

**August 6, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

Opening Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Michael Criswell (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Chase Chapman (Presiding),

Jack Harris, Gene Yancey, Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher

Terry Chapman and Joel Moore

Prepare Communion

Myra Palmer and Brenda Shackelford

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (08/09/17)

OUR RECORD

July 30, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 145

Sunday Evening Worship: 136

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 105

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,799

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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

Life Happens
by: **Mitchell Skelton**

Life is never easy. Life on this earth will introduce you to a myriad of emotions. In the course of one day, we can experience boredom and excitement, elation and desolation, life and death. Whether your outlook on life is positive or negative, life is filled with diversity. Just when we think we have it figured out and know what to expect, life happens. The past few days in my life is a good example of the range of emotions life will throw your way. Tuesday found me conducting the funeral of a young Christian woman who died of cancer; Thursday dawned with the birth of a daughter to a good friend and fellow gospel preacher; Saturday ended with joining a young couple in holy matrimony. Contemplating this whirlwind of events, I could not help but think that there must be a learning opportunity here.

A humanist would simply say that I had just witnessed the "circle of life." One life ends while another begins with some living in between. This "circle" idea may seem all neat and orderly, it may fit perfectly into the secular world, yet it fails to address the needs of man who is created "in the image of God." The essence of being created in the image of God is that we have an eternal soul. Instead of the "circle of life," we more aptly resemble an infinite line. Sure, we have a definite point of origin but when it comes to our soul there is no end.

How we live while on earth and our response to the cross of Christ will determine where we spend the majority of our existence. Job summed up human existence by saying, "Man born of woman is of few days and full of trouble" (Job 14:1). Job was beginning to understand that life on this earth is insignificant when viewed in light of eternity. This life we are experiencing is only a tiny portion of our whole existence. Job seemed to understand this as he said, "If a man dies, will he live again. . . I will wait for my renewal to come. You will call and I will answer you; you will long for the creature your hands have made" (Job 14:14-15).

Let us not get so caught up in the happenings of life that we forget why we are here. We are the only ones who can let life get in the way of salvation. God has promised that no matter what happens in your life it will not stand in the way of your salvation unless you allow it. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 8:38—39).

Gratitude By Patrick Hogan

The following quote was sent to me several weeks ago. As I considered the statement, I realized that gratitude can make quite a difference in one's day. "Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos into order, confusion into clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." (Melody Beattie).

Take a few moments to think about all the things we have that should prompt us to be grateful to God. We have more than enough each day. Most of us live in relative comfort even when the weather is hot or cold. We are blessed with ease of transportation. We have freedom to assemble and worship God.

There are also many other blessings which are taken for granted. Have you stopped to think about what a blessing it is to be able to read? Or to communicate easily with other people (to be able to speak and to hear)? This list could go on for quite a while if we really take the time to reflect.

When we become more grateful it causes us to take our focus off of the things we do not have and to realize how much we do have.

Consider the words of Colossians 3:17, Ephesians 5:20, and 1 Thessalonians 5:18, all of which speak of being thankful. Please read each passage and be thankful that we have such easy access to God's word in our own language!

Forgetting the Shut-Ins By Bob Spurlin

The composition of the Lord's church varies with those that are rich, poor, young, old, educated, uneducated, etc. The shut-ins are a special segment of the church and are rarely seen or heard. "Shut-in" is a term, which suggests a physical condition preventing them from being a part of the assembly. This is normally due to a state requiring full or part time care by professionals in a public facility, or family member(s) at home.

Shut-ins are generally seasoned and mature Christians who have given much during their life. We miss a rare opportunity in failing to meet and get better acquainted with the shut-ins. Such visits would give the shut-in enormous encouragement, and those making the visit will feel better about themselves.

Those living a shut-in existence will normally receive more visits during the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas than any other time of the year. Shut-ins appreciate the visits, good will, and fruit baskets that are normally presented to us. However, there are twelve months in the year, and this special group would enjoy seeing you from time to time.

Visiting the sick or shut-in is a rare treat, and while I was engaged in my work as a gospel preacher these visits were particularly invigorating. Undeniably one gains far more from the shut-in than the shut-in could ever hope to gain from our visit.

UPCOMING EVENTS

We would like to thank everyone who had a part in our 2017 Lectureship. We were blessed to have so many visitors come and worship with us. Our guest speakers did a **wonderful** job. We appreciate all who invited and to all who prepared the wonderful meal Sunday. It was truly a good week!

**REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME - 2:00PM**



Please join us for
A Baby Shower in Honor of

MOLLY MOORE

Sunday, August 13th
3:30 to 4:30PM

Home of Brande Shackelford
10 County Road 546, Ripley, MS

It's a Girl!
Lottie Rue-Rosalie

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** John Luke and Maizey Hopper, Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell's Mother, Send Card: 3611 Merritt Cove, Memphis, TN 38128), Joan & Jimmy Berryman, Everett Hurt, Tony & Jane Morrison

•**HOSPITAL:** Linda Garrison (Tupelo/ICU), Iris Casteell (Stroke/Baptist East), Michael Kubenthiran (Robin Chapman's Nephew – car wreck/severe leg injuries) Please send cards: 2618 Sunlight Drive, Arlington, TX 76006.

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Daxten McVey, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Tracie Gross (Back)

•**NEW ADDRESS:** Sonia Derrick, 206 Bramlett Blvd., Oxford, MS 38655 (Please send cards.)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Johnny Johnson, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, 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: **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).