

August 30, 2020

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Larry Wood

**Song Leader**  
Tripp Yancey

**Scripture Reading**  
Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**  
Eli Carter (A.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Chase Chapman (A.M.)

**Count and Usher**  
Randell Koon & Brock Lindley

**Communion**  
Ricky Cissom

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**

**August 23, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE  
Sunday Morning Worship: 99  
Sunday Evening Worship: NO SERVICE  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 71  
Budget: \$3,500  
Contribution this week: NA

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**WHEN GOD IS SILENT**  
Mark Lindley

Those reading this article will likely agree that we should do what God says in his word. When God has given a commandment, those who love God will obey (1 John 5:3). But how should we interpret God's silence? In cases in which God has given no instruction, do we have the authority to engage in those practices?

This question is vital because, sometimes, good, sincere people will ask, "Where does the Bible say we are 'not' to do this?" Usually, such statements are made when someone wants to add something to worship for which there is no biblical instruction. Since there are cases in which God is silent (the Bible has nothing to say), some believe that God's silence is to be viewed as authority for adding anything to worship or religious practice that is not forbidden.

However, it would be good if we would consider the following examples: When God told Noah to build the ark of "gopher wood," did God then have to specify all the types of wood that Noah was "not" to utilize in building the ark—oak, hickory, pine, etc.? No, when God specified "gopher wood," Noah knew that all other wood was excluded (cf. Genesis 6:22). When God told the Israelites to offer a lamb for the Passover sacrifice, did he then have to specify all the animals that the Israelites were not to use (Exodus 12:5)? No. When God specified that priests were to come from the tribe of "Levi," did God then need to specifically exclude all other tribes (Numbers 8:9-15)? No, the people understood that when God said "Levi," this would naturally exclude all other possibilities: Benjamin, Gad, Zebulun, etc.

Now, if we can understand this principle that is so clear from the Old Testament, I am certain that we can understand the following modern-day applications: When God says that we are to "sing" in worship, is there any need for God to state, specifically, that singing and playing an instrument is not authorized by the New Testament (Ephesians 5:19)? No, the command to "sing" authorizes singing, not singing and playing an instrument. When God says that we are to pray to him through Jesus, does God have to specifically exclude praying through Mary (John 14:13)? No. When God says that those who are to be baptized must be individuals who "believe" and "repent," is there any need to specifically condemn infant baptism (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)? No, infants cannot believe or repent and do not need baptism. When God states that baptism is an immersion in water, does he then need to specifically exclude sprinkling and pouring (Colossians 2:12)? No. The command to immerse excludes sprinkling and pouring.

All of these examples establish that God's silence does not authorize us to add our preferences to worship or religious practice. Rather, God's silence prohibits man-made additions. Let us resolve that we will "speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent."

## Take Heed Lest You Fall

By David Bragg

In May of 2017 a 67-year-old woman in Plainfield, NJ was caught on surveillance video walking down the street focusing on a cell phone. Her walk turns tragic as she bumps into, and then falls over, an open basement access door. She was ultimately lifted from the basement with serious injuries (mcall.com).

As we walk through this world our focus must be on Christ and His Word because otherwise, we are in danger of falling spiritually. The inspired warnings echo from our Bibles.

1 Cor. 9:27 - lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Galatians 5:4 - who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

1 Timothy 4:1 - Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith

Hebrews 3:12 - Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God

Knowing that we CAN fall away is a vital realization in making sure that we DON'T fall away.

## "WE HAVE HELP"

by Dalton Key

Have you ever been tempted?

If you are human, you have. In fact, life in the flesh is a continuing series of trials and temptations. It is our response to life's temptations which determines our happiness here as well as our eternal destiny beyond the grave.

None of us lives above temptation. The Scriptures are clear: "Every man is tempted." (James 1:14.) Even our Lord was "in all points tempted like we are, yet without sin." (Hebrews 4:15.) Jesus, at the beginning of His earthly ministry, was "forty days tempted of the devil." (Luke 4:2.) And though he yielded not to the devil's enticements, inspiration records that "when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from Him for a season." (Luke 4:13.) Seeing God's own dear Son face manifold temptations of Satan should prepare us to face the facts – we will be tempted. And temptations will continue as long as this life in the flesh continues.

But this is not the end of the story. There is more. There is good news. Observe: "For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world and this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith." (1 John 5:4.) "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world." (1 John 4:4.) Christ taught us to pray, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." (Matthew 6:13.) Heaven promises, "Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." (James 4:7.)

Temptation is real, Satan is relentless – but God's children have help. "There has no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that you may be able to bear it." (1 Corinthians 10:13.)

## CHAPMAN SERVICES

Sunday morning will remain at 10:30  
*with Worship Service only*

Wednesday Night Services  
at 7 PM

*No Children Bible Classes*

*All Services will be in auditorium and outside.*

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IF YOU HAVE ANY SYMPTOMS  
OR AT HIGH RISK.**

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Eva Vaughn (Grandmother of Brayden Hatfield) and Keith Foster.

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

•**HOSPITAL:** Romia Palmer (Tupelo/Rehab), Jeff Null, Baby Rich Harris (Le Bonheur), Haley Montgomery (Le Bonheur)

•**SURGERY:** Shirley Simmons (heart, Shawna Jones' Mother)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Jeff Carpenter, Baby Rich Harris

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Johnny Cissom, Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

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