

August 6, 2023

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Bobby Bridges

**Opening Prayer**

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

David Smith (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Bryan Davis (A.M.)

Jeff Brewer (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindley (08/09/23)

**OUR RECORD**

**July 30, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 86

Sunday Morning Worship: 104

Sunday Evening Worship 75

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

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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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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!

## Do We Love The Lord More? By Bob Winton

“So when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs” (John 21:15). This is a good question for us.

Do we love the Lord more than we love our relatives? If we do, we will not let them hinder us from obeying the Lord or worshipping Him. The Lord taught: “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 10:32).

Do we love the Lord more than we love our money? If so, we will cheerfully and liberally support the Lord’s work. “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:6-7).

Do we love the Lord more than we love entertainment and pleasure? Indulging in pleasure at the expense of Christian living and serving God is sinful for these things have taken over God’s rightful place (cf. Luke 12:15-21). Sinful pleasure is always wrong. “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth” (1 Tim. 5:6). “Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter” (James 5:5).

Do we love the Lord more than the praise of men? If so, we will be willing to obey God even if it means we must incur the rejection of men. Some Jewish leaders believed on Christ but would not confess him because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God (John 12:42-43).

The Lord must be the supreme object of our affection. We must be able to sing with meaning, “O How I Love Jesus!”

*Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.  
Hebrews 13:5*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN YOUTH NIGHT August 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

Speaker: Winston Smith  
Meal will follow.

#### *A Plea For Prayers*

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

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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:** Robin Chapman, Gearlene Chapman

**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 (Starts *Treatments* 08/16, 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, Joe Clark

**MyKales Residential Living, New Albany:** Junior Derrick

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