

June 11, 2023

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Ross Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Danny Shackelford (A.M.)

Gene Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

James Pilgrim

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman & Kevin Shackelford

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brad McAlister (06/14/23)

**OUR RECORD**

June 4, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 94

Sunday Morning Worship: 114

Sunday Evening Worship 87

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 82

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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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Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## THERE IS ONE FAITH

Mark Lindley

The statement above is from the book of Ephesians. Paul affirms: “There is...one faith” (Ephesians 4:4-5). The word *faith*, as it is used here, does not refer to one’s personal belief, but to what is believed, namely, the Gospel. Galatians 1:23 affirms that Paul preached “the faith”; but, I Corinthians 9:16 says Paul preached “the gospel.” Should we conclude from this information that Paul preached two different messages? No, we should conclude that “the faith” is the same as “the gospel.” So when Paul wrote, “There is one faith,” he was simply saying that there is one Gospel.

This teaching contradicts the thinking of many today. Many people have asked me, “What faith are you?” The asking of this question seems to indicate that the one asking believes there are many “faiths.” Some seem to believe that merely subscribing to “a” faith (instead of to “the” faith) is sufficient for one’s salvation because all faiths are equally acceptable to God. It isn’t uncommon to hear someone defending world religions such as Islam and Buddhism as viable choices for one’s faith. Even among those who call themselves Christians, some believe there are various denominational faiths. Contrary to the “politically correct” society of our day, however, God’s Word still says, “one faith.”

How many is one? One is simply one less than two! To say there is “one” faith—as the Bible so plainly says—is to exclude all others. Does Paul’s statement that there is “one God” (Ephesians 4:6) settle the matter? Can one follow the God of his choice today and expect to go to heaven? All Bible believers know the answer. Well, then, if “one God” means only one, then “one faith” means only one as well. According to the Bible, there are just as many faiths as there are Gods.

Not only does the New Testament teach that there is one faith, but it also teaches that we must obey that one faith: “...and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith” (Acts 6:7). Let’s all resolve to believe in and to obey the one faith of the Gospel.

## Prayer Will Keep Us Busy Wayne Jones

Christianity is a religion that revolves around the work and participation of its members. Jesus stressed this need as He taught such parables as the “talents” (Matt. 25:14-30) and the “sower” (Mark 4:3-9). Paul reaffirmed this teaching by referring to God’s people as those who are “zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14). James warned that trying to live a life of faith without works was emptiness and void (James 2:17, 26). Despite God’s continual reminder, He still addressed those who would try to follow Him and refuse to work (Prov. 21:25; 26:14). Solomon describes the field of a lazy man as being overgrown with thorns and the wall around it as broken (Prov. 24:30-31). What’s the point? We ought to be people who are busy! Someone might respond, “Well, I have that covered!” We are all busy people, are we not? Little League, soccer practice, band concerts, football games, school projects, overtime, and many other things keep us busy from sun up to sun down, almost every day. Let us remember that in our schedule of things to do, God must capture first place and retain such a position.

Sadly, some who claim to be people of God are described in Psalm 39:6. Here David penned, “Surely every man walks about like a shadow; surely they busy themselves in vain; he heaps up riches and does not know who will gather them” (Psa. 39:6).

How then do I keep from being busy in vain? How do I go about reorganizing my priorities so that I am busy with things that will matter on the Day of Judgment? One of the many answers to this question is to pray. Not that all of our time in each day will be consumed with prayer, but that faithful prayer (which will be accompanied with action by the petitioner) will keep us busy.

As we continue this study, let us consider some areas of our lives and some roles in the church that would be spurred to greater service if those who occupied those roles were diligent in their prayer life.

### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>

*Teacher Sign Up is by Teacher's Supply Room.*

YOU ARE INVITED TO  
THE

*Wedding Shower*  
For

**Hannah & Paul Anglin**

SUNDAY ● June 11th  
3:30 TO 4:30 PM

Chapman Church of Christ  
Fellowship Hall

REGISTERED AT WALMART, AMAZON &  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Cullen Loveless (Rickey's Father).

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Pat Shackelford, Patti Hall

**HOSPICE:** Lisa Miller (Hospice House), Stevie Barnes (Hospice)

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Sharon Pannell (shoulder), Mickey Chandler

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Stevie Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs

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