

**August 27, 2017  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Jeff Staggs

**Opening Prayer**

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Brad McAlister (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Mickey Chandler (A.M.) Larry Wood (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**

John Hopper (09/06/17)

**OUR RECORD**

August 20, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 113

Sunday Morning Worship: 143

Sunday Evening Worship: 119

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 96

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,840

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**“I DON’T SEE ANYTHING  
WRONG WITH IT”  
Mark Lindley**

Determining right from wrong is not always easy. Sometimes, when we examine an issue to determine what is right or wrong, we find that the issue is complex. Answers to moral and ethical questions are not always clear.

However, there are some things which are evidently wrong. The Bible is the supreme standard to which Christians turn to determine what is right or wrong. One can know, for example, that prejudice is sinful. James wrote, “But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors” (James 2:9). Consequently, judging a person’s character or worth, based on outward appearance, is sinful.

On the other hand, the Bible does not have to specifically label a thing as “sinful,” in order to determine that something is sinful. Sometimes, one must study the “principles” of Scripture to determine right from wrong. There is no Bible verse that states, “Thou shalt not have an abortion.” Yet, there are principles from the Scriptures which strongly suggest that abortion is not consistent with the moral standards of God (Deuteronomy 27:25; Proverbs 6:16-17; Luke 1:41).

Nevertheless, we sometimes are guilty of ignoring the teachings of God’s Word and attempting to justify behaviors and actions. Luke provides information about a certain lawyer who tried to shun his responsibility to help a man in need. Scripture says the lawyer was “willing to justify himself” (Luke 10:29). Unfortunately, we sometimes attempt to “justify” things we want to do, things which the Bible may condemn specifically or in principle.

A person might say, “I don’t see anything wrong with lying to avoid a difficult situation.” However, saying “I don’t see anything wrong with lying” does not mean that lying is justified (Colossians 3:9; Revelation 21:8). The same holds true for the one who says, “I don’t see anything wrong with pornography”; “I see nothing wrong getting drunk”; “I don’t see anything wrong with leaving my husband because I have found another man”; “I don’t see anything wrong with cheating the company out of money”; “I see nothing wrong with gambling,” etc.

Often, the reason we see nothing wrong with such things is that we do not want to see it. We harden our hearts, close our eyes, and refuse to listen to God’s Word (cf. Matthew 13:15). “I” may not “see anything wrong with it,” but that does not mean that it is right. It could mean that “I” just need to open my eyes to the truth!

## I AM IMPORTANT IN BUILDING A STRONGER CHURCH (No. 2)

James Pilgrim

In the last installment, I Am Important In Building A Stronger Church, the need for my development was seen, and the beginning of this strength. Herein are a few things that will make us stronger, adding strength to the church. First, I will build a godly life, "For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come." (1 Timothy 4:8). I will, therefore, give myself unto "godly edifying which is in faith" (1 Timothy 1:4), exercising therein. (1 Timothy 4:7). Following "the doctrine which is according to godliness" will keep me from being "proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness:...." (1 Timothy 6:3-5). I realize that "godliness with contentment is great gain." (Verse 6). Therefore, as a man (woman) of God, I will flee evil, "and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness." (Verse 11). I will give no occasion for myself or the Lord's Church to be evil spoken of. Cf. Romans 14:16;12:17.

Second, I will "endure unto the end" (Mark 13:13), or as John put it, "be...faithful unto death." (Revelation 2:10).

To help me keep on keeping on, I will "be...stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Third, I will remember daily that "God is love" ( 1 John 4:8), and that "We love him because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19). God created me by His only begotten Son (Hebrews 1:1-3), whom He sent to die for my sins (John 3:17; 1 John 4:14; John 19:30), because He loved me so much (John 3:16), as did Jesus. (15:13). Therefore, I will "love him, because he first loved us." (1 John 4:19). I will show Jesus that I am His friend by doing whatsoever He commands me. (John 15:14; 2:5).

Fourth, I will be "ready to every good work." (Titus 3:1; 2 Timothy 2:21). Following the example of the first century Christians, I will be zealous to assemble with the saints when they meet, whether it be daily as they met (Acts 2:46), or as our overseers lead us on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; Revelation 1:10; Hebrews 10:25), for mid-week services, for special efforts, such as, gospel meetings, lectureships, VBS, or any other occasion.

Fifth, I will "seek...first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;...." (Matthew 6:33). Absolutely nothing will I ever put before the body for which the precious blood of the loving Savior died. (Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18, 19). I will love her with all my heart (Ephesians 5:22-33). I will seek the fellowship of her members (Philippians 4:21-23; 1 John 1:3, 7), loving each one "with a pure heart fervently." (1 Peter 1:22). More later.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

REMINDER:  
SUNDAY EVENING TIME - 2:00PM

September 3, 2017  
Chapman Singing  
Tippah County Hospital  
Nursing Home  
at 3:30 PM

## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

Time for New Church Directory. Our last directory was printed in 2012. As you look around today, you will see that we have new families, there have been weddings, babies, and kids who are young adults now. We're changing, and a new directory will help us capture these changes. The details, including sign up, is in foyer. Our directory won't be complete without you! Sign up today.

Photography Dates:

September 17<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>

Any questions, please see Karen.

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ola Wade, Maizey Hopper, Brenda Shackelford, Joan & Jimmy Berryman, Everett Hurt, Tony & Jane Morrison, Dawn Stroupe, Cash Jumper, Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell's Mother, Send Card: 3611 Merritt Cove, Memphis, TN 38128)

•**HOSPITAL:** David Young (Tupelo/Heart), Michael Kubenthiran (Robin Chapman's Nephew – car wreck/severe leg injuries) Please send cards: 2618 Sunlight Drive, Arlington, TX 76006.

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Amy Staggs, Tracie Gross (Back), Kathy Allison

•**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).