

**April 17, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Evan Yancey

Opening Prayer

Keith Newby (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Ross Shackelford (A.M.) Jordan Staggs(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

Blair Chapman (04/20/16)

OUR RECORD

April 10, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 106

Sunday Morning Worship: 132

Sunday Evening Worship: 100

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,186

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Chapman Church of Christ
 Invites you to

Spring Bring

April 17, 2016

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!!

**The Power Of Influence
by David Padfield**

Webster defines the word influence as "the power of persons or things to affect others, seen only in its effects." Though the word influence is only found one time in the King James Version, its meaning is on every page.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells his disciples that they are the "salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13-16). There are many interesting things you can say about this figure of speech. Salt is totally worthless while sitting on a shelf, it has to be applied. Salt can also loose its "saltiness." When it looses its power to flavor, it is good for nothing and must be discarded.

Paul told the brethren at Corinth they were an "epistle of Christ known and read by all men" (2 Cor. 3:1-3). Whether we like it or not, every Christian is an advertisement for Christ. It is rather scary to think the honor of Christ is in the hands of his disciples. Men of the world will judge Christ by the character of his followers.

Have you ever considered what type of an advertisement you are? One of our songs suggests that "We are the only Bible the careless world will read, We are the sinners gospel, we are the scoffers creed, We are the Lord's last message, given in deed and word, What if the type is crooked? What if the print is blurred?"

Much of the book of Proverbs is devoted to warning young men about their choosing their companions. "He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed" (Prov. 13:20).

The majority of worldly people will pay very little attention to what we say, but our actions will always be scrutinized. When they think of our character and reputation, our actions will speak louder than our words.

Our oldest son has been deaf since birth. I have often been amazed at his ability to see through phony individuals. Though he can't always hear what people are saying, he is a pretty good judge of character. Several years ago a friend sent us this poem that I believe explains the situation very well. When you read the poem, think of how others view you.

A Deaf Child's Prayer

"Though I am deaf, I plainly see, When a face in anger shouts at me. Though true it is I do not hear, All notes of kindness to me are clear.

I have the sense of open eyes, Few friends or foes can be surprised, I know them fairly through and through, Not by what they say, but what they do."

The Blessings Of Prayer by Gene Taylor

One of the greatest blessings a child of God has is prayer, the right to communicate with God. Anyone who is striving to do the will of the Lord will have an active prayer life.

Give Yourself to Prayer

In several New Testament passages the Christian is urged to give time, to prayer. In Luke 18, Jesus taught a parable to demonstrate that people "always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1). The apostle Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:8, encouraged men in every place to pray. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Christians are commanded to "Pray without ceasing."

To "pray without ceasing" is not to have some incessant babbling on your lips but to have the attitude of mind to regularly and frequently pray. It means to have a willingness to talk to God -- to share burdens, to confess sins and to pray for strength and courage.

Many Neglect to Pray

Even though many commands and encouragements to pray are contained in Scripture, sometimes children of God neglect this glorious privilege. It is only at worship assemblies or in times of trouble, sickness or need that some who claim to be Christians even give thought to prayer. Why the neglect?

Many reasons could be given which are too lengthy and varied to explore in this short article, so instead we will just consider one. Neglect of prayer usually indicates neglect in other phases of one's life as a child of God.

The mind of such a person is often on worldly things. Prayer, which can so easily be put off, is postponed then forgotten.

A hymn often sung asks, "Ere you left your room this morning, did you think to pray?" Did you? Or were other things on your mind? If you did not think to pray, you let a great opportunity escape which can never be recovered. You should have at least thanked God for the new day and the breath of life that is in your body that enables you to experience and enjoy it.

Things for Which to Pray

Some may be hesitant to pray as often as they should because they do not know the things for which they should pray. If they were to properly study the Bible, they would know those things for which they should pray because it reveals them.

According to Scripture, included in those things for which the Christian should pray are:

Those who persecute you (Matthew 5:44)

The Lord's will to be done (Matthew 6:10)

Daily bread (Matthew 6:11)

Forgiveness of sin (Matthew 6:12)

Kings and all who are in high places (1 Timothy 2:2)

All men (1 Timothy 2:1)

That you enter not into temptation (Matthew 26:41)

If you are suffering (James 5:13)

The sick (James 5:14-15)

Why the Emphasis on Prayer?

Why emphasize prayer? James 5:16 gives the answer: "...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." It works! 1 Peter 3:11-12 states that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are open to their prayers." He hears and answers in accordance with His will if the Christian prays in faith (James 1:6).

Conclusion

Make your life a life of prayer. If you are going to be truly like Jesus, it will be. Jesus was a man of prayer. He recognized its vital role. Often in His life on earth, He prayed. John 17 contains His prayer for His disciples. Matthew 26 has His prayer in the garden prior to His capture. He also spent time teaching His disciples to pray (Matthew 6:5-15). Be a faithful Christian. Be Christ-like. Be a prayerful person.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN SPRING BRING

April 17, 2016

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

Chapman Ladies Bible Class Thursday, April 21st 6:30PM

"Seeking The Lost" Billy Bland

April 24, 2016

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

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mallory Chapman, Robin Newby

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Robin Chapman, Audrey Box, Joan Berryman, Deborah Gullick, Amy Chapman, Anna Palmer

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Rosemary Ward, 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, 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*).