

July 24, 2022

Announcements  
Ross Shackelford

Song Leader  
Chris Moore

Scripture Reading  
Ricky Cissom

Opening Prayer  
Brad McAlister (A.M.)  
Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)  
Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Lord's Table  
Mickey Chandler

Count and Usher  
Michiel Criswell & Britt Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Brice Lindley (07/27/22)

### OUR RECORD

July 17, 2022

Sunday Bible Study: 80  
Sunday Morning Worship: 105  
Sunday Evening Worship: 80  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 74

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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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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## WHY SINNERS NEED TO BE BORN AGAIN By Mark Lindley

On the occasion of John 3, Jesus said to Nicodemus, "Ye must be born again" (verse 7). I am confident that nearly everyone who tries to follow the Bible would agree that being born again is not optional. Jesus said that the new birth is a "must." But there are different views concerning why sinners need to be born again.

Some believe that sinners need to be born again because of inherited sin. According to this view, every baby is born in a depraved condition, having inherited sin from his parents all the way back to Adam (Genesis 3:6).

Essentially, then, this view suggests that sinners need to be born again because "Adam" sinned.

But are babies really born in sin? Consider what the Bible teaches. Paul said that we are "the offspring of God" (Acts 17:29); it is written in Zechariah 12:1 that the Lord "formeth the spirit of man within him." God is referred to as the "Father of spirits" (Hebrews 12:9). These passages teach that the souls of all men have their origin with God. Now, if a baby is born corrupt in spirit, who is responsible? If the doctrine of inherited sin were true, wouldn't God be responsible for man's depraved condition since it is He who imparts spirits? Is there anyone who is willing to accuse God of creating and imparting depraved spirits? It appears that the inborn-sin doctrine is not in keeping with the facts of the Bible.

There is, however, another view. Some believe that sinners need to be born again because sinners themselves (not Adam) have sinned. The Scriptures teach that sin is something committed, not inherited. "Whosoever **committeth** sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). When one learns right from wrong and violates God's will, he becomes a sinner (cf. James 1:13-16). This is why sinners need to be born again.

## 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).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations to Bree Lindley, Sailor Fitzgerald and Daxten McVey! The Bible recipients for bringing the most visitors to 2022 Vacation Bible School.*

### RIPLEY CHURCH OF CHRIST AREA WIDE YOUTH NIGHT

August 21, 2022

5:00 PM

Speaker: Mason Cothren

Food/Games will be provided

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Robert Allen Fryar.

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

\*Great to have Dala Vandygriff back with us.

**SURGERY:** Jodie Criswell, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), Wilma Wood

**HOSPITAL :** Aaron Smith

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Gerohn Childs, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Jimmie Wayne Roberson, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

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