John Hopper (A.M.) Tony Morrison (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Larry Wood (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jodie Criswell (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Ricky Cissom, Ricky Loveless

**Count and Usher**

Danny Shackelford & Casey Harris

**Prepare Communion**

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

J C Newby (04/19/17)

**OUR RECORD**

April 9, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 138

Sunday Evening Worship: 116

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 104

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,819

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

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## 1 Corinthians 3:15 – Saved through Fire by Wayne Jackson

Augustine — and after him John Calvin — taught the doctrine of the perseverance of the saints, i.e., the notion that a child of God can never so sin as to be finally lost. One of the passages that is supposed to support this notion is 1 Corinthians 3:15. There Paul says:

“If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.”

The claim is made that if a child of God sins, God will chastise him — and he may suffer loss — but he will still retain his salvation even though he might have to pass through the fire of discipline.

This notion reflects a gross misunderstanding of this context and is at variance with dozens of other biblical verses.

In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul discusses the work that both he and Apollos had wrought at Corinth. These men were ministers through whom the Corinthians had come to faith (v. 5). Paul planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase (v. 6). Paul affirmed that at Corinth he had labored as a wise master-builder, carefully building upon the solid foundation of Jesus Christ (vv. 10,11).

What were the stones of this spiritual house to which the apostle had contributed? They were Christian people. Later Paul will write: “Are not you my work in the Lord?” (9:1).

He then cautions teachers that they must take heed as to how they build. Devout attention must be given to sound instruction, for if one’s work abides (i.e., his converts remain faithful — with gold, silver, costly stones quality), one will enjoy a satisfying reward (cf. Luke 16:9).

On the other hand, if a man’s work does not abide (i.e., the convert falls away) and is burned, i.e., destroyed in hell (Matthew 10:28), — because of its wood, hay, and stubble character, the teacher will suffer loss (e.g., the satisfaction of seeing his labor come to fruition; cf. Galatians 4:11). Nevertheless, his personal salvation will not be jeopardized even though his convert is lost.

Paul is keenly aware that some of his spiritual children might be lost. And so, circle the term “work” in this passage, and in your margin write: One’s convert (cf. 1 Corinthians 9:1) — not his personal deeds.

## “Giving Your Testimony” or Preaching Christ

Dan Jenkins

Our religious world has lost sight of the power of the story of the coming of the Messiah, His death, His resurrection and the establishment of His kingdom to bring salvation to the world. This was the message that began at Pentecost and spread around the world. In this day, far too many give their “testimony” about their past life and how they have changed. The message that will convert the world is not the story of our life, but the story of His life.

In Acts chapter eight, we read how Philip lead lost men to Jesus. It was not the “testimony” of Philip’s past life that changed the world. It was the story of the Savior. Imagine the following story. It never happened. It is simply an illustration showing God’s plan of evangelism versus the modern plan used by some.

Philip ran to the chariot and heard the Ethiopian reading the scriptures and asked him if he understood the Bible. The man responded saying that it so hard to understand, and then Philip got into the chariot and gave his “testimony.”

Philip said, “You are so right about the difficulty of understanding the Bible. I used to be exactly where you are. I attended worship at the local synagogue, and the lessons presented there made me think that no one could ever find God.

They often spent hours trying to decide just how far one could walk on the Sabbath before walking would violate the command not to work on the Sabbath. They talked about eating with unwashed hands and talking to Gentiles. Synagogue worship seemed to never talk about mercy and faith in God.”

“Those leaders in the synagogue were not serious. They used their position to gain fame. They loved having the chief seats in the assembly but did not seem to love people. Their religion was outward and never seemed to change. I was so discouraged.”

“I remember one time when these same leaders caught a man and a woman sinning and decided to let the man go free, but wanted to stone the woman. It was rather strange that they would do this, for just the previous week we had read the words of Moses saying both should be stoned.”

“I also was such a sinner in my own life. Let me preach to you my favorite sermon, What a Sinner I Used to Be. I have changed, and you need to change.”

This story never happened. What did Philip preach? He preached about the authority of Jesus and the kingdom of heaven (Acts 8:12), and he taught about Jesus (8:35). The Ethiopian said, “See, here is water. What prevents me from being baptized?” Giving one’s testimony will never bring such a response. Preaching Christ and His kingdom will!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION  
Memphis, TN

**Good Luck to all of our participants!  
We are so proud of you!**

**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS  
Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

**CHAPMAN  
SPRING BRING  
Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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

**5th Sunday - April 30th**

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning  
service. Evening service at 1:30 PM  
conducted by Chapman young men.

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Dala Vandygriff, Angela Bridges, Mildred Shackelford, Everett Hurt

•**HOME FROM HOSPITAL:** Gail Chandler, Sadie Fitzgerald

•**TEST:** Tracey Gross

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Dwight Ward, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, 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), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer.

•**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*). **Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Tishomingo Living Center, 1410 West Quitman Street, Iuka, MS 38852*)