

# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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## God's Getting Better

A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bedtime story. From time to time she would take her eyes off the book and reach up to touch his wrinkled cheek. She was alternately stroking her own cheek, then his again. Finally she spoke up: "Grandpa, did God make you?"

"Yes, sweetheart," he answered. "God made me a long time ago."

"Oh," she paused. "Grandpa, did God make me too?"

"Yes indeed, honey," he said. "God made you just a little while ago."

Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't He?"

*Via The Sower. Arthur Church of Christ. Arthur. IL.*

## It's Time For Worship!!!

By: Edd Sterchi

It's time for worship, and worship is a time of sacrifice (cf. 2 Kings 17:36). Under the Old Law, sacrifice was closely connected with worship. Even though we live under a different covenant today (Col. 2:14; Heb. 8:1-13), our worship of God should still have the aspect of sacrifice. It should still cost us something. It should still be a determined effort of our very best. It should still be us giving to God.

Now that we are here to worship, let us offer...

...our lips in sacrifice of praise. Let us praise God audibly and heartily. Let us sing with feeling and fervor. Let us give and give again with our voices. "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name" (Heb. 13:15).

...our hearts in sacrifice of sincerity. Let us be serious and genuine in our worship. Let us be purposeful in our offerings. Let our very souls pour forth from the inside. "For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh" (Phil. 3:3).

...our bodies in sacrifice of service. Let us be active and involved. Let us put forth a great effort. Let us truly give with our all. "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Rom. 12:1).

...our minds in sacrifice of focus. Let us concentrate upon God, on who He is and what He has done. Let us center upon His will. Let us pay careful attention to what we do and the way we do it. "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (John 4:24).

Paul admitted that his labors and life was a "drink offering" before the Lord (Phil. 2:17; 2 Tim. 4:6). He had given his all. He had emptied himself. He had left none for self. Let us give our all in sacrifice of worship before our Maker!

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## June 29, 2014 ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

Randle Koon

### Song Leader

Larry Wood

### Scripture Reading

David Smith

### Opening Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

### Closing Prayer

Tony Morrison (A.M.) Young Men (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

Logan Yancey (06/25/14)

### OUR RECORD

#### June 22, 2014

Sunday Bible Study: 122

Sunday Morning Worship: 148

Sunday Evening Worship: 127

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,024

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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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## Strengthening Our Marriages

Mike McDaniel

None ought to think that they are immune to the possibility of divorce. Many people have been stunned, even shocked, to have a mate announce, "I want a divorce." You may be quite content with your marriage, but that doesn't mean that your mate shares your contentment. Here are some things that every husband and wife should do to strengthen their marriage against the ravages of divorce.

(1) Center your life in God (Mt. 6:33). Make obedience to his will the top priority of your life together. Remember the words of Ecclesiastes 12:13, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Take time to pray together. Do those things necessary to grow spiritually and become a stronger Christian. The fact is that the more you become what God wants you to be, the more you become what your mate deserves, and the stronger your marriage becomes.

(2) Communicate with your mate. It involves listening as well as talking. There should be kind communication. Once a psychiatrist asked a couple, "What do you have in common?" The wife was not the kindest of communicators and she answered, "Just one thing: neither of us can stand the other!" Often we lose control and say things we regret later. Proverbs 15:1 says, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Let's try the soft answer instead of the hard words that stir up anger.

(3) Commitment is the key. God hates divorce (Mal. 2:16), and allows it only on the basis of fornication under the law of Christ (Mt. 5:32, 19:9). One who is motivated by the spirit of reverence or respect for God, will be faithful to their marriage vows and will not have the possibility of divorce in the back of their minds as a possible future option. A wise and loving father wrote this to his daughter soon after her marriage. He said, "Likely you have already made this commitment (if not you should today): I am married to Bobby for life. I will never consider breaking my vows, God being my helper. I will overcome every obstacle. I will survive every problem. I will never allow myself to consider the possibility of another mate while my husband lives. If my marriage fails, it will be in spite of me and over my strongest efforts." Perhaps if all marriages began with this type of commitment, this type of reverence for God and His marriage law, the statistics would not show nearly one out of every two new marriages ending in divorce. Our society today needs a good dose of Matthew 19:6, "What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

### Sunshine and Rain

by: Clay Harrison

No life is useless and no day is vain,  
For God has a purpose for sunshine and rain.  
All are discouraged, and everyone cries,  
But we're never alone beneath cloudy skies.  
All hearts can break...they're fragile as glass,  
But God will mend them, and this too shall pass.  
Sometimes we succeed, and sometimes we fail,  
So follow your dream whatever the trial,  
For no one's a loser who gives it his best,  
And you can stand tall above all the rest.  
Those who are faithful are noble at heart,  
And no life is useless when God has a part.  
Be swift to give praises and slow to complain...  
God has a purpose for sunshine and rain.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 5TH SUNDAY - JUNE 29TH

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning services. Evening Services at 1:30 pm conducted by Chapman young men.

### ELDERS & DEACONS MEETING

This Sunday (29th) after evening service.

### CHAPMAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 13th - 16th

### CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 27th - 30th

## What is Love?

It is...

...silence when your words would hurt,  
...patience when your neighbor's curt,  
...deafness when the scandal flows,  
...thoughtful for another's woes,  
...helpful when one is in need,  
...abundant in kind word and deed,  
...promptness when stern duty calls,  
...courage when misfortune falls.

- adapted by Edd Sterchi.

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

### The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

### Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

### Correspondence Course

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Guy Stroupe, Kasandra Longoria

•**HOME FROM HOSPITAL:** Moise Loveless (Rickey's Mother, Booneville)

•**SURGERY:** Brenda Shackelford (06/26/14)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Bettye Melton

•**TREATMENTS:** Bobbie Nunnally

•**REHAB:** W.M. Chapman (Room 206 - Tippah County Nursing Home)

•**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:** Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Gray Roberson, *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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