

**April 23 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Johnny Cissom

**Scripture Reading**

Gene Yancey

**Opening Prayer**

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

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

Chance Criswell (04/26/17)

**OUR RECORD**

April 16, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 119-

Sunday Morning Worship:151

Sunday Evening Worship: 116

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,444

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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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**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

Chapman Church of Christ  
Invites you to

*Spring Bring*

**April 23, 2017**

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!!*

## CAN ONE BE SAVED BEFORE HAVING FAITH IN CHRIST?

Mark Lindley

John Calvin was a French Theologian and reformer during the days of the Protestant Reformation. Although John Calvin, who lived in the sixteenth century, did not originate the system of doctrine known as "Calvinism," he popularized it. One component of this doctrine suggests that babies are born totally depraved because they inherit a sinful nature from their parents. This sinful nature can be traced all the way back to Adam, the first man.

According to the doctrine, since one is born "depraved," he/she will not and even cannot move himself in the direction of salvation. This means that God, not the sinner, must make the first move and "enable" the sinner to overcome his depravity so that he can believe on Christ. Unless and until God performs a miracle upon the depraved heart of the sinner, thereby enabling him to overcome his alleged depraved nature, the sinner will remain lost. If one dies lost, it is simply because God did not enable that person to overcome his sinful nature so that he could believe and be saved. In other words, that person was not one of "the elect."

The doctrine further suggests that since sinners are so depraved, if one believes on Christ, this is proof that the sinner has been saved already, that is, before believing on Christ. Think about that. According to some preachers of the day, salvation actually occurs "before" one believes, and belief is proof that one is "already saved."

The problem with this doctrine is that it is simply false. The Bible teaches that man has a free will so that we may choose to believe on Christ (Matthew 11:28-30; John 3:16; Revelation 22:17). A baby may grow up and "become" depraved because of the choices he/she makes, but babies are not born in this condition (cf. Ezekiel 18:20; Matthew 18:1-4; 19:14). Sin is committed, not inherited (I John 3:4).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

• **SICK SUNDAY:** Pat Shackelford, Jane Morrison, Joan Berryman

• **HOME FROM HOSPITAL:** Gail Chandler

• **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*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**CHAPMAN SPRING CLEAN**  
**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM**

**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/SENIOR DAY - April 30<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship meal (potluck) after  
morning services.

Congratulations to our 2017  
graduating High School Seniors:  
**Brock Lindley &**  
**Montana Brown**

Please make plans to join us in wishing  
them well in their future endeavors.

Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted  
by Chapman young men.

**CHAPMAN**  
**2017 Lads To Leaders Awards Night**  
**Sunday, May 7th**  
After Evening Services.

## "HIS WORD by Dalton Key

Jesus spoke clearly concerning those refusing His message: "He that rejects me, and receives not my words, has one that judges him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day". (John 12:48.) Our Lord viewed rejection of His words (His teaching, His doctrine) as tantamount to a rejecting of Him.

Similarly, the inspired Apostle John clearly taught that our fellowship with both the Father and the Son depends upon our abiding "in the doctrine of Christ." (2 John 9.) And note that this "doctrine of Christ" is not meant to describe only those red-lettered words found in the four gospel narratives but the whole of New Testament teaching. Paul declared his message to have been received "by the revelation of Jesus Christ," and affirmed his words to be "the commandments of the Lord." (Galatians 1:11,12; 1 Corinthians 14:37.)

Whether the matter before us concerns salvation from sin, personal conduct, pure and proper worship, or any one of the myriad spiritual concerns with which we grapple day by day, we who voice allegiance to Christ must heed His word.

Jesus' own words on the matter? "If you love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

Further, is it true that one can be saved before believing on Christ? Jesus said, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God" (John 3:18). Paul wrote that man believes "unto righteousness" (Roman 10:10) and that we are justified by faith (Romans 5:1). One is not righteous or justified before he believes. If he is, then one is saved and condemned at the same time because Jesus said the unbeliever is condemned "already." Jesus said that those who do not believe in him will die in sin (John 8:24). Language could not be clearer.

Even when nice, sincere preachers preach false doctrine, it is still false. Sincerity does not change false doctrine into the truth. The truth about this subject is this: belief comes before salvation. Do not fall for the false doctrines of Calvinism. Even a casual reading of the Bible shows this system of doctrine to be erroneous and false.

### Are You A Winner?

Every student who sets worthy goals is a winner.  
Every student who starts excelling for the Lord is a winner.

Every student who studies the Bible is a winner.  
Every student who memorizes Scripture is a winner.  
Every student who learns the importance of serving others is a winner.

Every student who becomes a Self Starter is a winner.  
Every student who stretches beyond their comfort zone is a winner.  
Every student who becomes "Firmly Grounded" is a winner.

- **Roy Johnson, Executive Director, L2L**

**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**TO ALL OF OUR**  
**LADS TO LEADERS**  
**PARTICIPATES!**  
**We are so very proud of you!**