

June 3, 2018  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Song Leader**

J C Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Chase Chapman

**Opening Prayer**

Bobby Bridges (A.M.) Andy Reese (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Brian Davis (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Ross Shackelford, Michiel Criswell

**Count and Usher**

Palmer Jones & Ricky Cissom

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brock Lindley (06/06/18)

**OUR RECORD**

**May 27, 2018**

Sunday Bible Study: 121

Sunday Morning Worship: 143

Sunday Evening Worship: 108

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 105

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,257

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

## Feeling Defensive? Kevin Cauley

Have you ever caught yourself being defensive? I know I have on more than one occasion. Defensiveness is a product of our desire for justice. We want others to treat us fairly, and when we perceive that isn't happening, we get defensive. Defensiveness is also a mechanism for self-preservation. We assume that if we defend ourselves, this will cause the accusation to go away.

There is no guarantee, however, that the person with whom we are dealing will treat us fairly. Moreover, more often than not, we get defensive when we are guilty, and don't want to be responsible for our actions. Pride often blinds us to our guilt and hence, our defensiveness.

As Christians, we should not be defensive. Defensiveness is a form of self-justification—a way to justify ourselves so as to appear righteous in the eyes of others. In Luke 16:15, Jesus said to the Pharisees: "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God." The Bible teaches us that we can't justify ourselves (Romans 3:20), but it is God who justifies us (Romans 8:33). To have God justify me is a much superior situation to justifying myself because while I may not get things right, God will always get it right.

So how does this translate to everyday behavior? We don't need to practice self-justification. If we haven't behaved correctly, then let's own up to that and not be defensive. Faithful Christians will forgive and move on. For those who won't forgive, remember that it is God who justifies, not them. We may not be treated fairly, but let's trust that God will provide for us. God bless you and I love you.

## The Question of Why?

Tim Dooley

The question of “why” is noble when we truly desire to understand the reasoning behind some statement, imperative, or suggestion. However, the question of “why” is often asked simply because we want to avoid something and is an indicator of a bad attitude and contentious spirit. Nothing may be more crucial to our eternal salvation than an honest inquiry into the reasons behind the events leading up to and including the death of Jesus. Why was Jesus in such agony in the garden? Why was Jesus betrayed? Why did the people ask for Barabbas? Why was Jesus beaten and his garments parted? Why was he crucified? Why did his Father forsake him? Even Pilate wanted to know, “Why, what evil has he done?”

There are several pertinent answers to these questions. To fulfill the prophecies of old (Matthew 27:9, 35). Jesus did not come to destroy the law, but to fulfill it (Matthew 5:17). To do the will of the Father (Matthew 26:39). Jesus was delivered up “by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God” (Galatians 4:4; Acts 2:23). And to save us from our sins (John 3:16; Romans 5:8).

Why should you obey him and serve him faithfully? Be-cause of the hope of heaven and the salvation from eternal destruction. Love, obey, and serve Him. Why? Because He loves you.

## Let Us Love One Another

By Kevin Rutherford

The church at Corinth had many problems. Some of those problems directly affected the relationships between brothers and sisters in Christ. The way those Christians were treating each other is the reason why Paul showed them a more excellent way. The more excellent way is love (1 Corinthians 12:31, 13:13)

When Christians do not love one another there are going to be problems in the church. Not only will there be problems in the church but there will be Christians who lose their souls. John wrote, “We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:14, 15).

Whether or not we love our brothers and sisters in Christ says a lot about our relationship with God (1 John 4:7-11). If we do not love our fellow Christians then we are not born of God, do not love God, and do not know God. We can claim to love God all we want to but if we are not treating our brothers and sisters in a loving manner we are simply liars.

The greatest example of love is God’s love for mankind (1 John 4:10-11). God sent His Son to die for us. That gives evidence of tremendous love. We love God because He loved us and made it possible for our sins to be removed. John drew an important conclusion based upon these facts. “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another” (1 John 4:11).

The love that we have for other Christians will be seen in the way that we live, and in the things that we do (1 John 3:16-18). If we see a brother and we have the ability to help them we will do so. In fact, it should make us happy to be able to help out a fellow Christian. If we are not willing to help each other we are not of the truth and our hearts condemn us before God (1 John 3:19).

Our love for one another will greatly affect our eternal destiny and our influence in the community. Why would anyone want to be a part of a group if they do not believe the members of that group love one another? We need to have a genuine love for fellow Christians that will be obvious even to those who are in the world (Romans 12:9, 10). When they see the love we have for another it is possible they may be drawn to the church.

To be Christ-like we must love one another. To be godly we must love one another. To have a strong influence on others we must love one another. To encourage each other we must love one another. To help each other we must love one another. To go to heaven together we must love one another. May God help us always to abound more and in our love for Him and in our love for our fellow Christians.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ICE CREAM SUPPER

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>

After Evening Services

### CHAPMAN

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30

### CHAPMAN VBS

July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<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

Join us for Vacation Bible School!

### EXCAVATE

DISCOVERING THE TREASURES OF JESUS

Prize for boy & girl who brings the most visitors!

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### CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 29<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Gearlene Cissom, Sharon Pannell

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

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Johnny Cissom

•**TEST:** Joanie Kate Reese (05/31/18)

•**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).