

THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Look To God & Ask for Strength
By Tim Childs

No rocket scientist is needed here to explain that we are living in challenging times. Many of us are not accustomed to adversity, at least not openly. Human nature, for the most part, is to prefer for things running smoothly, no hitches, no glitches. Roll with the flow, but some things are beyond our control. No, no one enjoys difficult times. Yet, ultimately, they can have some positive effect. By choice, that positive effect should be maximized for the greater good of the heavenly kingdom. God can help us through difficult times to become stronger and more effective in our service for him.

In times like these may we remember to look to God for strength. While we at times may be weak, our Heavenly Father is an awesome God of power. One of the wonderful things about our Creator is that He not only knows how to majestically utilize His power, but He has the capacity and willingness to share power with us his creatures.

Paul closes His prayer in Ephesians chapter 3 with an expression that glory might be "...unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us..." (vs. 20, KJV). Since we have been re-created and redeemed by the blood of Christ, we know something personally about the power of God. God's power transcends all other power in the universe.

The familiar lyrics "...the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own" penned by George Duffield in the mid-nineteenth century admonish us against relying on our own personal strength as we often seek to do. Let's make a stronger connection to the source of the greatest power.

What Kind of Church is This?

By Bryan McAlister

We often say, "It's time to go to church" or "How was church today?" in some way indicating church was an activity in which we participated. Literally the word "church" comes from the word, "ekklesia." In a general sense, this word means "an assembly" and is used to indicate such in Acts 19:32 and 39. In a specific sense, the word means "called out." There is no doubt, those who called themselves Christians in the 1st century, knew they were members of the church, the assembly of God's people, and that they had been called out from their sins, into the sanctity of their Savior Jesus Christ. As to how it is used in the Bible, there are over one hundred descriptive passages where the church is addressed.

First of all, Jesus Christ is the builder of the church (Matthew 16:18), based upon the fact He is the Son of God. Incidentally, the term church and kingdom are used by Jesus Christ in Matthew 16:18-19 interchangeably, indicating they are one in the same. His church, His kingdom is now established, and we need not wait for it any longer. He is the purchaser of the church, paid for by the price of His shed blood (Acts 20:28). The church is the body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23). →

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Keith Newby

Scripture Reading

Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer

Chris Moore (A.M.) Junior Derrick (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Britt Lindley (A.M.) Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

Jordan Staggs, Logan Yancey, Kyle Jumper

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom & Ross Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Molly Moore & Phyllis Christian

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (06/11/14)

OUR RECORD

June 8, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 118

Sunday Morning Worship: 131

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,053

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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).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Nina Thomason (Pat Wade's Mother).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Guy Stroupe, Stephanie McAlister

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Larence Parsons (University of MS Medical Center, Jackson, MS), Romia Palmer (Tippah County Hospital)

•**HAVING TEST:** Will Morgan

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Bettye Melton, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Gray Roberson

•**TREATMENTS:** Bobbie Nunnally

•**REHAB:** W.M. Chapman (Room 206 -Tippah County Nursing Home), Lee Bonds (Tishomingo Manor, 230 Kaki St., Iuka, MS 38852 - Ola Wade's Sister), Ed Cissom

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall (cancer), William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Zak Muzzallo (Erik Longoira's Friend), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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Worship in Song

By Vernon Curry

As a preacher I often sit and look around at the people who are singing. We are singing songs of praise to the God of the universe. We stand in awe at the power and majesty of God. We know this is the same God who created the universe and who will bring it to an end. This is the same God who raised Jesus from the dead and we are so happy that He did. We believe He is able to raise us from the dead also.

We sing praise to God. We also are singing the praises OF God. We want everyone to know how we feel about Him and how we love and adore Him. Without God we would be nothing and without God we would surely perish. Oh, we love God!

We may not sing on key. We may not even know what "on key" is. We may not know where "on key" is. That isn't why we are singing. We are singing praises to/of our God. We are not looking for the praise of men in how good we sing. We are not looking for the praise of men in how beautiful our voice is.

We are praising God, OUR God.

Then sometimes I see someone who isn't singing.

Let me ask you a question: How do you feel about your God? This is your God. Right? You love and adore Him. Right?

Then sometimes I hear someone say they can't sing. Let me tell you a story about turkey hunting. Calling turkeys in the spring is an "art". Some towns have contests for the best turkey callers. A friend of mine enjoys turkey hunting. He has a good calling ability. There is a certain way people are taught to call.

Anyway, this friend was hunting one spring and heard someone calling. He said it was the worst job of calling he had ever heard. He thought it would surely improve, but it did not. So when he could stand it no longer he began to slip up on this caller to see who it was. He finally got pretty close and then he saw...a turkey hen calling for a gobbler. He then realized that the "art" of calling may not be what man thinks it is!

God made everyone's voice. It may not sound good to me. It may not sound good to the person who has it. It may be beautiful to the Creator. Never deprive God of hearing His creature praise Him. Sing!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS:
Thursday, June 19th
at 6:30 p.m.

CHAPMAN SECOND QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (April-June)
The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday in the Second Quarter of 2014 to stay after church services Sunday Night-June 22nd for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

Mark Your Calendar:
CHAPMAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:
July 13th - 16th
CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP
July 27th - 30th

PROGRAMS OF WORK

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The church being the body of Christ, it is important to note there is but one body of the Lord Jesus, and thus one church, and one identity comprising the one body of our Lord Jesus (Ephesians 4:4).

The Bible speaks of "churches" in the plural (Acts 9:31; Romans 16:16), but only in a geographic sense, not in the sense that would imply or suggest God approves of multiple systems of belief toward His revealed Word. Those who were saved were added to the church, the body of obedient believers (Acts 2:47). Therefore the church is the body of the saved, and one cannot be saved and yet not be a member of the church of our Lord. The church refers to men and women (Acts 8:3).

The church can have an emotional response to disturbing news, as was the case in Acts 5:11, when word of Ananias and Sapphira's death spread, "great fear came upon the church." The church is the house of God (I Timothy 3:15). The church was established to declare "the manifold wisdom of God" (Eph 3:10).

The church has a responsibility to assemble (Hebrews 10:25), observe the Lord's Supper on the first day of the week (I Corinthians 11:18; 23), pray (Acts 4:24), sing (Ephesians 5:19), give of their means (I Corinthians 16:1-2), and teach so others may understand (I Corinthians 14:5). The church is autonomous, or governed locally, independent from any national or world headquarters, for Christ is the head of the church (Ephesians 5:23). The church has a responsibility to remain distinct and not blend or bend the teachings of Jesus with any doctrine or creed of man (Acts 15:1-21). The church should be united under the teachings and standards of Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 1:10); be kind to one another showing forgiveness (Ephesians 4:32); extend help to those in need, especially those of the household of faith (Galatians 6:10). The church is not a sect (Acts 24:5) or a denomination or dividing of Jesus and His teachings (I Corinthians 1:13). The church is the precious gift and creation of our Lord, and has always been His plan by which His truth would be made known, His gospel revealed, and His creation saved through Him. This church desires to serve the Lord and serve you. Our prayer is for the opportunity to do both in love.