

APRIL 29, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Tom Wade

**Opening Prayer**

Rickey Cissom (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Rickey Loveless, Ross Shackelford, Eli Carter

**Count and Usher**

Joel Moore & David Smith

**Prepare Communion**

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (05/02/18)

**OUR RECORD**

April 22, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 136

Sunday Evening Worship: 123

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,720

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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:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## FAITH, PATIENCE AND ENDURANCE James Pilgrim

Recently, in leading the Chapman Church in prayer, an elder, Terry Chapman, prayed for the Lord to give us the faith of Abraham, the patience of Job, and the endurance of Paul. This writer does not remember hearing one pray for this specifically in the same sentence. However, he does realize what the church would be like if each Christian in each congregation possessed these three qualities. Please take a few moments to consider just a few thoughts along these lines.

First, look at the faith of Abraham. Initially, he was called "Abram." (Genesis 11:26). Later, God changed his name to "Abraham", saying, "for a father of many nations have I made thee." (Genesis 17:5). Read verses 6-14 to see the covenant made between God and Abraham.

This grand patriarch was called "faithful Abraham" (Galatians 3:7) and "the friend of God." (James 2:23). God said confidently that Abraham would "command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment;..." (Genesis 18:19). Abraham's faithfulness is

seen in James 2:14-26, where God shows that faith must be accompanied by works to bring salvation. James asks a rhetorical question, "Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?" (James 2:21; Cf. Genesis 22, noticing carefully the command given, the exact and punctual faith and obedience by Abraham, followed by the blessing of God). Beloved, Abraham's faithful actions showed him to rightly be called the friend of God. (James 2:23; John 15:14).

The truthful and factual story of Abraham proves conclusively "that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only." (James 2:24, 17, 20, 24, 26). It is no wonder that Paul, inspired of God (1 Corinthians 2), wrote of "the faith of Abraham." (Romans 4:16). The Hebrew writer summarizes the life of Abraham, showing his life of faith and obedience, and the resulting blessing. May each of us see the need to do the will of God to be saved by the Lord, or as James 2:18 says, "I will shew thee my faith by my works."

Second, let us work to have "the patience of Job." (James 5:11). Consider the first four (4) hurtful tragedies Job faced at the hands of Satan. (Job 1:9ff). Tragedy number one (1): The loss of his oxen, asses, and servants. (Verses 13-15). Tragedy number Two (2): The loss of his sheep and servants

(Verse 16). Tragedy number three (3): The loss of his camels and servants (Verse 17). Tragedy number four (4): The loss of his sons and daughters. Perhaps no one has been hurt so personally and to such an extent as Job. However, "Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the earth, and worshipped, And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taketh away; blessed be the name of the Lord." (Job 1:20, 21). Verse 22 says, "In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." Satan was then given one additional chance to test job, limited only in taking his life. (Job 2:1-6). He "smote job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown." (Verse 7). Job's wife questioned his integrity, and encouraged him to "Curse God, and die." (Verse 9). Job's response was classic. He said, "Thou speakest as one of the foolish women. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips." (Verse 10). "Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him", and they came "to mourn with him and to comfort him." (Job 2:11). With friends like Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar, one does not need enemies. Elihu also came to visit. They removed all doubt about their ignorance by speaking. (Read chapters 4-37). The latter part of the book of Job shows that he had questions, which he asked God, which God answered in detail. (Chapters 38-41). In spite of all that had been said and done, God declared that Job had "spoken of me the thing that is right." (Job 42:7). God told Job's three friends to offer a burnt offering for themselves, saying, "my servant Job shall pray for you: for him would I accept." (Job 42:8). The Lord added that his servant Job had spoken right. Job prayed for his friends, and God gave him twice as much as he had. (Job 42:11, 12).

WHAT PATEINCE!!! What would a church full of people like Job accomplish for the Lord? What can and will I become?

Third, the endurance of Paul would greatly enhance the kingdom of God in many ways. Paul's life was an open book. (Acts 26:4, 5; Philippians 3:5-12). He said, "I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day." (Acts 23:1; 24:16). Paul lived faithfully under the law of Moses during the time it exited. However, when the law of Moses was abolished (2 Corinthians 3, especially, verse 13), being taken out of the way, and nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14-16), Paul did not understand this, and, thinking he was right, he tried to destroy the new way, the way of Christ. (Acts 26:9-19). Once he was convinced that he was to live for Jesus, teaching His way, Paul obeyed God, and likely became the greatest preacher of all time. (Acts 26:12-31). He is credited with three (3) missionary journeys, the voyage to Rome, and likely other journeys as a prisoner. (Acts 13-28; Romans thru Hebrews). He wrote some one-half of the New Testament books (Romans thru Hebrews). He was an apostle. (Romans 1:1). The former zealous persecutor became the greatly persecuted. (2 Corinthians 11:16-33). In the last known book from his hand, Paul told Timothy that he was about to be put to death, and reminded him to be faithful to preach the word. (2 Timothy 4:1-8). He pled with Timothy, "Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me" (Verse 9), stating, "Only Luke is with me." (Verse 11). What a sad statement. Paul encouraged Timothy to "endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." (2 Timothy 2:3), and he lived (Verse 10) and died as he preached (2 Timothy 4:11-22). Do not miss nor pass off lightly what may be the last words Paul penned, "The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen." Read verse 18. Prayer, Lord, help us to have the endurance of Paul.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**5th SUNDAY - April 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning services.  
Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

**Ripley Church of Christ**  
Invites you to  
**Third Annual Youth Day**  
**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Registration: 9:00 – 9:30AM  
Lunch will be served.  
**Speaker: Ty Rhymes**

**CHAPMAN**  
**2018 Lads To Leaders Awards**  
**Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>**  
After evening services in fellowship hall. Please make plans to come and help honor our 2018 Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes participants. Please wear L2Ls T-Shirts.  
Ice Cream Sundaes will be served.

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- SICK SUNDAY:** Mary Brady
- HOSPITAL:** Louise Pannell (Sharon Pannell's Mother, Ripley/Rehab), Carolyn Medlin (Corinth), Amy May (Ripley)
- RECOVERING AT HOME:** Janie Chapman
- TEST/PROCEDURES:** Johnny Cissom, Mildred Shackelford
- EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Nancy Yates, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony & Jane Morrison, Juanita Mauney, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.
- CANCER:** Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Bobby White, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.
- SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (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).