



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
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RIPLEY, MS 38663

June 21, 2020 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader
Keith Newby

Opening Prayer
Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)

Closing Prayer
Ross Shackelford (A.M.)

Count and Usher
Larry Wood, Terry Chapman

Prepare Communion
Robin Chapman/ Molly Moore

OUR RECORD

June 14, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE

Sunday Morning Worship: 109

Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE

Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$11,093

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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).

THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

It Is What It Is

by T. Doy Moyer

via *The Jackson Drive Reporter*, Jan. 10,
2010

A friend of mine, wise and astute beyond his years (so he tells me), has shared his newly discovered motto with me: "It is what it is." Ok, so I have thought that a few times before, but it is one of those simple statements that forces us back to reality at times when we may feel overcome by our circumstances and disappointments of life. When things aren't exactly as you would desire them to be, you can become focused on reality by telling yourself, "It is what it is." Circumstances are what they are.

There are some things we can change, and some things we can't (we are getting more profound as we go). Our problem is that we often expend more worry and energy on the things we can't change; and this, in turn, can become a stumbling block to our spiritual growth and joy. *"And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?"* (Matthew 6:27). Paul's own circumstances were often less than ideal, and beyond his control, yet his attitude remained stable: *"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstance I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me"* (Philippians 4:13). If I may venture a loose paraphrase: It is what it is, I have learned to deal with "it" through God's help.

"Moses My servant is dead." So spoke the Lord to Joshua in (Joshua 1:2). Joshua knew this already; they had been mourning for days. But sometimes we need a reminder of the simple truth about reality. Essentially, God was telling Joshua, "Moses is gone, and you can't change that now or have him back. Now it's time to get up and go take the land of promise." In other words, "it is what it is, and you have to work with "it" the way it is."

The only option is not to accept reality. People do sometimes go through phases of "denial." They do not feel mentally able to accept what "is." It hurts too much perhaps. But if we will ever "arise and cross over this Jordan" in our lives, we must learn to accept the facts and circumstances of life as they are. It takes courage. It takes resolve. But, it must be done.

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6, 7). God gives us the tools to be able to deal with all of our circumstances, including the painful ones. He wants us to cast our cares on Him, pray about them, and then let Him grant us peace in our hearts.

The solution to problems is not denial. We should learn to admit reality, then work with it as it is. When there are matters we can change for the better, let's work to change them. When the circumstances don't meet our concept of ideal, and we can't change them, let's learn to accept them and resolve to move forward with the strength God supplies. In all matters, we must *"seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"* (Matthew 6: 33). Because, as another one of my favorite "profound" questions reminds us, a hundred years from now, what will "it" matter? We worry about things that will pass into oblivion, and sometimes ignore those matters that have eternal consequences. A hundred years from now, it won't matter that my car has a few scratches on it, or my water heater went out. What will matter is whether or not I have devoted myself to God and His Will. It is what it is.

Be a Better Person

by Carey Scott

Don't we all wish that everyone would be a better person? Do we not hope that some bad people would turn their lives around and start doing good? Do we wish our neighbor would treat us better than before? Do we hope that the people we meet each day would show us respect and treat us fairly? If we expect others to be nicer and fairer, should we not make the effort as well? The golden rule is that we should treat others the way we would want them to treat us.

Be a better person now. Do not wait until next year and make a resolution about it. Do not put it off until next week or even tomorrow. Start right now. Look at the person closest to you and show them love. Pick up the phone and call someone who would appreciate a thoughtful consideration. Help someone who needs it, and even if they do not need help, help them anyways. Perhaps they will turn the favor and help someone else. If we would just try, we could turn our society around and make it a pleasant adventure each day to interact with others. Smile. Wish someone a nice day. Be courteous. Encourage others to be good. Tell people about God and His promises. Read I John 3:17 and meditate upon it.

I John 3:18 reads: *"Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."* Don't just talk the talk, but walk the walk. Show your love to others.

I John 4:20 reads: *"If someone says, 'I love God', and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen."*

One way to turn your life around is to change your focus. When you focus upon God you become a better person. When you focus upon helping others, you become a better person. Our goal is to get people focused upon God and become people that are better. Our community would be much better if more people were better.

Come visit us. Come worship God with us. Let us help you get to heaven and you come encourage us to get to heaven as well. We know that God is not willing that any perish (II Peter 3:9). You must believe that Jesus is the Son of God and died on the cross for your sins. (Acts 8:37). You must repent of your sins (Luke 13:3), you must confess Jesus as Lord (Matthew 10:32) and you must be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). Then you must remain faithful and continue learning how to serve God (II Peter 3:18). Let us help you on your spiritual journey. May God bless you in your study of His word.

Sunday Worship Service Only at 10:30.

Service Guidelines

- Only one service at this time.
- Please follow CDC guidelines if you plan to attend.
- No inside gatherings, please be seated when enter auditorium (social distance).
- Request but not mandatory – wear mask if possible.
- Make sure wash hands/use sanitizer.
- Families sit together - sit in every other pew.
- Communion kits/contribution box will be available as you enter the auditorium.
- At end of service – leave building one pew at a time.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME IF YOU HAVE
ANY SYMPTOMS
OR AT HIGH RISK.**

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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.

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•**SURGERY:** Dala Vandygriff

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Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper,
Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's
Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt,
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