



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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RIPLEY, MS 38663

May 16, 2021  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Larry Wood

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Chris Moore

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
Logan Yancey (05/19/21)

**Scripture Reading**  
Chase Chapman

**Opening Prayer**  
David Smith (AM)  
Logan Yancey (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
Tripp Yancey (AM)  
Bobby Bridges (PM)

**Count and Usher**  
Ricky Loveless, Brock Lindley

**Communion**  
Gene Yancey

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**

**May 9, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study: 96  
Sunday Morning Worship: 121  
Sunday Evening Worship: 86  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: NA

**Chapman Challenger**

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**ELDERS:** Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper,  
Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**HAPPY BIRTHING PEOPLE**  
**James Pilgrim**

Brother Lindley was wrong last Sunday in wishing a “Happy Mother’s Day” to those who had given birth. He should have said, “Happy Birthing People.” The writer just learned this on Monday, May 10, 2021. Perhaps Mark had not learned this, and he honestly, but ignorantly, made the mistake. The writer and many others have made the same mistake for years. Did Moses make the same mistake in Genesis 3:20, when he said, “Eve...was the mother of all living”? Should Moses have said, “Eve...was the birthing person of all living”? Sorry, the Holy Ghost made the mistake, because He moved Moses to write (2 Peter 1:20, 21; Genesis 3:20), just as He did to the Jews of the Old Testament by Isaiah the prophet. (Acts 28:25).

The writer has not yet learned what to call the fathers (Oops! Males) involved in the birth process. It may also be “birthing people” or “birthing partner”, since the left seeks to remove distinctions between the sexes.

The word of God uses the word mother, mothers, mothers’, mother’s and mother-in-law over three hundred (300+) times. The liberal left in today’s society is attempting to change a number of things that have been correctly said and done for thousands of years. Ignorance has gone to seed. They may succeed in getting a number of people to change what they say and believe; however, the truth does not change. Solomon wrote, “Every word of God is pure...Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.” (Proverbs 30:5, 6). Some “changed the glory of the uncorruptible God...Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts,....” (Romans 1:23, 24). Beloved, “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God;....” (1 Peter 4:11). It is possible to have “a name that thou livest, and art dead.” (Revelation 3:1b).

No, brother Lindley did not make a mistake. He faithfully preached the word of God, and gave our godly **mothers** their just praises. Do not be misled by the foolish and hurtful doctrines and commandments of men, which will lead to vain worship. (Matthew 15:7-9). Read and study the word of God, the truth. (John 17:17). “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. (John 8:32). False prophets and teachers will bring in “damnable heresies” which will bring the condemnation of God upon you. (2 Peter 2:1).

May you have many more “Happy **MOTHER’S** Days.”

## Bitten By Snakes By Joe Chesser

The Israelites were not very smart. That's because they were people, and people aren't very smart, especially when it comes to things pertaining to God. For example, there is a short story you can read in Numbers 21. At this point in Israel's history they had experienced many awesome examples of God's power and deliverance (10 plagues in Egypt; the parting of the Red Sea; manna from heaven; water from a rock, etc.). The immediate context of the story in Numbers 21 is the total defeat and destruction of the king of Arad, his people and towns, by the Israelites.

God had answered their prayers for help (21.1-3). Evidently they had very short memories. As they traveled on from Arad, skirting around the nation of Edom, they became impatient with Moses and God and began voicing their negative opinions against them (21.4-5). They must have had the "what-have-you-done-for-me-lately" syndrome. They asked dumb questions like, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the desert?" They complained, "There is no bread! There is no water! We detest this miserable food!" Sounds a lot like some of us when God doesn't do for us what we think He should, doesn't it? How quickly we forget the blessings of God.

Most of the time, thankfully, God is patient with people (2 Peter 3.9). However, this wasn't one of those times.

God sent venomous snakes among them, and the snakes did what the snakes were sent to do – bite people. Many of the Israelites died (21.6). The people learned the hard way that complaining against God is not a good idea. Never has been, never will be. They also learned that confessing their sins to God is a good idea. So, when they confessed their sin, Moses prayed for the people, and God answered his prayer (21.7).

But instead of sending the venomous snakes away from the Israelites, he had Moses make a bronze snake and mount it on a pole. God said, "anyone who is bitten can look at it and live" (21.8). The snakes still did what snakes do, but the people learned to trust God for deliverance from death by doing what God told them to do. Anyone who looked at the bronze snake lived. Surely there weren't people stubborn enough to refuse to look at it!

There's more to the story, but it's not about the Israelites, it's about us. Their story has become our story. We, too, sin against God, all of us (Romans 3.23). The old serpent, Satan (Revelation 12.9), "bites" us with temptations which leads us to die spiritually (due to our sins). Yet, like them, God offers us hope. He doesn't take away the temptations, but He does provide us a way to avoid death. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life" (John 3.14-15). Jesus is our only hope when bitten by Satan. Jesus was lifted up on the cross so that we can look to him (John 12.32) to overcome the deaths Satan desires.

## SENIORS DAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

After evening services in fellowship hall.

Congratulations to our 2021 graduating high school seniors:

Lily Brewer

Reed Shackelford

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

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Hoyt Wade (Cousin of Tommy Wade).

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Parker McAlister, Ricky Cissom, Micky Chandler, Jeff Carpenter, Jane Morrison

•**HOSPITAL:** Randle Mauney

•**RECOVERY:** Bobbye Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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