

May 8, 2022

**Announcements**  
Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**  
Britt Lindley

**Opening Prayer**  
Tim McMillin (A.M.)  
Jimmy Vandygriff (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Brock Lindley (A.M.)  
Larry Wood (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Larry Wood

**Count and Usher**  
Kevin Shackelford & Logan Yancey

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Tripp Yancey (05/11/22)

### OUR RECORD

**May 1, 2022**

Sunday Bible Study: 90  
Sunday Morning Worship: 109  
Sunday Evening Worship: 86  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 85

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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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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## Blind Traditions By Aaron Veyon

The story is told of a young lady who was fixing a ham dinner for her husband. As she was about to place the ham in the oven, she took a knife and cut off the end of it. Her husband asked, "Why did you cut the end off of the ham?" She replied, "I don't know? That's the way mamma always did it." So they asked her mother why she always cut off the end of the ham. She answered, "That's the way my mamma always did it." They went to grandmother and asked her why she did it. She likewise replied, "That's the way my mother always did it."

They then asked great-grandmother why she did it and she said, "I cut the end of the ham off because my pan was too small."

Likewise, in religion many follow the traditions and doctrines of men without question or investigation – and they may not realize that not all "traditions" are acceptable to God. For example, in Matthew 15 the scribes and Pharisees asked Jesus, "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?...you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: "These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (vv. 2-3, 6-9).

Paul said, "Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ" (Col. 2:8). And know this, "Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted" (Matt. 15:13). What traditions do you follow, friends?

## Growth: Jesus Grew

By Tim Dooley

Luke 2:52, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men."

When we talk about the man Jesus was, and the need for we as Christians to be conformed to His image (Romans 8:29), we usually focus on the three years of His life that revolved around His ministry and death. But we might do well to look at the early years of His life and development, His growth. He, not unlike our spiritual journey, started somewhere and became the man that we love, admire, and follow.

Just how did Jesus grow? He grew...

Intellectually: "... in wisdom." I believe that a good spiritual foundation for growth is bolstered by a mind that continues to develop and remain active. One should be well read, study diligently to apply common sense, rational, and sound logic. This will help us to reason (Isaiah 1:18) and teach others (Acts 17:2). It will help us to be able to handle accurately the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15).

Physically: "... in stature." Yes Jesus grew physically as we would expect a human being to do. My point here is that we need to take care of ourselves physically while we are here on earth. I know as Christians we are all looking forward to that day when we will be glorified in Christ.

But every day that we are allowed to live here on planet earth we have an opportunity to glorify God, to teach others, to love and support the church, and to leave a lasting impression of Christ upon everyone and everything we touch.

Spiritually: "... in favor with God." This ought to be our greatest endeavor. Ultimately it doesn't matter what anyone else but God thinks. It is He we ought to please (Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:1). It should be our greatest desire to one day hear the Father of our souls say to us, "Well done, good and faithful servant..." (Matthew 25:21).

Socially: "... in favor with men." While it is true that Jesus became a man known to not care what other men thought or taught (Mark 12:14) but what this point stresses is that many who knew Him respected him, even if they disagreed with Him. And because of the kind of man He was He was able to reach souls and people would listen to what He had to say. Paul said he became all things to all men that he might be able to save some (1 Corinthians 9:22).

Just like Samuel the prophet (1 Samuel 2:26) and our Lord, we too need to keep growing. Growing more and more each day into the image of the Son of God. How's your growth?



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS

May 9, 2022 at 6 PM

Topic: Prayer Life

## SENIORS DAY

MAY 22nd

After evening services in fellowship hall.  
Congratulations to our 2022 graduating high school senior:

**Brice Lindley**

*Please make plans to join us in wishing him well in his future endeavors.*

### MIDDLETON CHURCH OF CHRIST LADIES' DAY

MAY 14, 2022

9:30 AM - Registration

Speaker: Christina Barkley

### OAKRIDGE GOSPEL MEETING

May 8-11

"Unusual Questions"

Speaker: Ben Flatt

More information in foyer.

### CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT

May 29, 2022 at 6 PM

We will have a meal following services at the fellowship building. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK:** Doris Williford

**HOSPITAL:** Jodie Criswell (TCH), Cortney Cissom (Rehab), Jimmy Berryman

**•EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Jimmy & Thad Berryman

**•CANCER:** Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

**•SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204 *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter

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