

# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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## Area-Wide Youth Night

Hosted by: **Chapman Church of Christ**

**August 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.**

We will have a meal following services in  
fellowship building.

**Speaker: Ray Kennedy**

A third look at Biblical Math has to do with division. Understanding this is most important to understanding the will of God.

Paul, moved by the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:20, 21), called upon the Corinthians to be united, saying, "that there be no divisions among you;..." (1 Corinthians 1:10). They certainly needed to hear these words; they were divided. They were divided over whom they should follow, with some contending (1 Corinthians 1:11) to be of Paul, some of Apollos, some of Cephas, and others of Christ. (Verse 12). Paul asked three rhetorical questions, "Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?" (Verse 13). Each of these three questions demanded the answer, NO! That was the only correct answer. Paul even thanked God that others baptized those whom he taught, so that his name could not be in the mix. (Verses 14-17). Chapter 2 makes it clear beyond doubt that Paul's teaching was from God, and not of any man or woman.

1 Corinthians 3 is a continuation of the divisions introduced in chapter 1. The divisions at Corinth demanded that Paul write to them in carnal or fleshly words, rather than spiritual, because they were still babes in Christ. (Verses 1, 2). They, like those of Hebrews 5:11-14, still needed milk, rather than the strong meat; they were unskillful in the word of righteousness. Christians are to "desire the sincere milk of the word that they may grow thereby." (1 Peter 2:2). Obviously, some had not done so.

Failure to desire the word of God resulted in them remaining babes, which led them into divisions. Neglect of proper study is a grave problem in the current world, and this failure results in the divisions seen in the present world.

Consider the likeness between those of 1 Corinthians 1 and today. They claimed to be of Paul, Apollos, Cephas, and Christ. Today, we hear people saying, "I am a Lutheran", "I am a Baptist", "I am a Catholic", "I am a Methodist", and many more. Cf. 1 Corinthians 3:4, 5. Unity of the Spirit (Ephesians 4:3, would have all saying, "I am of Christ." (1 Corinthians 1:12). Paul declared, "Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular." (1 Corinthians 12:27). The body is the church. (Colossians 1:18).

Therefore, we are the body or church of Christ. Why not be content to speak where the Bible speaks, and remain silent where the Bible is silent, loving everyone? Most religious people condemn the scribes, Pharisees, and Sadducees for being divided over the teachings and actions of Jesus. (John 9:16, and context; 10:16-19, and context; Acts 23:7-10). Yet, most who condemn them are guilty of being divided over the doctrine of Christ, with many teaching the doctrines of men. (Matthew 15:7-9), rather than the oracles of God. (1 Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17). This has resulted in divisions. Witness the many and varied church buildings seen today.

Division causes failure. (Matthew 12:25, 26). Unbelief results in division. (Acts 14:2-4). One sheep and one fold (John 10:16) cannot exist unless and until all turn from religious divisions and practices, and become "one" as Jesus prayed (John 17:20-23), or as Paul taught the Ephesians (Ephesians 4:1-6) and Corinthians. (1 Corinthians 1:10). The Hebrew writer said, "Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrine" (Hebrews 13:9), or "led away with divers lusts." (2 Timothy 3:6; Titus 3:3).

Jesus will one day separate (divide) the sheep from the goats. (Matthew 25:31-46). Paul besought the saints and brethren at Rome (Romans 1:1-7) to "mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them (Romans 16:17), to save their souls. (1 Corinthians 5, especially, verse 5).

Beloved, let no carnal, fleshly division exist among the people of God, except for what God has called, lest those who cause such division be divided from among the sheep at the judgment.

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### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### Announcements

David Yancey

#### Song Leader

Keith Newby

#### Scripture Reading

Bobby Bridges

#### Opening Prayer

Randel Koon (A.M.) Brad McAlister (P.M.)

#### Closing Prayer

Bryan Davis (A.M.) J C Newby (P.M.)

#### Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),  
Chase Chapman, Ricky Loveless,  
Kevin Shackelford

#### Count and Usher

Joel Moore & Palmer Jones

#### Prepare Communion

Joy Simmons & Juan Stroupe  
**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
J C Newby (09/04/18)

### OUR RECORD

August 19, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 113

Sunday Morning Worship: 138

Sunday Evening Worship: 122

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 105

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,190

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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).

## **BIBLICAL MATH: Multiplication (No. 4)** **James Pilgrim**

The fourth and final look at Biblical Math has to do with multiplication, generally, a most positive matter. Multiplication can be great when done properly.

God told Abram, later called Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation." (Genesis 12:1, 2). Later, God told the grand patriarch, "I will bless thee, and in multiplying, I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore;...." (Genesis 22:16, 17). This promise was made following and because of Abraham's faithfulness to follow God's edict for Abraham to offer his only son of promise, Isaac, as a sacrifice on the altar on mount Moriah. Cf. Hebrews 6:13. Just two chapters over God repeated the same promise to Isaac. (26:1-5). Isaac would later bless Jacob, promising that his seed would be multiplied. (Genesis 28:1-4). God confirmed His promise made to Abram and Isaac, to Jacob, assuring him that the promise would continue through him. (Genesis 28:13, 14; 35:10, 11; 46:1-3; 48:4). This blessing was passed on through Ephraim. (Genesis 48:17-20). Many who received or heard of the promise "died in faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth." (Hebrews 11:13). This great promise made to Abram was fulfilled in Christ, and is beautifully pictured in the book of Galatians, especially, chapter 3. Verse 29 of chapter 3 is the conclusion of this great story, saying, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise." ALL PRAISE AND THANKS BE UNTO GOD!

Moses besought the Lord not to destroy Israel for sinning in building the golden calf, asking Him to remember His promise to Abraham. (Exodus 32:11-13). "The Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people." (Verse 14).

The Israelites were brought to Egypt by Pharaoh and Joseph (Genesis 45:16-20), where they grew and multiplied. (Exodus 1:7, 12, 20; Acts 7:17). A not so funny thing happened to them on the way to the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham. Along the way, the people sinned, and were taken prisoners by the Assyrians and Babylonians. These sins resulted in their being taken into slavery. Isaiah speaks of their transgressions multiplying in Judah. (Isaiah 59, especially verse 12; Cf. also, verses 1, 2). Ezekiel 16:25, 51, tells of the whoredoms, unfaithfulness, in Israel. Solomon said, "When the wicked are multiplied, transgression increaseth: ...." (Proverbs 29:16). Israel and Judah certainly are examples of Solomon's words of wisdom. Perhaps this nation could learn from history.

Many churches should also take note. Over the past few years, many churches have come into existence, multiplying the number of churches from one (1) built by Jesus (Matthew 16:13-19; Ephesians 4:4 1:22, 23), to many built by man. Cf. Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 2; 3. Further, many churches have multiplied what they now accept. A good friend, speaking of the church of which he is a member, said, "We used to do that, but no longer." Why not, if it was right, and if it still is??? Consider what churches and church leaders now accept, things, such as abortion, gay marriages, adulterous unions, certain forms of immorality, like immodesty, illicit language, and more. Almost anything goes in many modern churches.

On the other hand, God seeks and commends some multiplication. Acts 6:1; 9:31, speak of "The number of the disciples was multiplied. "A great company of the priests, were obedient to the faith." (Acts 6:7). One (1) is important in church growth. 1 + 1 = 2. Now double that daily through 30 days, and you will be stunned at what one (1) can achieve. Cf. 2 Timothy 2:2. Think of how the church could grow if every convert converted one (1).

Multiplication can be very good. Why not try it? May the number of disciples grow in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# **Area-Wide Youth Night**

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**Ladies: Please bring finger foods, chips/dip, desserts or drinks.  
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### **PROGRAMS OF WORK**

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**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Vicki Griffith (Mickey Chandler's Sister).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mary Brady, Thad & Joan Berryman

•**HOSPITAL:** Amy May (Tupelo)

•**REHAB:** Curtis Mauney (Corinth/Corner Stone)

•**SURGERY:** Edie Chapman (Heart/Lebonheur), Annalee Chapman (Kidney/Lebonheur) – (Debbie Chapman's Granddaughters)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Bobby Bridges, Scotty Cliburn (Heart/Jackson) – Nephew of Barrett and Starrett Chapman, Kathy Alison (Hip/Tupelo - Bree's Grandmother) Send cards: 1111 East Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38843

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Cohen Hurt (2<sup>nd</sup> grade/Pine Grove/Chemo), Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

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