

**September 4, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Bryan Davis

Opening Prayer

Bo Chapman (A.M.) Joel Moore (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Chase Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

David Smith (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Ross Shackelford, Mason McAlister

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Danny Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Kathy Moore & Shelia Criswell

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Palmer Jones (09/07/16)

OUR RECORD

August 28, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 142

Sunday Morning Worship: 155

Sunday Evening Worship: 112

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 93

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,764

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Through the Cracks By Jim Faughn

A number of years ago, we spent the night with a family who lived in a very unusual house. Although the family lived in Tennessee, much of the house was a reconstructed log house that had been taken apart in Kentucky and reassembled in the Nashville area. To be sure, a lot had been added to the original house, and it had been updated a great deal. This house was in a very nice neighborhood and was far from being a shack.

However, the owners had decided to leave much of the interior of the original house as it had been.

I guess they thought it added "personality" to the house. I can still remember some of the light from downstairs filtering through the cracks in the floor of our second story bedroom.

My memory is not good enough to remember how large the cracks in the floor were. I do not know if a coin or something else of value could have fallen through one of those cracks. I guess it wouldn't have mattered a great deal if such a thing had occurred, though. Whatever fell through a crack on the second story could have been retrieved on the first floor (which had been redone in such a way that there were no cracks in the floor).

I am aware of the fact that there have been times when something of value has fallen through the cracks in a house or some other building. At times, the loss is not noticed during the lifetime of the people who lived there. At other times, the loss may be noticed, but steps may never be taken to find whatever it was that was lost. The object lost was not of sufficient value to merit much effort.

I am also well aware of the fact that something of far greater value than any material thing all too often falls through the cracks somewhere else. While the value is immeasurable, very little, if any, effort at retrieval is made.

Is it not the case that immortal souls sometimes "fall through the cracks" in local congregations?

Attendance patterns become sporadic; involvement wanes; and/or other things are warning signs. Before long (and before many know it), somebody has fallen through the cracks and is lost.

What should be done? What is often not done?

Will elders, preachers, and others "...who are spiritual...restore him in a spirit of gentleness..." (Gal. 6:1)? Will we make the kind of diligent search made by the woman in our Lord's parable who lost something valuable in her house (cf. Luke 15:8)? Will we really just go on with our lives either not caring about or not noticing the loss?

While you think about your answer to those questions, take moment to think about a few other things ---

The length of eternity

The value of every soul

The "Golden Rule" (What would you want somebody to do if you were the one falling through the cracks?)

Your have responsibility as a child of God to the other members of His family.

How to Live for Christ
By Robert H. Martin

* Do good to all people no matter what they do to you (Galatians 6:10). Christ is our example of doing good (Acts 10:38). We must follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

* Bless and love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). Christ was hated, mocked, spat upon, beaten...yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). When we do this, we have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).

* Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-36). Christ went about helping the downhearted (Matthew 9:35). By us doing this (especially to the brethren), it is the same as us doing it to Christ (Matthew 25:40).

* Count others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). This is truly being Christ-like. When we do this, we are serving as Christ did selflessly (John 13:4-5).

* Put the kingdom (church) first in all things (Matthew 6:33). Jesus died for the church (Acts 20:28); we need to live for it. Put Christ's body above all earthly things.

This is Christianity. Do these things with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

At Your House
By Wendell Winkler

Will priorities be established in your children when...

- You are early for their ballgame, but late for worship?
- You check on their homework regularly, but never check on their Bible class lessons?
- You won't let them miss school even though they don't want to go, but let them miss church worship services?
- You won't let them stay up late on school nights, but let them stay up late on Saturday night.
- You will serve as room mother at their school or volunteer at school, but will not help with classes, activities, programs which involve spiritual matters?
- You attend open house at their school, but do not visit their class room of Bible school, or even know where their class meets?
- You support, attend, or even participate in their sports activities (baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, etc.) but regularly miss activities involving the church?
- You never (almost never) miss meeting with the civic or social club of which you are a member, but frequently miss worship services?
- You go to work even though you do not feel like it, but stay home on Sunday in the same condition?

I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
Psalm 116:1-2 KJV

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapman Singing

September 4th
Tippah County Hospital
Nursing Home
at 2 PM

September 11
Golden Living
at 2 PM

Chapman Ladies Bible Class
Thursday, September 15 - 6:30

PROGRAMS OF WORK

[Website: chapmanchurch.com](http://www.chapmanchurch.com)

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• Chapman Challengers

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Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio
104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Barbara Brown.

•**HOME SICK:** Everett Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Tony & Jane Morrison

•**IN REHAB:** Guy Stroupe (Golden Living)

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Trevor Shinall(Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. old -LeBonheur/ leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Coats, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (*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*).