

July 5, 2020

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Ross Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**  
Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**  
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)  
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Eli Carter (A.M.)  
Ricky Cissom (P.M.)

**Count and Usher**  
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

**Communion**  
Jarvene Shackelford

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**

**June 28, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE

Sunday Morning Worship: 116

Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE

Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,441

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## “I’LL JUST WORSHIP AT HOME” Mark Lindley

Faithful Christians have a strong desire to attend worship services. To worship God is a commandment, but it is also a high, exalted privilege. Wonderful things happen during worship. God’s people teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16). We reflect on the death of our Lord (Luke 22:19). God is praised and adored (Hebrews 2:12). We fulfill God’s commandment for His people to assemble on the first day of the week (Hebrews 10:25).

However, the recent Covid 19 pandemic has interrupted our lives and changed the place of worship for many. Because there is the danger of spreading the virus and infecting those most vulnerable, many congregations have met by means of Facebook Live.

Although this has not been the ideal situation, social media and technology have enabled Christians to worship with some degree of togetherness.

Many Bible classes have been taught through Zoom. In some classes, there have been discussions, comments and questions. It has been encouraging to participate in Bible class with others during this very difficult time.

All these things have been helpful and encouraging; however, these ways of worshipping and studying God’s Word cannot replace regular, public assemblies. The clear teaching of Scripture is that God’s people are to come together in one place to worship. Consider what Paul wrote to the church at Corinth: “When ye come together therefore into one place, this is not to eat the Lord’s supper” (I Corinthians 11:20). Observe from this text that the Corinthians had a practice of coming “together into one place.” They were supposed to be partaking of the Lord’s Supper in their assemblies, but they were not partaking in the proper manner. That is why Paul wrote, “this is not to eat the Lord’s supper.” But the text makes the point: these early Christians met in one place—the same place—for worship.

In the city of Troas, God’s people met together for worship. Scripture says, “And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). These early Christians in Troas understood the great importance of assembling together for worship.

In recent months, it has not been feasible for many congregations to meet for worship. However, no one should use the pandemic as an excuse for neglecting worship. As soon as Christians can safely assemble for worship, we should assemble. Our attitude toward worship should be the same as David’s: “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” (Psalm 122:1). One who says, “I’ll just worship at home,” and refuses to assemble when the local congregation is meeting, should evaluate his attitude toward worship.

**Have You Saved Any Souls Today?**  
By Bill Brandstatter

I was at a dentist appointment once and the dentist and I were talking. My dentist has known me for a long time. He likes to kid and joke; but he asked me the above question, and it got me to thinking? Have WE saved any souls today?

The work of the church is saving souls. The church is composed of saved souls (Acts 2:47). It is not the work of the church to entertain. It is not the work of the church to just motivate. The work of the church is to evangelize, edify, and encourage. So, again, have we saved any souls today?

It is interesting that in Acts 8 the Bible says the church "went everywhere preaching the word." (vs 3) This was not referring to the apostles because they were somewhere else. This was talking about the church. When we teach and talk to others we are "preaching the word." Preaching helps to save souls (Rom. 10:13-17). It is the work of the church, specifically church members, to seek and save the lost.

Many believe that if the church has a located preacher, saving souls is his job. Certainly, the preacher should be active in saving souls through preaching, teaching, and evangelizing; but is he the only one that should be striving to save souls? NO.

So, the question my dentist asked might also be one we all should ask of each other. Have you saved any souls today?

**Home Is Where The Heart Is**  
By Ed Wittlif

*"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven...for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).*

One thing that stands out as I read God's word is that this world which is so real to me isn't real at all. Paul pictures our physical bodies as tents and our real body will be obtained in heaven, a body fit to house our spirit throughout eternity. (II Corinthians 5:1-2).

There is a better place than this world. The roll call of great people of faith seeking that heavenly country is found in Hebrews 11. Their attitude was that they were strangers here. Their treasures were laid up in heaven.

We need to learn to live like pilgrims in this world. We are only passing through and there is a home, a country so superior waiting for us. If God is all that is in heaven, then that is enough. The word pictures in the scriptures tell us that heaven will be awesome.

Therefore, don't put down roots here. Don't settle in and get comfortable here. Don't put your desires here and do not put your treasures in this place. This world is only temporary, a shadowland as it were. There is no security here. In Matthew 6:19-21 Jesus reminds us our treasures entrusted on the earth can be destroyed or stolen. But what we lay up in heaven cannot be destroyed or stolen.

We have to examine our hearts daily and decide to keep our eyes focused on the path leading to heaven.

**SERVICES STARTING JULY 5TH**

Sunday morning will remain  
at 10:30  
*with Worship Service only*

Sunday Evening Services  
at 2 PM

Wednesday Night Services  
at 7 PM

*No Children Bible Classes*

*All Services will be in  
auditorium and outside.*

**PLEASE DO NOT COME  
IF YOU HAVE ANY  
SYMPTOMS  
OR AT HIGH RISK.**

**Sermons available  
on Facebook and YouTube.**

**Zoom Bible Study:** Check  
Facebook for updates and Zoom  
Meeting Information.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lavon Bullock and Lanny Yancey (Brother-in-law of Susan Yancey).

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

•**MILITARY:** James B Chapman  
*Back in the States*

•**HOSPITAL:** Oleta Chapman Montgomery  
(Desoto County ICU),

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:**  
Dala Vandygriff

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Johnny Cissom, Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

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

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