

**June 25, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Chase Chapman

**Opening Prayer**

Chris Moore (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chance Criswell (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Bo Chapman, Casey Harris

**Count and Usher**

Ricky Cissom and Devin McVey

**Prepare Communion**

Jill and Hannah Loveless

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brock Lindley (06/28/17)

**OUR RECORD**

June 18, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 149

Sunday Evening Worship: 118

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,795

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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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**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## "HOW TO BUILD A WALL" by Dalton Key

"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9.)

Beginning a good work is one thing; finishing, something altogether different and more difficult. The temptation to quit, to give up, appears so very enticing when the critics carp and the work becomes tedious. And Satan, as "a roaring lion . . . seeking whom he may devour," understands this and uses such human frailties to his advantage. He knows the quickest, surest way to stop a good work is by discouraging the workers. He tempts us to accentuate the negative and eliminate the positive. We know he's lying, but still we listen. We become weary in well doing.

How unlike Nehemiah we are!

Nehemiah hadn't labored long in rebuilding the wall around Jerusalem before his enemies heard of it and started trying to halt the work. First, they ridiculed the effort, suggesting the wall would fall under the weight of a fox. The workers and the work continued. The enemies then "conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it," but still the work went forward with the workmen holding a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other. Two of Nehemiah's foes, Sanballat and Gershem, then tempted him to take a rest from the work and come down to the plain of Ono to talk things over. But the invitation was refused and the wall continued toward completion. Finally, ugly rumors were widely circulated in one last-ditch effort to discredit the work and the motive behind it. But the work continued, and the wall was finished in just fifty-two days.

What caused Nehemiah's success? Two things. First, "They perceived that the work was wrought of . . . God." (Nehemiah 6:16.) And second, "The people had a mind to work." (Nehemiah 4:6.) Because the work was perceived as greater than the workers, because it was properly understood as God's work, the workers could neither be discouraged nor dissuaded. Their eyes were not focused upon themselves, or their problems, but upon their God and His cause. They lost themselves in their labors.

Satan met a brick wall when he came up against Nehemiah.

What does he meet when he advances toward us and the good works we attempt to perform?

## Do You Keep His Commandments? Jon Mitchell

Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him.

All who profess to follow Christ will unhesitatingly state that they love God. That's a given, and from a certain perspective it's a good thing. It speaks of their sincerity and of a heart-felt gratitude they have towards their Creator.

Yet, so many of us profess to love God...while unrepentantly doing things that grieve him, anger him, and displease him. Consider this...

We say we love God but we hardly ever open our Bibles. Do you truly love someone if you're not interested in learning what they have to say?

We say we love God but we hardly ever pray. Do you truly love someone if you're not interested in talking to them?

We say we love God but we choose to worship him according to what we think will please him rather than according to his will revealed to us in his Word. Do you truly love someone if they ask you to give them a certain gift and instead you give them what you think they will like?

We say we love God but we then say he has saved us in a way which is foreign to how he has told us he saves us in his Word.

Do you truly love someone if you basically call them a liar, especially over something as important as your salvation?

We say we love God but we do not care enough about the souls for whom he sent his Son to die to share with them the gospel as he told us to do. Do you truly love someone if you don't care enough to do everything you can to save the person for whom they gave such a high sacrifice?

If we truly love God and his Son Jesus, we will obey their commandments. And when we sin and fail them, we will repent and try again because we love them. Otherwise, all we are doing is lying to them, to others, and to ourselves.

## Perplexing Mysteries That Plague the Church By Gerald Cowan

1. The mystery of the empty pew. Why are members absent? It would seem that for some the freedom to worship can be interpreted as freedom from worship – at least freedom from the assemblies for worship (Heb. 10:25).

2. The mystery of the disappearing church member. Some drop out and no one knows why. They may fall back in love with the world (2 Tim. 4:10). Since they cannot serve God and mammon, they give up God (Mt. 6:24).

3. The mystery of the unaccompanied child. They are dropped off by parents who never attend any church services or activities. They are sent off alone or in the care of neighbors. This condition seems to apply to others besides children too. The wife, and sometimes the husband, comes without the mate. Parents sometimes come without their children – it is a mystery to the parents that the children do not want to attend and actually refuse to attend with them. Does Proverbs 22:6 apply?

4. The mystery of the indisposition of one that renders a whole group incapable. One person is sick, so all members of the family stay at home.

5. The mystery of the closed Bible. In the homes the Bible is a seldom opened dust catcher. Even in the church's assemblies the Bible is opened only by the preacher or teacher. Can one be an approved student of scripture without studying the scripture (2 Tim. 2:15)?

6. The mystery of buried talents. Most members enjoy seeing work done, but too many neglect their own opportunities and abilities (Mt. 25:14-30).

7. The mystery of uncommitted money. Conversion seems to miss the pocketbook and checkbook in some cases (2 Cor. 9:7).

8. The mystery of the misused day. The Lord's day is used for everything except worship and service to the Lord.

9. The mystery of worried and fearful saints. With a concerned and loving Savior to defend and preserve us, what do we really have to fear?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMINDER:  
SUNDAY EVENING TIME CHANGE:  
2:00PM**

### Chapman VBS

July 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>

**COME BLAZE A TRAIL WITH US AT VBS!  
TRAILBLAZERS FOR THE FAITH**

Prize for boy & girl who brings the most visitors!

**Start inviting!**

Flyers are available in foyer.

### Chapman Lectureship

July 30<sup>th</sup>– August 2<sup>nd</sup>

### BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

*Magnolia Mae "Maggie" Gatewood*

June 5, 2017 at 3:20 AM

5 pounds 8 ounces - 19 1/4 inches

**Great-Grandparents:**

**Mickey & Gail Chandler**

### PROGRAMS OF WORK Website: chapmanchurch.com

Articles • Sermons (Audio)

• Chapman Challengers

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Sunday Mornings at 8 AM

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Every other Wednesday

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Everett Hurt,

•**HOSPITAL:** Michael Kubenthiran (Robin Chapman's Nephew – car wreck/severe leg injuries) Please send cards: 2618 Sunlight Drive, Arlington, TX 76006.

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Tracie Gross (Back)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, 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:** **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663). **Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Tishomingo Living Center, 1410 West Quitman Street, Iuka, MS 38852)