

**June 2, 2019**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.)

Randell Koon (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Ross Shackelford (Presiding),

Tripp Yancey, Michiel Criswell, Brock Lindley

Count and Usher

Britt Lindley and Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Connie Davis and Bryana Gaillard

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (06/05/19)

**OUR RECORD**

**May 26, 2019**

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 130

Sunday Evening Worship: 130

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 104

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,670

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

**Satan says, "One Church is  
as Good as Another"**

Wendell Fikes

When you consider the clean, upright people in all churches, Satan has an easy job getting you to believe his whisper, "One church is as good as another." And as long as you look at those upright people instead of your Bible, Satan has you just where he wants you. But when you start reading your Bible, you discover that God never did establish many churches, and you also discover that more than one church is sin. Christ did not say, "Upon this rock I will build my churches," but rather He said, "Upon this rock I will build my church" (Mt. 16:18). If two churches are right, then two shepherds are right, but Jesus said, "There shall be one fold and one shepherd" (Jn. 10: 16).

Though the United States Census Bureau lists hundreds of different kinds of churches, God says that even two are too many. Open your Bible to the Book of Ephesians. God gave Christ "to be head over all things to the church which is his body" (Eph. 1:22, 23). The Holy Spirit says there is "one body" (Eph. 4:4), and "but one" (1 Cor. 12:20). For the Gentile Christians to be in one church and for the Jewish Christians to be in another church are ideas opposite to God's idea, for He wants "both in one body" (Eph. 2:16) with every wall of partition (Eph. 2:14) broken down. You are not following God's will when you answer to any denominational name, for every one is a "wall of partition."

In Bible times, that one church (body) was neither Catholic nor Protestant, and you have to close your Bible and pick up something else before you can ever read of Catholic or Protestant churches. The Bible church was called "the church" (Eph. 5:23), "the church of the Lord" (Acts 20:28), "the church of God" (1 Cor. 1:2). Various congregations were called "churches of God" (1 Thes. 2:14), and 11 churches of Christ" (Rm. 16:16), but they were not different denominations. All of them together made up "the church" (Eph. 5:23), "the household of God" (Eph. 2:19), "one body" (Eph. 4:4), "my church" (Mt. 16:18). In Bible times no one thought of a person's being saved out of the church, for the very word "church" meant the "called-out-from-sin-people." Even if some hypocrites nominally were in the church, there was nobody saved out of the church for the Lord added to the church "day by day those that were being saved" (Acts 2:47). If a man were saved, he thus automatically became a church member, became a "called-out-to-live-for-Jesus-person."

In Bible times, people were not saved the moment they believed in Jesus, but after they believed they were commanded: "Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins" (Acts 2:38). "Then they that received the word were baptized" (Acts 2:41). And the Lord added them to His church (Acts 2:47). If you believe, repent, and are baptized, the Lord will not add you to any denomination, but He will add you to His church.

In Bible times, the saved people (church members) met on the first day of the week to break bread, to lay by in store of their money, to sing, to pray, and to study the Word (Acts 20:7; 2:42; 1 Cor. 16:2; Eph. 5:19; Col. 4:16).

It is true that there are clean upright people in all churches, but they have not learned the way of the Lord as it is written in His book. If it is right to say, "One god is as good as another," then it is right to say, "One church is as good as another."

Be not deceived.

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.  
**Matthew 16:18**

### THE DAY WE FIRED THE PREACHER

I'm not certain how long he had been with the congregation before the members began to notice. Surely, he must have been on his best behavior for at least a few months.

Some of the members believe the first time they noticed was the night he failed to appear for the scheduled personal work activities. The next day he explained to a fellow member that one of his neighbors had invited him to a high school basketball game. "I knew you could carry on without me," he said with a smile.

He also missed a number of Wednesday evening Bible studies. He always provided a substitute teacher, but people kind of expected the preacher to be at Bible study. His usual explanation was, "I had a job left from our remodeling to get done at home. It wasn't much but it was really bothering my wife."

Then he missed a Sunday evening service!! Just the week before he had spoken of the essential nature of worship and the importance of Christian fellowship. His explanation was, "Since we had a guest speaker coming in anyway, I was really tired and probably wouldn't have gotten much out of the service, so I stayed home with the family."

The whole issue came to a head the Sunday morning he failed to appear for the service. The members learned that on the spur of the moment he decided to go to the lake and do some fishing!! "Not many good fishing days left" He explained.

That was the straw that broke the camel's back. The decision was made to fire the preacher. The announcement appeared in the church bulletin as follows: "The decision has been made to fire the present preacher. It is clear that he cannot be the minister here because he insists on acting JUST LIKE THE MEMBERS!"

-Author Unknown

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN VBS

July 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

Sunday AM: 10:00AM

Sunday PM: 2:00 PM (Evening Service  
2:00PM – VBS immediately following)

Mon – Wed 7:00-8:30 PM

### MAROONED

STEADY FAITH IN SHIFTING SANDS

Prize for boy & girl who brings the most visitors!

**Start inviting!**

*Flyers are available in foyer.*

### CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 28<sup>th</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>

#### 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 David Hurt.

\*So glad to have Wayne Vandygriff back with us Sunday morning services.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Juanita Michael, Joanie Kate Reese

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Wayne Vandygriff, James Newby (Rehab/Birmingham), Don Blackwell (4-wheeler accident/preacher and elder of Southaven congregation), Rhonda Newby, Jarvene Shackelford

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), 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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).