



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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RIPLEY, MS 38663

JUNE 13, 2021  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Danny Shackelford

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Logan Yancey

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
Mason McAlister (06/16)

**Scripture Reading**  
Kevin Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**  
Jarvene Shackelford (AM)  
Mason McAlister (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
Tripp Yancey (AM)  
Keith Newby (PM)

**Count and Usher**  
Bobby Bridges, Devin McVey

**Communion**  
John. Hopper

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**

**June 6, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study: 92  
Sunday Morning Worship: 113  
Sunday Evening Worship: 80  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: NA

**Chapman Challenger**

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**“A CHURCH WHICH MEETS MY NEEDS”**  
Mark Lindley

It seems as if there is an ongoing search for the “perfect” church which “meets my needs.” Some are constantly looking for a church where they imagine they will be happier. They may be members of a church where love, true spirituality, sound doctrine, and balanced-biblical preaching are emphasized. Nevertheless, for various reasons, they begin to feel unsettled, restless, or even unhappy being members of the church where they attend. Then, because their “needs” are not met, they set out in search of a church with “greener pastures.”

Let me assure you that there are times when it is best to leave one congregation and go to another. If a congregation supports false doctrine, condones immorality, engages in unscriptural worship practices, and has no spiritual focus, it would be better for one to leave and find a congregation where God and His Word are honored. Also, there may be times when one has to leave a congregation because of job changes or to be closer to family members.

However, some decide it is time to change congregations based on very shallow and sometimes sinful reasons. For example, one may decide to leave because of strong preaching which condemns specific sin. The one in sin has made up his/her mind to live in sin and does not want to hear the truth. There are times when people leave congregation “A” because congregation “B” offers more social activities, fun, and games. Another may change congregations because the elders made a decision he did not like, or the preacher preaches too long, too short, too loud, is not “a good people-person,” or just “spends all his time visiting and does not study.”

It seems to me, that the reasons sometimes given for leaving a congregation are rooted in one’s desire to please self. “What can the church do for me?” “Will the church entertain my children?” “Will this church appoint me to a position of leadership?” “Will I be pleased with the preacher’s performance?” These are the wrong questions to ask. Rather, we should ask, “Can I bring glory and honor to God, and truly grow spiritually as a part of this congregation.” Also, we should consider where we can do the most good for the Lord. Where are we needed most?

We often overlook that our greatest needs are to be saved from sin and to spend our lives bringing glory and honor to God. It is hard to imagine the apostle Paul, one who suffered so much persecution for Christ, saying, "Well, I have decided not to go preach in that city because the church there doesn't provide enough social activities," or, "I have decided that the congregation there is too small," or "I would prefer to preach for a more prestigious congregation." Such attitudes would be shocking coming from Paul because he was selfless, spiritually focused, and he understood that the Lord's church is not about "us," but about Him.

### WHY DO WE SIN? By Mark Lindley

It cannot be successfully denied that we all sin. God's Word is clear on this point. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us" (1 John 1:8). All who are mentally competent and reach the age of accountability are guilty of sin. We know this by experience and by the Bible.

But why do we sin? Is it because we are born depraved and sinful? According to the doctrine of "Hereditary Depravity," this is precisely why we sin. The doctrine suggests that every infant is born depraved and has a sinful nature. This sinful nature is allegedly inherited from one's parents, all the way back to the first man, Adam. Because of Adam's transgression, we are all contaminated with sin because we are born that way.

However, the Scriptures teach that we commit (not inherit) sin. "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Notice that one commits sin by "transgressing God's law." Do infants transgress the law of God? What law could an infant possibly transgress? A precious infant does not have the capacity to lie, lust, cheat, steal or commit any other sin. Consequently, babies are not sinners.

This leads us back to the original question: Why do we sin? If not because of "Hereditary Depravity," why do we all sin? The answer to the question becomes obvious when we consider the sin of Adam and Eve. Why did they sin? Certainly, it was not because they were born sinners because they were not born, but created. Furthermore, they could not have inherited sin from their parents because the only "Father" they had was God. No, their sin was not due to something beyond their control; rather, Adam and Eve sinned because they were tempted by Satan, and they gave in to temptation (Genesis 3:1-6). We all, at some point in our lives, do the same. We are tempted, we make wrong choices, and we sin against God (James 1:13-15).

Knowing why we sin should help us to accept responsibility for our actions. When we sin, we can't blame Adam and Eve. We have not inherited their sin. God has created us all with free will. We can make good choices or bad. We can choose to resist temptation, or we can give in and transgress God's law. When God's people make good choices and resist the devil, God is glorified. Thanks be to God who has been gracious and provided a remedy for sin (Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38)!

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

*Davis Scott  
Gaillard arrived  
June 3rd at 1:43 PM.  
Weighed 7lbs 14oz, 20  
1/2 inches long. Both  
Mom and baby are  
doing great!*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Jane Morrison, Donna  
McMillin, Mark Bowers

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Jill Loveless

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jane Morrison,  
Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny  
Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate  
Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall,  
Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother),  
Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy  
Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy  
Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter,  
Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips,  
Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing:  
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