

April 16, 2023

Announcements
Randell Koon

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Scripture Reading
Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer
Britt Lindley (A.M.)
Luke Hobson (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)
Bo Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table
Jarvene Shackelford

Count and Usher
David Smith & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader
Brice Lindley (04/19/23)

OUR RECORD

April 9, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 97
Sunday Morning Worship: 132
Sunday Evening Worship 89
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Chapman Church of Christ
Invites you to

Spring Bring

April 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:45 a.m. Worship
Lunch will be provided.
1:30 p.m. Afternoon Service

Come and Bring a Friend!!

A TRUE HEART Mark Lindley

The Scriptures teach that one must have a “true heart” in order to worship God acceptably. Consider Hebrews 10:22: “Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.” Notice that this verse begins with the words, “Let us draw near.” The context of these words is concerning “drawing near” to God in worship. Then, the verse states that we are to draw near with a “true heart.” A heart that is true is one that is real, sincere, and genuine. A true heart is the opposite of that which is pretended or counterfeit.

There is a great need for us to have true hearts, not only in worship, but also in all that we do. One cannot live for the Lord successfully without having a heart that is real, sincere, and genuine.

One of the Lord’s apostles became unfaithful to Jesus because the apostle did not have a true heart. I am referring, of course, to Judas. Scripture indicates that the devil “put into the heart” of Judas to betray Jesus (John 13:2). Judas pretended to love Jesus and to love the poor, but he really loved money. Consequently, he betrayed Jesus for 30 pieces of silver (Matthew 26:15). Instead of a true heart, Judas had a corrupt and dishonest heart.

In view of these thoughts, we should consider our own hearts. How can we tell whether we have hearts which are true? One with a true heart is “real” at all times, and does not change the way he or she thinks, talks, or acts in order to fit in with others. Our conduct should be the same, whether we are with Christians on Sunday or with non-Christian buddies from work on Monday night

Do we always tell the truth? The whole truth? Do we tell the truth, even when it is inconvenient? Paul wrote, “Wherefore put away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor” (Ephesians 4:25). A true heart will lead us to be open and honest at all times.

Do we have a secret life that we try to keep hidden from others? We all have weaknesses, but we should not have an on-going secret life of sin. One with a true heart can enjoy the peace that comes from having a clean conscience. He has nothing to hide, and nothing to fear. These thoughts should help us all to examine our hearts.

A CHILD IS BORN

James Pilgrim

Isaiah 9:6 is a beautiful and truthful prophecy of the birth of Jesus upon whose shoulders the government of God would rest. Isaiah said “his name would be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.” Read verse 7. All came true, and Christians now serve Him.

On August 1, 2022, a little child was born to Winston and Mallory Chapman Smith. He was named Theo Starrett Smith. Neither Theo nor any other child would come close to being in the same class with the child of Isaiah 9:6. However, Theo would have a great impact upon the many who came to know him. He will have much influence on generations to come. Jesus died sinless (1 Peter 2:22) at the age of thirty-three (Luke 3:23-23:46) for the sins of the world. (1 Peter 2:24).

Though he could not speak, Theo’s spirit left his little body at the age of seven months and twenty-one days, sinless, and was “carried by the angels into Abraham’s bosom” (Luke 16:22), where he now is “comforted.” (Luke 16:25).

Theo knew love in word and deed. (1 John 3:18). He knew the love every child should know, but, sadly, which many never feel. Theo received love from Christian parents. Pure speculation is that Theo is speaking in the Hadean world, giving thanks for being born to Winston and Mallory, and others. He enjoyed the love of grandparents, some great grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins who cherished him, Christians at Beech Hill, where his parents were active members, children of

God in other churches, and friends. People who never saw Theo in the flesh from so many places were impacted by him. How many prayers ascended to the Throne of Grace on Theo’s behalf? Only eternity will reveal the number of people who will be in heaven because this little child was born and briefly lived. The love shown Winston, Mallory, and the entire family is a testament to the respect so many had for them as well as their precious little one.

Will Theo be the same size or larger in Heaven? Only God knows. However, we do know that there will be no tears, death, sorrow, pain, and such like. (Revelation 21:1-4). Theo is enjoying only good things as he awaits our arrival there. He will one day make a final journey to the righteous judgment, where he will hear Jesus say, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord” (Matthew 25:21, 23), and “Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” (Verse 34). Read and obey Hebrews 5:8, 9; Romans 10:17; Acts 17:30, 31; Matthew 10:32, 33; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:22-24; James 5:16. **We thank God for Theo and for the good he brought out in each of one.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN SPRING CLEAN

Saturday, April 15th

Sign up sheet in foyer.

CHAPMAN SPRING BRING

APRIL 16TH

Meal following AM service

(No 2 Liter Drinks Needed)

PM Service at 1:30 PM

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY

APRIL 30TH

Meal following AM service

PM Service at 1:30 PM

A Plea For Prayers

Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.

HOSPITAL: Dani Kate Childs (Lebonheur – 7 month old daughter of Beau & Meredith), Iris Casteel (Hospice), Cullen Loveless (Rehab)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen’s Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon’s Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, Hannah Perry & Baby, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler’s Son-in-law), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt’s Brother-in-law), Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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