

**June 19, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Bryan Davis

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Wayne Vandygriff (A.M.) Danny Shackelford (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

Blair Chapman (06/22/16)

OUR RECORD

June 12, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 110

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 96

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,672

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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

NO SUCH COMMANDMENT Mark Lindley

The Lord's church began on the day of Pentecost as recorded in Acts chapter 2. The church grew rapidly as thousands obeyed the gospel and were added to the church (Acts 2:41; 4:4; 5:14; 6:7).

However, it did not take long for Satan to try to hinder the cause of Christ. Certainly, Satan was behind the false teachings of Acts chapter 15. There were those who were teaching that unless Gentiles practiced circumcision, in keeping with the law, then they could not be saved (Acts 15:1-2).

Of course, circumcision had been part of the Law of Moses, but that Law was no longer binding. The Law, including the command to be circumcised, had been taken out of the way and nailed to the cross (Colossians 2:14-17; Galatians 5:6).

When the news spread to Jerusalem that there were men teaching this false doctrine, the apostles, elders, and the whole church decided to send letters explaining why the false doctrine regarding circumcision was wrong. Here is a portion of the letter that was written: "Forasmuch as we have heard, that certain which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls, saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law: to whom we gave no such commandment" (Acts 15:24). The letter explained that the men who were teaching that circumcision was necessary for salvation were wrong because the inspired apostles had given "no such commandment." This is what was wrong with the doctrine: it had no divine authority behind it. The apostles had given "no such commandment."

If all people today would resolve to teach only what is authorized in the Scriptures, there would be far less religious division. For example, what is wrong with sprinkling water on a baby's head and calling it "baptism"? The same thing that was wrong with the false doctrine regarding circumcision of Acts 15. There is "no such commandment" in the Bible. What is wrong with sprinkling water on an adult and call it baptism? Answer: "no such commandment" has been given. Why should instruments of music not be used in the worship of the church today? Answer: "no such commandment" has been given. What would be wrong with observing the Lord's Supper at times other than "the first day of the week"? Answer: "no such commandment" has been given.

There is a great lesson to be learned from Acts 15:24. We should be content with what is authorized in Scripture. We should never practice things for which there is no Biblical authority. Rather, we should speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent.

Losing the Joy of Salvation Dan Jenkins

Have you ever experienced that time in your life when you had done wrong and were so depressed that you were close to just giving up trying? You hated what you had done and were so disappointed in yourself? Embarrassment and shame for your actions had taken control of your life.

It was not always that way, for each of us have vivid memories of other times when we felt so close to God. There was great joy. There was peace. There was thanksgiving. At such times, we could hardly imagine how life could get any better.

David had these same experiences. He had great joy when those tribes who did not support him to be king came to him pledging their loyalty to him. He then defeated the Philistines. He had captured Jerusalem and moved the ark of the covenant to the holy city. His armies were defeating all nations around them. He had joy!

All of this began to change when he failed to lead his army in battle. David stayed home and, standing on the roof of his palace, and watched Bathsheba bathing. The events which followed this are well known—the “pleasure” of forbidden sin, the pregnancy, the attempt to deceive Bathsheba’s husband, the death of that husband, the period of grieving for the dead husband and then the marriage. Then it happened!

“Thou art the man!” How these words must have shaken King David to the very core of his heart. The sin which he had so skillfully hidden from men was about to become known. It was to be recorded for all of mankind to know. He was the man—not the one whose purity of heart was like the heart of God, but one whose heart had “...despised the commandment of the Lord to do evil” (2 Sam. 12:9).

The heading to Psalm 51 indicates that this psalm was likely written shortly after Nathan’s words, “Thou art the man.” He begged God to “...blot out my transgressions, wash me thoroughly from my sin...purge me...wash me...do not cast me away...deliver me” (Psa. 51:2-14). But perhaps the most meaningful words showing the nature of all sin are, “Restore to me the joy of Your salvation.”

There is no joy worthy to be compared to the joy in our hearts the day we became Christians. I have seen this joy on the faces of hundreds who had just been baptized. Remember the day of your salvation and the joy you had. David had that same joy, but sin had snatched it from him. Is there any despair to be compared to that when we have wronged God?

Is there a way to restore that joy? Absolutely. This is why David asked God for its restoration. God longs for you to be in heaven. David sinned—we all do. David lost his joy—we all have. David’s joy was restored—we too can regain that joy!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Happy Father’s Day!

Chapman Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, June 16th at 6:30PM

Chapman Ice Cream Supper
Sunday, June 19th
after Evening Services

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July 17th – 20th

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July 31st – August 3rd

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Woodrow Childs, Carla Nesbit (Ola Wade’s niece).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Molly Chapman, Tony Morrison, Juan Stroupe, Joy Simmons

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis)

•**SURGERY:** Karen Yancey

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Audrey Box, Deborah Gullick, Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell’s Mother)

•**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*).