

**June 5, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Dalton Beard (A.M.) Johnny Cissom (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Ricky Cissom (Presiding),

Blair Chapman, Brock Lindley, Keith Newby

**Count and Usher**

Terry Chapman

Randell Koon

**Prepare Communion**

Sandy Newby & Bryana Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Jack Harris(06/08/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**May 29, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 113**

**Sunday Morning Worship:140**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 117**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,618**

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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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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## Why I Believe... By Robert E. Guinn

Faith and belief are constantly used to justify one's religious practice and/or conduct. Yet that justification makes no sense if that faith is not a personal faith. So, what does it mean for faith to be personal?

For faith to be personal it must be more than a mere acceptance or acknowledgement of supposed facts. It is deeper than simply having an answer for a Bible question. Personally developed, faith can properly answer the question, "Why do you believe?" Not just supplying reasons to believe, but answering the question, "What truly persuades you to be a Christian?" or "Why are you convinced?"

This answer should go deeper than the "I feel" responses and be more confident than "I think" statements. So, why do I believe? I am glad you asked.

I believe there is a God. When I consider Newton's Third Law, the Law of Bio- genesis, and the First Law of Thermodynamics, I find the Big Bang and Evolutionary theories contradicting fundamental laws of science and the natural world. I believe that the universe was created by a supernatural being known as God. I see design, engineering, and craftsmanship in our natural world. We look at a motorized vehicle and know that due to its complexity it was designed, engineered, and crafted by someone or something. In like manner, a small leaf from one tree is more complex than that automobile. I believe in a supernatural, all-powerful Creator.

I believe in the Bible. The most reliable documents from antiquity, based on manuscript evidence, are the Sacred Scriptures we call the New Testament documents. In a span of over two thousand years both the Old and New Testaments were penned. At least forty different humans, from various walks of life, were involved in its recording. Though supposed contradictions exist, I have yet to see one that cannot be adequately explained. Though its origin is found in antiquity, the Bible itself is not antiquated. The Bible has proven to be timeless and relevant to our present age with proper study and application. The Bible possesses the fingerprints of Divine origin. I believe that the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God.

I believe in Christ. The Bible is not the only ancient document that mentions Jesus as a real historical figure. Still, the New Testament, being the most reliable ancient document from manuscript evidence, clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is the son of God (Matthew 3:17, 17:5). He willingly allowed himself to be murdered by crucifixion (Luke 22-23), as a sinless sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15), for the sins of those willing to submit to His will (John 3:16, 36; Hebrews 5:9). Being raised to life again, he proved there is hope for life after this one (1 Corinthians 15; Romans 8). I believe in the risen, crucified Savior of my soul.

If I truly believe in these three faith statements, then my life should be in a constant state of transformation (Romans 12). No longer living for self but living for Christ (Romans 3). My belief should compel me to action, being grateful for God's salvation (James 1-2). Do you believe? Why do you believe?

## Friendship Is Important! By R.W. McAlister

There has been a lot said about love throughout history and in popular media. Yet, on examination, most of the love that is talked about would be better described as, "physical attraction."

The basis of any good relationship is true biblical love, which is much more of an action than an emotion. We see that in John 3:16: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son..." He demonstrated His love for mankind – with action – in giving Jesus to die. God wanted the very best for us, as Rom. 5:8, says "while we were yet sinners." God choose to love us because He cared for our well being and future.

God designed us to need companionship. He said in Gen. 2:18, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Each of us needs others. It's important in our families and in the church. When we fail in our relationships and fail to exercise biblical love one to another, we become lonely, and loneliness is a terrible condition. There are two types of loneliness.

First, there's a loneliness that occurs when we're isolated from our husband/wife, families and friends. Some of us experience this through our jobs. Sometimes they take us away from loved ones.

Second, and worse, there is emotional loneliness. This type of loneliness can occur in the midst of a crowd and believe it or not, it's the most common type of loneliness. It occurs when we feel we have no one with whom to share our deepest concerns, no one who truly understands our struggles or our joys.

The solution to the problem of loneliness is friendship. All human beings both need and want friendship. We need someone who will rejoice with us or cry with us (Rom. 12:15), someone who'll comfort us when we crawl through valley of despair, or laugh with us on the mountaintops of happiness. In fact, friendships can be our most valuable possessions. Emily Dickinson, wrote "My friends are my estate." Every human being needs friendships on two different levels.

One level is that of horizontal friendship. We need deep, meaningful friendships with other people. Solomon wrote in Prov. 18:24: "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly." In other words, we have to work on building friendships and that begins with us – the key is to first be friendly yourself. Do you work on building friendships with others, or do you just sit around and wait for them to develop on their own?

True friendship is not one sided, but there are those who are looking for friends who will help them, meet their needs, listen to their problems, be sympathetic and love them and nothing more. They're seeking a selfish friendship in which they receive friendship in a one-sided arrangement.

Let me emphasize that true friendship is not based on getting, but on giving. Many people have a hard time finding true friendship because they're looking for what someone else can do for them. They want people to love and care for them – hold their hand all the time – and they fail because that is not the basis of true friendship. True friendship begins when we give of ourselves and show ourselves friendly. When you give friendship, it always comes back.

We also need VERTICAL friendship. The basis of any sound lasting relationship begins by having a Biblical relationship with God. The second part of Prov. 18:24 says, "...and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother."

Dear Reader, I hope that each of you has at least one earthly friend in this world that you can think of when you read this verse, but even if not, everyone who has been baptized into Christ has such a friend in Jesus Christ. Unless you have a personal, Biblical relationship with Jesus, you'll never truly escape loneliness.

James 2:23 says, "And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God."

Jesus said to His disciples in John 15:14-15, "Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." Abraham was a friend of God. Christ could now call His disciples friends because of their obedience. Love – friendship, you see, is giving sacrificially for others. Love is not so much an emotional feeling, but it's the act of giving (Jn. 3:16). To be a friend of Christ means to obey Him. There's nothing greater in this life than to be a friend to Jesus, and to claim Him as your own. Have you done so? - R.W.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

# BABY GIRL

Her arrival grows near,  
A precious baby girl is almost here!  
You're invited to join us  
as we shower parents-to-be

*Olivia & Chase Chapman*

Sunday, June 5th

2 to 3:30 PM - Fellowship Hall

*Penelope Liv*

Registered: Target; Itty Bitty Birdie (New Albany),  
Gift of Gab; Silly Sisters (Ripley)

**Chapman Ladies Bible Class**  
Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM

**Chapman Ice Cream Supper**  
Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>  
after Evening Services

**Chapman VBS**  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

**Chapman Lectureship**  
July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 3rd

### 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 Shelly Taylor.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Juan Stroupe

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis), Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell's Mother)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Audrey Box, Deborah Gullick, Amy Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa,, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**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*).