

July 14 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford
Song Leader
Chance Criswell
Scripture Reading
Tripp Yancey
Opening Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)
Closing Prayer
Jodie Criswell (A.M.)
Chris Moore (P.M.)
Lord's Table
Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),
Jeff Roberson, Larry Wood, Gene Yancey
Count and Usher
Chase Chapman
Brock Lindley
Prepare Communion
Shawna & Christy Jones
Wednesday Night Song Leader
J C Newby (07/17/19)

OUR RECORD

July 7, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 99
Sunday Morning Worship: 130
Sunday Evening Worship: 97
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 93
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: 4,131

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

Sunsets Can Be Beautiful Darrell Powell

Living out in the country has helped me to discover and rediscover some things about the world around me. I've learned that some frogs sound a great deal like buzzards. Weeds will trick you into believing that they don't like growing in gardens, but that is a trick. I've rediscovered the beauty of God's earth, which truly is a marvelous gift for us to enjoy. I love the stars at night when they are not out-shined by the lights of the city. And I especially enjoy the radiant horizons as the sun sets in the western sky. It is on this picture that I wish to focus for a few moments.

What makes a sunset beautiful? I know there is something about the way the light shines through the gases in the atmosphere that makes the beautiful colors. But on a slightly deeper level, what makes them beautiful?

For me, the beauty of a sunset is determined in part by what I did with the day that preceded it. I've seen some gorgeous sunsets that I couldn't fully enjoy because I knew I hadn't given my all during the day. On the other hand, I have seen sunsets that were awe-inspiring because I could say without a doubt that in that day I had done all I could. So, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward" (Col 3:23-24).

Some intrinsically beautiful sunsets have been uninspiring to me because my attitude towards others was not what it should have been. "...do not let the sun go down on your anger" (Eph 4:26-27). We cannot enjoy the abundance of any of God's blessings when we are unwilling to submit to his will for our lives. Are your sunsets jaded by some transgression of God's commands?

In a sunset I see the end of one day and the glimpse of the next. I see the hope of rest from labor, which can only be hoped for by one who has been laboring. One day, the sun will set for the last time on each of our lives, and the beauty of that sunset will be decided by what we did with the life we lived before it. How brilliant will your final sunset be?

" MISDIRECTED PRIORITIES "
by Dalton Key

A report was circulated several years ago concerning an eager twelve-year old boy and his letter to the Library of Congress. The boy requested two books: one on space travel and the other about mental health and sane living. He concluded his letter with this postscript – "If you can't send both books, send the one on space travel, because I am more interested in that."

The boy's interests clearly mirror our own misdirected priorities, don't they?

We look with wonder and excitement to distant planets, stars and galaxies; but we have yet to attain the same interest in sane and rational living on this planet. Recent news reports have heralded newly-discovered information about black holes, about the moons of Jupiter, and about the mysteries of Mars. But while we can't hear enough about such distant matters, we seem, oddly enough, either oblivious or resigned to the fact of our own world carelessly destroying itself with sin, crime and self-indulgence.

If it's a matter of choosing between space travel and sane living, we'll select space travel every time!

The Bible tells the beautiful story of God coming down, from heaven to earth, in the person of Jesus Christ. This sublime Savior lived a spotless life and died a horrible death, and did so not for Himself, but for a lost and dying world – for you and me. He is the only way to God, the only way to heaven.

And yet many of us are just not interested. We look instead to science, recreation, business, or sports – anywhere but where we should be looking! And then we wonder why life seems to have no meaning, no purpose, no substance. Without a genuine hunger and thirst for righteousness we will never be filled.

Don't you think it's about time we started putting first things first?

Indifferent About Sin
Carey Scott

Throughout the history of mankind, people have been indifferent about sin. From the very first man, at the instance of his sin, he tried to affix the blame elsewhere. While some people are ashamed of their sins, many just revel in their sins. No shame whatsoever. There is a passage in Jeremiah speaking about the sins of the people becoming so commonplace, that they had forgotten how to blush (Jeremiah 6:15).

I wonder if we are not also infected by such sin. To even think of some sins, should cause us to be uncomfortable about it, especially if we are involved. Yet many do not give it a second thought until all of a sudden they are exposed and embarrassed. There was a time, and many of our elderly friends and neighbors could tell you that appearing in public with the scant clothing many display today was so embarrassing to bring up, even the thought of such was considered of such nature that repentance was in order. Not only did they not wear such clothing, they would not even look upon such clothing, as the nakedness of men and women needs to be covered.

Yet, in our world, there are places where clothing is optional, and if you can't handle it, you are just a prude. A trip to the local Wal-Mart will demonstrate just how much people are concerned about their appearance. Not only the lack of clothing, but some of the writing on the clothing is deplorable. And the sad thing is that the people who wear such do not even realize that they should be ashamed of their appearance. Even Christian men and women have blurred these lines, and cannot tell what is wrong with such.

Here is one reason why. The Bible tells us that sin is pleasurable. Even though it is wrong, and people are warned to avoid sin or else face the consequences. There is so much to satisfy the lust of the flesh and eyes that most people simply do not care anymore. Are we not infected with this blight when we continue to display our nakedness to people not in our immediate family? Are we so desensitized to sin, that when it is prominently displayed on the TV screen, that we just don't pay attention and watch it anyway? Are we so used to the vulgarities we are exposed to that it no longer shocks us when we hear them? Have we joined with our neighbors in speaking the trashy language of the streets?

Friends, things have not changed. These exact things I am referring to were a problem to the people in Malachi's day. The people were so used to sin that they were indignant that the prophet would dare accuse them of sin. "What have we done?" Their problem was even if the Lord through the prophet listed their sins, one by one, they would shake their head and deny that such is that bad. The world glorifies sin, and that poison has infected many who wear the name Christian.

May we pray that God will have mercy upon us.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WONDERFUL VBS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our 2019 Vacation Bible School such a great success! The decorations were outstanding this year! Special thanks to the ladies for wonderful snacks. Great job!!!

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 28th – July 31st

"MODERN ISSUES CONFRONTING THE CHURCH"

• **Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 a.m.** •
The Sin of Homosexuality – Wendell Fikes

• **Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.** •
Why We Are Losing Our Young People – Wendell Fikes
• Fellowship meal will follow.

• **Sunday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Pornography – Jeff Scott

• **Monday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Worldliness – Barry Grider

• **Tuesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
Too Busy for God – Jim Estes

• **Wednesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.** •
The Misuse of Social Media – Ty Rhymes

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:** Parker McAlister

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

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Ashley Dees Wilson, 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).