

July 23, 2023

Announcements  
David Smith

Song Leader  
Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading  
Reed Shackelford

Opening Prayer  
Ross Shackelford (A.M.)  
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)  
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Tommy Wade

Count and Usher  
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Ross Shackelford (07/26/23)

### OUR RECORD

July 16, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 96  
Sunday Morning Worship: 111  
Sunday Evening Worship 81  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97

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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:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper,  
Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin  
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

### IS IT POSSIBLE TO BE A CHRISTIAN ONLY?

Mark Lindley

Have you ever heard a riddle or tried to work a puzzle that required you to “think outside the box”? Because our minds are sometimes programmed to think within certain boundaries, it can be difficult to see the obvious solution to a riddle or puzzle. This is also true concerning the question, “Is it possible to be a Christian only?” The Bible answer is a resounding yes! But people must think outside the box to understand how such is possible.

The reason one must think outside the box today is that it is generally assumed any person wanting to be a follower of Christ must be a Catholic or Protestant.

In other words, if one wants to be a disciple of Christ and belong to an organized religious group, his only option is to join one of the many denominations in existence.

However, there is another option. Did you know it is possible to be a Christian only, a member of the Lord’s church mentioned in the Bible? Did you know that you can be a member of Jesus’ church, the one mentioned in the Bible, without ever joining a denomination?

Think outside the box with me. If a man in prison had never heard of any denominational group, and he read and obeyed the Bible only, what would he be? He would be a Christian only. I know this because people in the first century who followed only God’s Word became Christians only (Acts 11:26; 26:28; I Peter 4:16). Imagine a man alone on an island who finds a chest that has washed ashore. The man looks inside, finds a copy of the New Testament, reads and obeys only what he finds in the Bible. What would the man be? He would be a Christian. Jesus said, “The seed is the word of God” (Luke 8:11). Every seed reproduces after its kind. In the first century the seed of God’s Word made Christians only, not different brands of Christians. Today, following God’s Word only will make one a Christian only. Don’t allow your thinking to be limited to the box created by men!

## Weep with Those Who Weep Aaron Veyon

Sorrow is an unfortunate companion in this life. Oh, there are occasions when it turns out to be an indispensable friend, if it is a sorrow that leads the sinner to repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). Yet, as simple everyday life goes, sorrow can be a bitter pill. Let's face it, wherever disappointments, discouragements, and death exist, tears will be there. The wise man Solomon once said, *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die... a time to weep... a time to mourn..."* (Eccl. 3:1- 2, 4). Sooner or later, it is the fate of us all.

When such a time confronts us, we are immediately burdened by it; yet there is not a worse sense of despair or hopelessness than to have to face that burden alone.

We all need a shoulder to cry on once in a while. Job 2:11-13 records that Job had three friends who came to comfort him after the devastating loss of his children and possessions. It says that they *"lifted their voices and wept" and that "they sat down with him on the ground seven days and seven nights, and no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great."*

I think one of the most touching stories I've ever read on the subject of grief and sorrow was one told by Leo Buscaglia about a four-year-old boy and his next-door neighbor (an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife). Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into his neighbor's yard, climbed onto his lap and just sat there. When his mother asked him what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said, "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

Herein lies a lesson. When another's eyes *"waste away with grief"* (Ps. 31:9) there is but one thing to do: *"weep with those who weep"* (Rom. 12:15).

### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

*Congratulations to Mya and Kelsey Patterson, Zoe Wade & Dustin Flanagan! The Bible recipients for bringing the most visitors to 2023 Vacation Bible School.*

### **LADIES BIBLE CLASS**

Ladies Bible Class will continue on Wednesday Nights. Any ladies wanting to attend are welcome. Book studying now is "Let This Cup Pass" by Jane McWhorter.

### **CHAPMAN 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**

July 30<sup>th</sup>

Meal following AM Service.  
PM Service at 1:30 PM.

### **CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT**

August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Speaker: Winston Smith  
Meal will follow.

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Sandy Newby, Joy Simmons

**IN HOSPITAL:** Gerohn Childs

**HOSPICE:** Lisa Miller (Hospice House), Stevie Barnes (Hospice)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Stevie Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt's Brother-in-law), David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs, Joe Clark.  
**MyKales Residential Living, New Albany:** Junior Derrick

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