

**July 2, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Brad McAlister

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Tom Wade

Opening Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Chase Chapman (A.M.) Eli Carter (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Kevin Shackelford (Presiding),

Jeff Brewer, Chance Criswell, Randell Koon

Count and Usher

Palmer Jones & John Hopper

Prepare Communion

Robin & Mallory Chapman

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (07/05/17)

OUR RECORD

June 25, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 125

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 123

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 99

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,137

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

CHEATING ON GOD Mark Lindley

Marriage is a wonderful blessing given by God. God wants those who are married to treasure this blessing and stay together, keeping the commitment they have made. On their wedding day, a couple promises to be faithful to each other. However, "cheating" within marriage is fairly common, but, always wrong. Infidelity ruins relationships and devastates the person that one has vowed to love and cherish.

There is another type of cheating that is common to our day—cheating on God. The Bible teaches that one may commit the sin of "spiritual adultery." This occurs when a child of God puts some thing or someone in the place of God. The Lord is worthy of first place in the lives of his people. Choosing other "gods" of the world is to commit spiritual adultery.

Perhaps, no book of the Bible emphasizes this more than the Old Testament book of Hosea. God instructed the prophet, Hosea, to go and take a wife who was given to whoredom: "The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms: for the land hath committed great whoredom, departing from the LORD" (Hosea 1:2). The immoral woman Hosea married was a fitting representation of how Israel had "cheated" on God. Notice in the last part of the Lord's statement to Hosea: "for the land hath committed a great whoredom, departing from the Lord."

But how had Israel been unfaithful to God? The answer is found in Hosea 4:17: "Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone." "Ephraim," in this verse, stands for Israel. The problem was that Israel had turned from the true God to idols. Serving these false gods made Israel guilty of spiritual adultery, cheating on God.

Spiritual adultery is very prevalent today. The true God who loves all is often ignored and rejected for things of the world. Money, recreation, earthly possessions, sensual pleasure, and selfish interests often take God's place. There is no room for God, no time for being faithful to him. The Lord, who provides each breath, gives life, and every blessing must take second place!

God was longsuffering and patient with Israel, but, in time, He "sent her away" (Jeremiah 3:8). God is still patient. However, we should learn from the unfaithful nation of Israel that spiritual adultery will not be tolerated forever!

JESUS AND CROWDS

Franklin Camp (deceased)

Crowds followed Christ. He could have used the crowds that followed Him to have thrown Jerusalem and Palestine into a turmoil. But Christ would not sacrifice truth and righteousness for a crowd. When Christ saw that the crowds were following Him for what they could get, that their motives were wrong, and that they were not seeing the truth that he was preaching, He challenged them with a question that shook them up and thinned the crowd. He said, "Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled." He then urged them, "To work not for the meat that perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you" (John 6:26, 27). He then gave His discourse on the "bread of life" and many of the crowd lost interest. Even some of those who had committed themselves as His disciples were numbered among the crowd which "went back and walked no more with him." When Christ began to sound the real depth of His message and the meaning of discipleship, He lost the crowd.

Let us not deceive ourselves in thinking that we can succeed where the Lord could not. Christ would not sacrifice truth for a crowd and neither will we if we love the Lord and the souls of men.

The Love of God

Robert Notgrass

Paul said, "Nay, in all things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us." (Rom. 8:37). He then catalogues things that cannot affect Christ's love for us.

The Love of God abounds.

The love of God is unaffected by our conditions of life. (Rom. 8:38) A "thorn in the flesh" does not mean that Christ does not love us. It may be that we have problems so that we may not be "exalted over much." (2 Cor. 12:7) The grace of God can make perfect our weakness. (2 Cor. 12:9) Even in death Christ has not forsaken us. Death does not affect the soul for which Christ died. In death there is only a change of the condition of the soul from an earthly abode to a spiritual realm.

The love of God is unaffected by the order of things. (Rom 8:38) "Neither . . . angels, nor principalities, nor the things present, nor things to come" will cause Christ to cease loving us. Trials may lead us nearer or away from Christ. Whatever may be our burdens and problems he still loves us.

The love of God is raised above the power of time. Neither things "present, nor things to come" will affect the love God for us. His love is constant. Christ loved us even when we were sinners—that is the reason he died for us.

The love of God is present everywhere. "Neither height, nor depth . . . shall be able to separate us from the love of God." God is and he cares. He is not like a helpless idol nor a sitting Buddha.

It would be wonderful if our love for Christ was as firm as his love for us. God loves us but he hates sin. Sin can separate us from God. It is idle talk to say we love God and do not what he says. "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." (1 Jn. 5:3)

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 2, 2017
Chapman Singing
Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home
at 3:30 PM

REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME CHANGE:
2:00PM

Chapman VBS

July 9th – 12th

Sunday AM: 10:00AM

Sunday PM: 2:00PM

(Evening Service 2:00PM – VBS immediately following)
Monday-Wednesday - 7:00 TO 8:30PM

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 30th– August 2nd

PROGRAMS OF WORK Website: chapmanchurch.com

Articles • Sermons (Audio)

• Chapman Challengers

The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM

• WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Keith & Robin Newby, 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. Harry Richardson (ICU/Memphis)

•**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)