

**July 3, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Casey Harris

**Opening Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Barrett Chapman (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Eli Carter (A.M.) Mason McAlister (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Larry Wood (Presiding),

Starrett Chapman, Danny Shackelford, David Smith

**Count and Usher**

Andy Reese

J C Newby

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Jack Harris (07/06/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**June 26, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 108**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 128**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 100**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,611**

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE THIEF ON THE CROSS Mark Lindley

The most well-known thief of all time is one of the thieves crucified beside Jesus. One of the thieves repented and acknowledged his wrongdoing. Jesus said to him, "Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43).

Even though this man was labeled a "thief," in his dying hour he demonstrated some commendable qualities. First, he wanted to prepare for death. He said to the other thief, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?" (Luke 23:40). Notice that the penitent thief feared God. He knew he was about to die, and he wanted to be prepared to meet God. This is an attitude we all need. If the Lord does not come during our lifetime, we will die and we need to prepare to meet God in judgment. "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). We all need to prepare for death by obeying the Gospel of Christ.

Second, the thief acknowledged his sin. He stated, "for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss" (Luke 23:41). Many will never be saved because they are unwilling to admit their need for God and repent of sin. No one can be saved without first realizing he/she is lost. The Bible teaches that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and the wages of sin is death (Romans 3:23; 6:23). It takes humility to admit one's need for God and repent. Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3).

There are additional things we should know about the thief on the cross: 1) The thief on the cross was saved while the Law of Moses was still in effect; 2) The thief on the cross was never required to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins. This command would not become effective until after Jesus arose from the grave and established His church (Acts 2:1-47). Those who lived under the Old Testament system were not required to be baptized; 3) The thief did not believe God had raised Jesus from the dead (cf. Romans 10:9). The thief was not required to believe this because Jesus had not even been buried when the thief died. This proves that the thief was not saved under the terms of the New Testament; 4) No one today can be saved in the same manner that the thief was saved! Today, in order for one to be saved, one must realize his/her need for salvation. Then, one must believe (John 8:24), repent (Acts 17:30), confess (Romans 10:10), and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 22:16).

The thief on the cross demonstrated some good qualities before he died, but no one today can be saved as the thief was saved.

**A Life for His Glory**  
Robert Notgrass

You have worth! God has chosen you for His Glory!

When Paul was speaking to the church in Ephesus, he said, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved" (Eph. 1:6). All that God has done in choosing, predestinating and adopting Christians is to the praise of the glory of his grace. You see, with God, there is no mistake or accident about those who are in Christ and are a part of his grace. And so, when it comes to our lives, while our friends may speak differently about our Christianity, you should know that you are the right answer, that is, you are the one who stands in this spot of history, in Christ, knowing that God had you in mind when he began the foundations of the world. And, without you, without your being a Christian, there would be something missing to the glory of God, something missing from the world, something that is irreplaceable and precious. You.

As we continue to understand God throughout our lives by his word, we know that our lives count and that God's love surrounds us. And while we may make the wrong choices in life, our feeling may overrule what we know is best, we may even go after things we want instead of what God wants for you, God extends his grace. He offers us the chance to rework our life, allowing us to repent, giving us the opportunity to erase the mistakes we have made because he loves us so very much.

Therefore, we must always strive to be in the right. We should keep in mind that asking God to forgive us, is not only a privilege for Christians, but that, we know Jesus paid the price of sin for us with His life upon the cross. Our life counts with God. So, feel free to speak to God and add to your faith joy and allow that joy to multiply in your life because you matter to God. Your life counts with him.

**The Zeal of Phinehas**  
Jon Mitchell

The New Testament, the law of God which applies to us today (Heb. 8:7-13), tells us that the Old Testament still has much value for the Christian. The accounts of what happened to the Israelites provide instruction, admonition, encouragement, hope, and an example to us today (Rom. 15:4; 1 Cor. 10:1-11). Therefore, it is proper for modern seekers of God to study the Old Testament, because through it we can find out a lot about how our Creator looks at things.

Do we have the zeal of Phinehas in our life?

For example, consider Phinehas (Num. 25:6-13), a little known man in the Old Testament who lived during the time of Moses. While the Jews were wandering in the wilderness, one of them brought a foreign woman into the camp in front of everyone, presumably either to marry her or to fornicate with her. While the idea of marrying a foreigner may seem trivial to us today – possibly due to the New Testament giving no prohibition between races (Gal. 3:28) – it was a sin under Old Testament law (Ex. 34:11-16; Deut. 7:3-4). Phinehas apparently recognized this and was very upset that one of his Jewish brothers would so blatantly disobey his God, and so he picked up a spear, went into the man's chamber, and killed both him and the woman. As a result, God took away the plague he had thrown upon Israel, and even praised the actions of Phinehas.

What lessons can we learn from this? First, let me make it clear that I am not advocating killing someone whom you see blatantly disobeying God's Word. While the Old Testament allowed that (Josh. 7) due to being the lawbook of a singular theocratic nation, the New Testament – the lawbook of Christians of all nations – tells us to deal with sinners among our brethren in a firm but non-violent way (Matt. 18:15-17; Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Cor. 5; Eph. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14-15; 2 John 9-11). Under the New Testament, only the various secular governments have the authority from God to use capital punishment to punish evildoers (Rom. 13:1-4), and anyone – including Christians – who would purposely take a man's life outside of governmental parameters would be guilty of sin (Gal. 5:19-21).

That said, what I would like us to consider is the zeal Phinehas must have possessed in order to do such a thing as take a man's life because that man was sinning against God. We need to remember that Phinehas was putting his own life in danger by going into that man's tent and attacking him. The man could have defended himself and maybe even taken Phinehas' own life. Yet, Phinehas cared so much about God's Word being obeyed that he would not allow sin to be in his presence for one minute... and God praised him for that attitude.

Do we have that attitude? Do we hate sin that much? When someone tells a dirty joke or uses foul language in your presence, do you have enough zeal for God to politely ask them to stop? If your friends are involved in fornication, do you care enough about God and them to tell them that what they are doing is wrong? Or do you look the other way and maybe even join in so that they won't think you're weird? If that's the case, where's your zeal for God? More importantly, where is God's approval for you?

I hope we all can have Phinehas' zeal for standing up for what is right in the sight of God. It's something to think about, and a goal for us to have.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Chapman VBS**  
July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>

**Chapman Lectureship**  
July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 3<sup>rd</sup>

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**BIRTH ANNOUCEMENT**

*Penelope Liv Chapman*  
June 20, 2016  
6 pounds 6 ounces - 20 inches

**Parents:** Chase & Olivia Chapman

**Grandparents:** Robin & Terry Chapman  
Miranda & Matt Griffin

**Great-Grandparents:** Linda & Starrett Chapman  
Bobbie Nunnally, Dianne & Phil Peeler,  
Barb & Mike Long, David Griffin

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**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Delton "Del" Crutchfield (Father of Rebecca Harris) and Octavia McElroy (Sister of Oleta Phillips).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Robin Newby, Pat & Tommy Wade

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Audrey Box, Deborah Gullick, Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell's Mother), Blair Chapman, Karen Yancey

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa,, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

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