

May 7, 2023

Announcements  
Rickey Cissom

Song Leader  
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading  
Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer  
Rickey Loveless (A.M.)  
Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Jeff Brewer (A.M.)  
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Bryan Davis

Count and Usher  
Randell Koon & Dale Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Tripp Yancey (05/10/23)

### OUR RECORD

April 30, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 83  
Sunday Morning Worship: 106  
Sunday Evening Worship 90  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 89

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

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

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

### INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS By Mark Lindley

While Jesus was suffering the dreadful death of crucifixion, two thieves also were nailed to crosses beside the Lord. According to the Biblical record, one of the thieves repented. This penitent thief has been the subject for countless Bible classes and sermons. Perhaps, he is the world's most famous thief. Consider some interesting facts about this crook who was converted to Christ.

First, the thief who repented was saved from his past sins. The Lord said, "Today, shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43). Jesus, who was deity in flesh, had the power on earth to forgive sins (Mark 2:10).

When Jesus promised the thief a place in paradise, this implied that the robber had been forgiven. Therefore, there is no doubt—the thief died in a saved condition. This teaches us that regardless of the sin we have committed, the gracious Lord is willing to forgive (II Peter 3:9).

Second, the thief was saved personally by Jesus, before the New Testament of Christ was implemented and effective. The full gospel of the New Testament was not preached until Jesus arose from the dead and ascended back to heaven. Just before his ascension, Jesus stated that "repentance and remission of sins" would be preached in his name among all nations, "beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47). Several days later, on the day of Pentecost, the apostles of Christ preached the full Gospel in Jerusalem just as the Lord had predicted (Acts 2:1-47). It was then that the New Testament was implemented and became effective. Keep in mind that Jesus said these things would "begin" at Jerusalem. This teaches that today we cannot be saved in the same manner as the thief on the cross was saved. He was saved personally and directly by Jesus, before the Gospel "began" to be preached in Jerusalem. Paul wrote, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved" (Romans 10:9). Of course, the thief could not have believed that God had raised Jesus from the dead because the thief was saved "before" Jesus died. Therefore, the thief could not have been saved by following the teachings of Romans 10:9.

Third, the thief was saved before Jesus commanded that sinners be baptized in his name for the forgiveness of sins. It was after the thief had already been saved that Jesus stated, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16), and before Peter preached "Repent, and be baptized...for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38). This shows that we must be saved under the conditions of the New Testament. Jesus forgave the thief by speaking to him personally. Now Jesus speaks to us through his written will, the New Testament.

## “You Will Be Missed”

Gary McDade

Life is filled with variables—some are a matter of choice; some are not; some are enjoyable and fulfilling and some are nothing short of burdens. Sometimes life seems to come crashing in and cherished priorities become unattainable. Once two friends had to separate company one from another because one had a demanding, domineering father with enough power to create a destructive uprising on a national level due to his jealousy. The pitiful father was King Saul; the two friends were his son Jonathan and the next in line for the throne, David. At the time of their separation Jonathan assured David, “To morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty” (1 Sam. 20:18).

Like the love of one dear friend for another that causes heartache upon separation, there always have been situations that arise in people’s lives in the local congregation that cause brethren to miss one another’s company in the work and worship of the church.

Vacations and travel outings cause you to be “missed, because your seat will be empty.” Responsible Christians are urged to account for their financial commitment to the local church when planning these legitimate events. After all, our giving must reflect purposing in our hearts (II Cor. 9:7). Even when sickness is the reason we are out, provided we have been blessed with occupations that continue to generate income when we have to be off, what greater sense of satisfaction when we otherwise feel left out of everything to know that through our contribution on the first day of the week we still enjoy a strong and viable fellowship with the Lord’s church.

Now, clearly where there is no income there is no obligation, yet there are those in our experience who put the able-bodied to shame during such times of duress by giving the widow’s mite. What powerful examples. No wonder they are seriously missed by all who love them so dearly.

### *A Plea For Prayers*

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### BAPTISM

We rejoice with Parker McAlister as he made the decision to be baptized.

Let’s all be encouraging to him.

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE

*Wedding Shower*

For

**Hannah Loveless**

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**Paul Anglin**

**SUNDAY ● June 4th**

**3:30 TO 4:30 PM**

**Chapman Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall**

**REGISTERED AT WALMART, AMAZON &  
TARGET**

*Ladies: If you would like to host –  
sign up sheet is in foyer.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood, Parker McAlister, Tavin Fitzgerald

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

**UPCOMING SURGERY :** Sharon Pannell (shoulder)

**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, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Stevie 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), David South, 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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