

July 20, 2014  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Logan Yancey

**Opening Prayer**

Gene Yancey (A.M.) Joel Moore (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

David Smith (A.M.) Logan Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Kevin Shackelford (Presiding),

Keith Newby, Ross Shackelford, Starrett Chapman

**Count and Usher**

Tom Wade & Jack Harris

**Prepare Communion**

Kathy Moore & Kelly Brewer

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

J C Newby (07/23/14)

**OUR RECORD**

**July 13, 2014**

Sunday Bible Study: 119

Sunday Morning Worship: 136

Sunday Evening Worship: 162

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

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

## An Unnecessary Exercise

Dan Winkler

A man was hoeing his garden in a chair. Said the passerby to himself, "What laziness!" However, closer observation revealed to the passerby a pair of crutches leaning against the chair. The passerby was guilty of that unnecessary exercise called "jumping to conclusions."

Be honest! Very little effort is required for attaching the worst connotation possible to the decisions or actions of others. Yes, it is so easy to jump to conclusions, ignoring or being void of all the facts behind the decisions and actions of others.

So what will help us be more fair in the concepts we have of one another and the conclusions we draw about one another? From the words of Jesus in that familiar passage (Matt. 7:1-5) there are several things we need to remember.

First, it is wrong to judge impetuously and jump to conclusions about another. Jesus said, "Judge not"

Second, life is a mirror; we receive from it what we put into it. Jesus warned, "With what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged; and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again" (Matt. 7:2). Yea, if we jump to conclusions about others, others will jump to conclusions about us.

Third, jumping to conclusions will adversely affect our relationship with fellow-brethren. Such is inevitable when we capitalize on the faults of brethren—"the mote that is in thy brother's eye"—and fail to consider our own faults—"the beam that is in thine own eye" (Matt. 7:3).

Fourth, jumping to conclusions will adversely affect our concept of self. Such transpires when our actions say to another, "Let me pull the mote out of thine eye," but at the same time a beam is in our own eye (Matt. 7:4).

Fifth, jumping to conclusions will adversely affect our relationship with God. Yea, jumping to conclusions makes us a "hypocrite" (Matt. 7:5).

We may not be blind to the faults of others, but let us at least be fair to one another in reference to these faults. Remember, "the crosses people bear are seldom in plain sight"!

"Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 4:24). Would that not be great?

## The Fish Net

By Ron Thomas

When Jesus began His ministry, He began with a fish story (of sorts). Not really a fish story, but an occasion where experienced fishermen worked all night and were preparing to return, having caught nothing. Jesus sees the men returning and they were somewhat downcast as a result of an empty night. The Lord then told them to take their nets and cast them over the side for a catch; somewhat doubtful, they do it. Amazed at the catch, Peter presents himself to the Lord humbly (Luke 5:8). This, as far as Luke presents it, is the beginning of Jesus' mission to the Israelite nation. When John finishes his gospel, we are again at the lake and, again, Jesus tells the fishermen to cast their nets over the side for a catch. They do, and the catch is great (John 21:1-8). At the beginning of the Lord's mission He taught His disciples how to catch men: the net used was going to be two parts. First, it would be the message of the Lord taught; and, second, it would be the message of the Lord lived. Some, unfortunately, are better able to teach than live. In such cases, the net has "sprung a leak." Let us be sure to patch nets in order that we can teach and live the gospel.

## Does Jesus Care?

Sam Willcut

Frank Graeff wrote the words and J. Lincoln Hall arranged the music for the following beautiful hymn:

*Does Jesus care when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song, As the burdens press, and the cares distress, and the way grows weary and long?*

Indeed, the apostle Peter affirms that our Lord cares for us: *“Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you”* (1 Pet. 5:6-7). It is an incredible blessing to understand that Immanuel (*“God with us”*) cares for us. The very fact that He left the throne of heaven above to spend time among His creation (cf. Col. 1:16) allowed Him to comprehend our cares here on earth. Therefore, Jesus was able to encourage us: *“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?”* (Matt. 6:25). The phrase *“take no thought”* comes from the same Greek word as the word *“care.”* Therefore, notice three qualifications in the book of Hebrews that show His ability to care for us when we are in need.

Jesus cares when we are tempted. The Hebrew writer declared,

*Wherefore in all things it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.* (Heb. 2:17-18)

In Matthew 4, we have one example recorded when the great tempter tried his best to entice Jesus three times, but Jesus withstood each time. Luke recorded in his account after the third temptation, *“And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season”* (Luke 4:13).

Therefore, we know he continued his attempts to lure Jesus away from His Father and towards sin and the world until His death, using the scribes and Pharisees on many occasions: *“Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him...”* (Matt. 22:35). The Hebrew writer makes clear that Jesus *“hath suffered”* because of His temptations—a Greek verb that many times denotes even pain (cf. Mark 5:26; 8:31). As a result, He is able to help and aid all who suffer through temptation.

Jesus cares when we are in trouble. The Hebrew writer proclaimed,

*For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.* (Heb. 4:15-16)

The phrase *“touched with the feeling of our infirmities”* carries the multiple ideas of sympathy for that which makes us feeble. We encounter troubles of mind and body daily, some more than others do. Again, inspired revelation makes known of the High Priest for all Christians who understands these troubles of life and sympathizes with us.

Jesus cares when we transgress. His ultimate purpose in coming to this world was to redeem humanity through His death for their transgressions (cf. Isa. 53:1-12). Thus, the Hebrew writer states, *“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us”* (Heb. 9:24). Through His holy and pure sacrifice before the throne of God, He was able to appease the wrath and justice of God for our transgressions. His earthly mission and death, burial and resurrection vividly show His care when we transgress. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life”* (John 3:16).

Does Jesus care?

*O yes, he cares, I know he cares, his heart is touched with my grief; When the days are weary, the long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WHAT A GREAT VBS!

Thanks to everyone who helped make our Vacation Bible School such a great success! Special thanks to Anna Palmer for all of her hard work on the wonderful “dinner food.” It was all very much enjoyed & appreciated by everyone. Great job!!!

## CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 27th - 30th

### “THE NEED TO UNDERSTAND SIN”

Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 a.m.

*We Can Sin by What We Think*

Mike McDaniel

Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m.

Fellowship meal will follow.

*We Can Sin by What We Say*

Mike McDaniel

Sunday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

*We Can Sin by What We Do*

Keith Mosher

Monday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

*We Can Sin by What We Leave Undone*

Michael Bates

Tuesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

*We Can Sin by Leading Others into Sin*

Gary Colley

Wednesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m.

*We Can Sin by Defiling Our Conscience*

Terry Roberts

Start inviting! Flyers are available in foyer.

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

### The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

### Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

### Correspondence Course

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Juan Stroupe, Mason McAlister  
•**IN HOSPITAL:** Moise Loveless (Ricky’s Mother)  
•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Bettye Melton, Brenda Shackelford  
•**TREATMENTS:** Bobbie Nunnally  
•**REHAB:** W.M. Chapman (Tippah County Nursing Home)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Danny Robertson (Amy Stagg’s Father), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.  
•**CANCER:** Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe’s Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, 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: Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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