

July 4, 2021  
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements  
Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader  
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading  
Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer  
Chase Chapman (A.M.)  
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Ricky Cissom (A.M.)  
John Hopper (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Brad McAlister

Count and Usher  
Terry Chapman & Logan Yancey

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Brad McAlister (07/07/21)

### OUR RECORD

June 27, 2021

Sunday Bible Study: 86  
Sunday Morning Worship: 98  
Sunday Evening Worship: 84  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 92

### BULLETIN BY E-MAIL:

Receive bulletin by e-mail notify us:  
[chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net](mailto:chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net)  
Also can view on our website:  
[chapmanchurch.com](http://chapmanchurch.com)

### 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).



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
250 COUNTY ROAD 550  
RIPLEY, MS 38663

# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

Published Weekly by  
**Chapman Church of Christ**  
Ripley, Mississippi  
(662) 837-7012  
[chapmanchurch.com](http://chapmanchurch.com)

**ELDERS:** Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper, Rickey  
Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## HONEST DENOMINATIONAL PREACHERS James Pilgrim

The late Sam Morris preached for a number of Baptist Churches, including the First Baptist Church in Stamford, Texas. He wrote a tract, entitled, "Do A Christian's Sins Damn His Soul?"

In that tract, he said, "We take the position that a Christian's sins do not damn his soul! The way a Christian lives, what he says, his character, his conduct, or his attitude toward other people, having nothing whatever to do with the salvation of his soul.

All the prayers a man may pray, all the Bibles he may read, all the churches he may belong to, all the services he may attend, all the sermons he may practice all the debts he may pay, all the ordinances he may observe, all the laws he may keep, all the benevolent acts he may perform will not make his soul one whit safer; and all the sins he may commit, from idolatry to murder, will not make his soul in any more danger."

All denominational preachers, to my knowledge, believe the same thing, though most would never be so bold as to put such in writing. However, it is taught by most that one cannot sin in such a way as to be lost. They might say it like this, "If one is truly saved, that one may sin, but will repent prior to death." Book, chapter, and verse, please???

If one honestly believes the doctrine of Sam Morris, all could forsake the assembling (Hebrews 10:25), and close the doors, end that group. Those who believe what Mr. Morris taught could all cease to give according to their prosperity (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2). Some have almost ceased to observe the Lord's Supper (Matthew 26:26-29; Acts 20:7); they could completely stop. Singing (Ephesians 5:19), Christian living (Titus 2:11, 12), and all other things God has required could be disregarded. In other words, all that God has said could be ignored, including the command to evangelize, which would eliminate all conversions, thus ending Christianity. Will denominational preachers honestly tell their members to stop all they are doing?

Can one leave Jesus? (Revelation 2:4). Will all who have "left thy first love" return? (Verse 5). Was Judas Iscariot truly an apostle? (Matthew 10:1-5; 26:17, 19, 22, 25, 35, 47). Did he sin? (Matthew 26:47-50; 27:4). Did he genuinely repent, or did he hang himself, falling? (Matthew 27:3-5). Is there a record of Judas Iscariot genuinely repenting and being saved, or going "to his own place"? (Acts 1:25). Did the plants (people) of Matthew 13:3-9 and 18-23 actually live, and did they literally die without coming back to life? Were those of 1 Corinthians 10:1ff actually God's people? Did they sin? Did they return? Cf. Hebrews 12:15

## “LET GOD BE TRUE”

By Dalton Key

If the Bible says it, we'd best believe it. "Let God be true, but every man a liar." (Romans 3:4.) As we work to distinguish right from wrong, good from evil, and yes, even truth from falsehoods, we should never dismiss the weighty words of the Almighty. Never forget - "God cannot lie." (Hebrews 6:18.)

Haven't we wasted enough time listening to the "experts" who keep droning on and on, saying less and less, while wasting more and more words in the process? Bertrand Russell once observed, "Even when the experts all agree, they may well be mistaken." Jesus put it even plainer. "If the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch." (Matthew 15:14.)

Listening to public opinion is no better. The majority of us has been in the wrong since the days of the flood. Where was the majority when the golden calf was being worshipped? Where was the majority when Joshua and Caleb encouraged victory over the armies of Canaan? Where was the majority when Pilate offered to release Jesus rather than Barabbas?

They were where the majority has almost always been, on the wrong side of the issue. "You must not do wrong just because everyone else is doing it." (Exodus 23:2, NCV.)

Perhaps we should just listen to the lawmakers. But no, the voice of government is often proven over time to have been mistaken, misguided, and altogether wrong. Just making a thing legal doesn't make it right. The law in Daniel's day prohibited prayer. Our Lord was crucified by those purporting to uphold the law. The early church lost thousands of her members to martyrdom because of the laws and lawmakers of that time. Legality and propriety are often miles apart, yet when push comes to shove, "We ought to obey God rather than men." (Acts 5:29.)

We could just listen to our heart. But the heart too often leads us astray. "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9.) "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12.)

The best and wisest course for all of us is to simply listen to the words of God above all else. "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1,2.)

The LORD will perfect that which concerneth me: thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands.

**Psalm 138:8**

### TEACHER WORKSHOP

**JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

**9AM to 2PM**

**TEACHERS - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Below**

Workshop by Mary Baker -  
author of our new curriculum

*Lunch will be provided*

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

[Website: chapmanchurch.com](http://www.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

**Correspondence Course**

Study the Bible in your home, at your  
convenience, by enrolling in a free Bible  
correspondence course.

To enroll: call (837-7012), write (250 CR 550,  
Ripley, MS 38663 ) or e-mail  
(chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net)

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Remember count your blessings,  
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the  
world and the broken-hearted.*

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Junior Derrick

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Jane Morrison, Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter (Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663)

**Sermons available on  
Facebook and YouTube**