

May 20, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Kevin Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Randell Koon (A.M.) Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bobby Bridges (Presiding),

Danny Shackelford, Jeff Staggs, Logan Yancey

Count and Usher

Terry Chapman & Michiel Criswell

Prepare Communion

Candace Hopper and Sandy Newby

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Logan Yancey (05/23/18)

OUR RECORD

May 13, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 143

Sunday Evening Worship: 112

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 109

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,766

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

MOTHER – A YOUNG MOTHER Unknown

A YOUNG MOTHER set her foot on the path of life. "Is the way long" she asked. And the guide answered, "Yes, and the way is hard, and you will be old before you reach the end of it. But the end will be better than the beginning."

BUT THE YOUNG MOTHER was happy and she could not believe that anything could be better than these days. So she played with her children and gathered flowers for them along the way. And the sun shone on them and life was good. And the young mother cried, "Nothing can be lovelier than this."

THEN CAME NIGHT AND STORM and the path was dark and the children shook with fear and cold. But the mother drew close to them and covered them with her coat, and the children said, "We are not afraid, mother, for you are near; and no harm can come to us." And the mother said, "This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage."

AND THE MORNING CAME and there was a hill ahead, and the children climbed and grew weary. But at least she said to the children, "A little patience and we will be there." So the children climbed and when they reached the top they said, "We could not have done without you, mother." And that night the mother looked up at the stars, and said, "This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardship. Yesterday I gave them courage; today I gave them strength."

AND THE NEXT DAY came strange clouds which darkened the earth – clouds of war and hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled. The mother said, "Look up; lift your eyes to the light." And the children looked and saw above the clouds the everlasting light, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the mother said, "This is the best day of all, for I have show my children God."

AND THE DAYS went on and the weeks and the months and the years, and the mother grew aged, and she was little and bent. But the children were tall and strong and walked with courage.

And when the way was hard, they lifted her over the rough places. As last they came to a hill and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and a golden gate flung wide. The mother said, "I have reached the end of my journey, and now the end is better than the beginning, for my children can walk alone, and their children after them," and she started down the road alone.

THE CHILDREN stood and watched her as she walked down the shining road until she was gone. And they said, "She will always walk with us. For even though we cannot see our mother now, she is with us still – she is a living presence."

THEN THEY turned and began their journey on the path of life.

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Anger Management By Robert Guinn

It is truly amazing what you can learn, relearn, and be reminded of when studying God's word with another person. Recently, I have been studying with a young man who desired to investigate what the Bible says about the issue of anger. Together, we discovered and relearned several biblical principles that helped us realize the necessity of anger prevention and management.

Anger is a natural human emotion. The New Testament instructs Christians to "Be angry and do not sin," (Ephesians 4:26, ESV), highlighting the fact that anger itself is not sinful. Consider that the Bible mentions both the anger of God and Jesus (Exodus 4:14; Mark 3:5). Anger, like any emotion, can be manipulated, misdirected, perverted, and mismanaged. Poorly managed anger can be the stimulus that causes sinful behavior. That is why the Bible warns about anger's connection to evil activity. It is something that requires self-control, direction, and de-escalation.

Anger is like kindling and wood for a fire. A campfire or fireplace requires fuel to keep the fire going. Anger can fuel one's actions, both positively and negatively. When our internal furnaces begin to heat-up, we need to consider the question "Why am I angry?" Investigating the 'why' helps us evaluate what is causing our anger. Knowing this allows us to prevent and prepare ourselves for the situations that cause our anger to ignite. Also, it allows us to see if our anger is just or purely reactionary. Jesus stressed this by saying, "whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment," (Matthew 5:22, NKJV). This helps us to understand why the rest of the Ephesians passage says to, "not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil," (Ephesians 4:26-27, ESV). Anger, left unchecked and unattended, allows Satan, and others, the opportunity to encourage sinful behavior. Remember, Cain's anger grew from jealousy to the murder of his brother, Able (Genesis 4:3-8).

Anger can be hindered and/or prevented. "A man without self-control is like a city broken into and left without walls," (Proverbs 25:28, ESV). In Biblical times, walls were the primary defense and integrity of a city. Likewise, self-control protects our integrity from being compromised. This is why the Bible instructs us to "be slow to anger," (James 1:19-20). It becomes rather difficult to keep anger kindled when words are stated slowly and our tone remains calm. Consider that it is written, "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger," (Proverbs 15:1, ESV). Angry words can be calmed with a gentle answer. Does spending time with certain individuals cause your frustration to ignite? Why? It could be that, for whatever reason, those people get on your nerves. In that case, we can investigate the reason and tactfully find a calm resolution. On the other hand, it could be that the people we spend time with are angry people. The Bible says, "Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare," (Proverbs 22:24-25, ESV). This passage has two lessons: 1) the influence of others can cause us to become an angry person and 2) if we are given to anger, we are not "friend-worthy."

All of this might sound easy, but, for those who struggle with anger and aggression, it can be an epic battle. Patience is key for both those who are working through their anger and those attempting to help.

Though "venting" is discouraged by some counselors, talking through the issues, in a calm constructive fashion, has benefits. Perhaps we can lend the angry an ear to listen and an open mind to assist them in sorting through their frustrations.

All-in-all, as Christians, we remember the words of Christ when we struggle, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible," (Matthew 19:26). Let God be your strength; and, remember, Jesus also said, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," (Matthew 11:28).

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS Thursday, May 17th at 6:30

May 20, 2018 GRADUATION DAY

After evening services in fellowship hall.
Congratulations to our 2018 graduating high school seniors:

**Lauren Carter
Hannah Loveless
Ali Mann
Ross Shackelford
Sydney Yancey**

Please make plans to join us in wishing them well in their future endeavors.
Ladies please bring finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks.

VBS Teachers Please sign up in foyer. VBS: 07/08-07/11/18

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Kathy Moore, Mary Brady, Mark Lindley, Gail Chandler, Tristan Wood

•**REHAB:** Tony Morrison (Golden Living)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Johnny Cissom, Mildred Shackelford, Keith Newby

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, 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*).