

**May 14, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Palmer Jones

**Song Leader**

Johnny Cissom

**Scripture Reading**

Ricky Cissom

**Opening Prayer**

Randel Koon (A.M.) Larry Wood (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

J C Newby (A.M.) Starrett Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Britt Lindley (Presiding),

Jeff Staggs, Michiel Criswell, Bobby Bridges

**Count and Usher**

David Smith and Andy Reese

**Prepare Communion**

Candace Hopper & Sandy Newby

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Ross Shackelford (05/17/2017)

**OUR RECORD**

May 7, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 129

Sunday Morning Worship: 139

Sunday Evening Worship: 126

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 120

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,287

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## "ARE YOU A FOOL?" by Dalton Key

The greater host of humanity lives solely for the present. Perhaps half as many give occasional, fleeting thought to what may come tomorrow. Each generation rears its thinkers, its planners, who think in terms of a lifetime, and at times may even look philosophically at the hem of history's garment. But few individuals, scarcely any of any generation, are wise enough to look beyond today and tomorrow to the immeasurable expanse of eternity.

The rich farmer of Luke's twelfth chapter could see nothing beyond his short-lived life of flesh. His myopic vision saw no farther than his bulging, overburdened barns. He contemplated retirement but ignored eternity. And God called him a fool.

The inspired James describes this same type of man, the same type of fool, in his fourth chapter: "Come now, you who are saying, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to a certain city, and spend a year there; we will trade, and make a profit.' You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? You are a vapor which briefly appears, and then vanishes. Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live, and do this or that.'" (vs. 13-15, McCord.)

What a waste to hone our health, primp and paint our bodies, prepare and pad our retirement accounts – all to benefit this frail life of flesh – while sadly ignoring the undeniable reality of eternity!

Would God call you a fool?

## Turning the Knob Aaron Veyon

The story is told of a boy who came home from school one day and noticed that all the vehicles were gone. Realizing that no one was home he just sat on the steps. Soon it began to rain and he got soaked. When his mother came home she asked him why he didn't go into the house. He said, "You weren't home, how could I?" She said, "Honey, the house was unlocked. Did you try turning the knob?"

Sometimes we make things more difficult than they need to be simply by failing to be observant. This is especially true with regard to the gospel of Christ. Holding a closed Bible, a young man asked a visiting preacher, "How in the world could anyone understand the Bible?" The preacher immediately responded, "Did you ever try opening your Bible in an effort to understand it?" The young man quipped, "I don't need to. My preacher tells us what's in it – but I still don't understand it." That is truly sad, for if the young man had searched the Scriptures himself he could have found what he was looking for (cf. 2 Tim. 3:14-17). Jesus said, "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you" (Matt. 7:7).

Friends, the door of the gospel is unlocked. Try turning the knob.

## 1 John 1:7 – The Cleansing Fountain BY WAYNE JACKSON

In the Old Testament, Zechariah foretold a time when a fountain would be opened to the house of David for sin and for uncleanness (Zechariah 13:1). The reference, of course, was to the shedding of the blood of Christ and the redemptive effect of that divine offering under the New Testament economy.

While many Bible students are aware of the fact that the blood of Jesus is applied to their souls in their initial obedience to the gospel, which occurs at the point of baptism (Acts 22:16), some do not realize that the Lord's cleansing blood continues to function on their behalf as they struggle with sin in their Christian lives.

John speaks to this very point. He says "if we walk in the light. . . the blood of Jesus. . . cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

There are several important notes that you can make in connection with this passage. First, the promise of the passage is conditional. Circle the term "if" and note that point. Second, the verb "walk" is a present tense form, denoting a consistent pattern of life. It represents the activity of one who is sincerely striving, on a sustained basis, to serve God. It does not suggest that he is perfect, but that he is trying diligently. Third, the "walking" must be "in the light," i.e., in harmony with the revealed will of God, the New Testament. Fourth, if this habitual walking in the light is devoutly pursued, the Lord's blood will keep on cleansing (present tense – sustained activity) the child of God. Implied in all of this, of course, is the fact that the erring Christian must repent of, and confess, his transgressions. Make some marginal notes reflecting these points.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Thursday, May, 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30PM**  
**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
Lesson: Robin Chapman  
Food: Kathy Moore, Joy Simmons, Loretta Criswell

## May 21, 2017 SENIOR NIGHT

After evening services in fellowship hall. 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.

*Ladies please bring finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks.*

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Bro. Audrey Box.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Everett Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Molly & Chap Moore, Joan & Jimmy Berryman, Tracie Gross, Mary Brady

•**TEST:** Mary Brady, Tracie Gross

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Rhonda Newby (Knee), Juanita Michael

•**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, 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, 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)