

June 30, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

David Smith (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Micky Chandler (A.M.)

Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Ross Shackelford (Presiding),

Tripp Yancey, Michiel Criswell,

Brock Lindley

Count and Usher

Britt Lindley and Devin McVey

Prepare Communion

Connie Davis and Bryana Gaillard

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chris Moore (07/03/19)

OUR RECORD

June 23, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 139

Sunday Evening Worship: 101

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,613

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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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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

SEEDS PLANTED WILL GROW Mark Lindley

The principle of sowing and reaping is a law of the natural world. For farmers, a time of sowing must precede reaping. What is true in the natural world is also true of spiritual things. The apostle Paul wrote, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Galatians 6:7-8). The law of sowing and reaping is a universal rule that applies to Christians and non-Christians. It is an unchanging truism that we reap what we sow.

Fundamentally, there are three things necessary for sowing and reaping to occur: seed, ground, and time. A seed is a common and relatively small object, but it produces great results. Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof" (Matthew 13:31-32). The "seeds" we sow by our words and deeds may seem small, but they produce significant results.

The ground in which we sow is life. In good times and bad, during all seasons and circumstances, we are sowing.

After sowing, there is a period of waiting for the harvest. In the natural world, the farmer waits for his crop to mature and has "long patience" (cf. James 5:7). Regarding spiritual things, after we have sown, we may reap in hours, days, weeks, years or in eternity. But we "will" reap what we sow.

Sowing "small" seeds of poor choices can lead to a bitter harvest of regret and sorrow. One may sow by stealing money from one's employer, and reap a damaged reputation and loss of employment. One may sow an addiction to alcohol, and reap the loss of health. If one never sows these seeds, the unwanted "plants" cannot grow.

It is also true that we may sow words and deeds of kindness, encouragement, gratitude, and love, and reap strong relationships and happy homes (cf. Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:18-20). As we journey through life, sowing small seeds for the Lord will pay great benefits. Sow good seed and reap a harvest of spiritual blessings!

Needed: More Rattlesnakes

By Carey Scott based upon an article by
Unknown

Once upon a time there was a family of wayward church members. One day while Jim, John, and Sam were in the woods a large rattlesnake bit Sam and he became violently ill. The doctor was summoned and did what he could, but said they would need divine help, too, if Sam were to recover. So the preacher and the elders of the church were sent for, and they came rushing to Sam's bedside.

The preacher was asked to pray and did so as follows"

"O wise and righteous Father, we thank Thee that in Thy wisdom Thou has sent this rattlesnake to bite Sam, in order to bring him to his senses. He has not been in the church house for years, and it is doubtful that he has in all these years, until now, felt the need of prayer. It seems, therefore, that what our combined efforts could not do, this rattlesnake has done. We trust, O Father, that Thou wilt send another to bite John and Jim, and a big one to bite their father, for we conclude the only thing that will help this family is rattlesnakes. So send us, we pray Thee, three bigger and better rattlesnakes."

Note: The humorous tale above makes a powerful point -- many do not turn to God until calamity strikes. During good times many revel in the prosperity, feeling a false sense of security. Remember the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21) in which the rich man boasted of his material wealth while ignoring his spiritual poverty. In Luke 15:11ff, we have the parable of the lost son. Note that it wasn't until he hit rock bottom that he "came to himself" (v.17) and returned to his father.

Have you allowed yourself to become confident in your apparent "good life" without God? Don't wait for the brethren to start praying for a calamity to fall upon you to set you straight.

Faithful by: Lance Cordle

"Save, O Lord, for the godly one is gone; for the faithful have vanished from among the children of men. Everyone utters lies to his neighbor; with flattering lips and a double heart they speak" (Psalm 12: 1,2, ESV).

Have you been lied to lately? Chances are, you have. Has someone significant in your life proven to be unreliable? Chances are, someone has. Have you, like the Psalmist, wondered where faithful people have gone? We are facing an even deeper crisis than the one addressed by Warren Wiersbe in his 1988 book, *The Integrity Crisis*. In short, we need men and women to stand up and be reliable-do what they say and be what they claim to be.

While considering the term faithfulness, several thoughts come to my mind that might help us in our quest for faithful people and to become faithful ourselves. Please consider the following:

1. We Have a Faithful Father. God's very being is grounded in the trait of faithfulness. He will not, and cannot, lie (Titus 1:2; Hebrews 6:18). He has made promises in the past and kept them. He has made promises to us and He will keep them (Deuteronomy 7:9; 1 Corinthians 10:13). We can rely on God.
2. We Can Build and Maintain Faithful Families. Despite the current glut of dissolved marriages and mock marriages (living together- "commitment" without commitment), it is still possible for a man and a woman to pledge themselves to one another and keep that pledge for many years (Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:31). It is possible for a man to commit himself to the leadership of a family and provide for his wife and children (Ephesians 6:4; 1 Timothy 5:8). We can have solid families.
3. We Can Build and Maintain Faithful Friendships. We may meet many people in our lifetime, but only a few will be worthy of the label, friend. It has been said that a true friend is "one who comes in when the whole world goes out." The Bible says "A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity" and "there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother" (Proverbs 17:17, 18:24). We can be faithful friends.
4. We Can Be Faithful. Circumstances may change and people around us may change, but it is always possible for us to remain faithful to the Lord. God knows that we are not perfect and He does not expect more from us than we are able to deliver. He does, however, expect faithfulness. We can be faithful-even if that faithfulness means our death (Revelation 2:10).

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th SUNDAY - June 30th

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

CHAPMAN VBS

July 7th – 10th

Sunday AM: 10:00AM

Sunday PM: 2:00 PM (Evening Service 2:00PM – VBS immediately following)

Mon – Wed 7:00-8:30 PM

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STEADY FAITH IN SHIFTING SANDS

Prize for the boy & girl

who bring the most visitors!

Start inviting!

Flyers are available in foyer.

**Teacher & Food Sign Up –
by Teacher Supply Room**

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 28th – July 31st

Please join us for
A Baby Shower in Honor of

Bryana & Nathan Gaillard

Sunday, July 14th

3:30 to 4:30PM

Chapman Church of Christ Fellowship
Hall

It's a Girl! – Emmie Kay

Colors: Neutrals

Registered: Amazon, Walmart, The Gift of Gab

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mallory Smith, Ross Shackelford

•**REHAB:** Cutah Newby (Diversicare)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Wayne Vandygriff (back), James Newby (Rehab/Birmingham), Don Blackwell (4-wheeler accident/preacher and elder of Southaven congregation)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith,, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).