

**September 7, 2014**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Chris Moore

**Song Leader**

J C Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Ricky Cissom

**Opening Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chance Criswell (A.M.) Blair Chapman (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Tom Wade (Presiding),

Jeff Brewer, Chase Chapman, Tom Wade

**Count and Usher**

Eric Melton and Bobby Bridges

**Prepare Communion**

Bobbie Chapman & Pat Shackelford

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (09/10/14)

**OUR RECORD**

**August 31, 2014**

Sunday Bible Study: 111

Sunday Morning Worship: 133

Sunday Evening Worship: 109

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,136

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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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**ELDERS:** Barrett Chapman, Jodie Criswell,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis, Rickey  
Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## Faith, Hope, Love & Church Attendance

David Sproule

While spiritual gifts have ceased and are no longer needed or possessed by Christians today (1 Cor. 13:8-12), that which is still needed greatly and abiding deeply within all faithful Christians are faith, hope and love (13:13). Have you ever considered how these impact a Christian's life today, including our attendance at Bible class and worship services?

How does your FAITH impact your church attendance? How strong is your faith? How deep is your faith? In whom have you placed your faith? Is your faith in the Almighty God? Is your faith in the resurrected Lord?

Christians are reminded, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe..." (Heb. 11:6). What could you do on Sundays and Wednesdays to make your faith stronger? To make your faith deeper? To show the Almighty God and resurrected Lord your faith is truly in them? How is your faith expressed by your attendance?

How does your HOPE impact your church attendance? How firm is your hope? How alive is your hope? In whom is your hope founded? Is your hope steadfastly anchored in God and the heavenly abode? Is the resurrected Christ in you, the hope of your glory?

Christians are encouraged, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering...firm to the end" (Heb. 10:23; 3:6). What could you do on Sundays and Wednesdays to revive your hope? To strengthen the hold of your hope? To ground your hope more firmly and more deeply in your Savior's love? How is your hope expressed by your attendance?

How does your LOVE impact your church attendance? How fervent is your love for the Lord? How committed is your love? Does your love for the Lord engulf your entire being/life?

Christians are commanded, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind" (Luke 10:27). What could you do on Sundays and Wednesdays to make your love more fervent? More committed? How is your love expressed by your attendance?

Church attendance is not about you...it's not about the church...it's not about who else is there. Church attendance is, like every other Christian endeavor and Christian responsibility, about one's faith, hope and love in God!

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## The Joy of Hope

By Joe Chesser

Sometimes the best part of taking a vacation is the time spent gathering information and making plans for it. Anticipating what you will do when you go camping or traveling or to Disney makes the vacation that much more enjoyable. Getting brochures or checking out the web sites, studying the maps to learn what is available along the way, and marking the days on a calendar fill you with excitement. In fact, there are times when the anticipation of the vacation far exceeds the actual event.

Anticipating heaven should be even better than anticipating a vacation. It's too bad that many Christians haven't learned to enjoy the preparation for heaven. Instead of finding joy in the present (John 10:10), some Christians (and I hope you are not one of them) view the present Christian experience as one of drudgery and travail. They see their walk with God in this life as one of hardship and suffering, and only view heaven as a rest from their current troubles. But the hope of heaven is not intended to be restricted to eternity. There is joy in the hope of heaven right now!

The hope of heaven serves to bring meaning and enjoyment to this present life in several ways.

(1) Hope in God serves as an anchor for the soul. The world is constantly in a state of flux, yet God gives Christians the ability to live in this world with stability in the present because of hope for the future. Instead of being "blown here and there by every wind of teaching" (Eph. 4:14)

Christians are offered "hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Heb. 6:19). Christians have the security now that the world longs for!

(2) Christians are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24). This hope is a "confident expectation" that removes fear and doubt. Since we are confident of receiving the salvation of Christ that comes by faith and obedience, joy fills our souls. We find joy in doing whatever God expects of us because of the hope of what He has promised those who are faithful.

(3) Happy is the soldier that is properly equipped to wage war. While we are in the flesh we are in a constant battle with Satan, but God has given us all the equipment we need to successfully defeat him. A part of that equipment is having "the hope of salvation as a helmet" (1 Thess. 5:8). Christians are assured that Satan cannot defeat the army of God. We can celebrate our ultimate victory right now, today! Live joyfully as God's soldier.

(4) Christians know "how great is the love the Father has lavished on us" (1 John 3:1). We know we are the children of God right now! What we don't know yet is what we will be like when Jesus appears the second time, but we do know this: that when Jesus appears the second time, we shall be like him (1 John 3:2). Having this hope gives us the assurance we need to live pure lives in the present (1 John 3:3). Learning to live like God today gives us a joy that anticipates the day we can live with Him forever!

(5) Despite the trials of life, Christians can "be joyful in hope" (Rom. 12:12). If we choose, nothing in this life can rob us of the joy and anticipation of life with God.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**September 7, 2014**

**Chapman Singing:**  
Tippah County Hospital  
Nursing Home at 2 PM

&

**Visitation Group:**  
Will meet Sunday Night after services  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Bring finger food or desserts.

**September 14, 2014**

Golden Living  
Singing/Devotion  
2:00 PM

**September 18, 2014**

Ladies Bible Class  
6:30 PM

**2014 CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST**

**September 28th-30th**

**"Sounding Out"**

Speaker: Keith Parker

At: Booneville Church of Christ

Singing: 6:30 PM

Service: 7:00 PM

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

**The Bible Broadcast**

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

**Southern Sentinel Article**

Every other Wednesday

**Correspondence Course**

Study the Bible in your home, at your convenience, by enrolling in a free Bible correspondence course.  
To enroll: call (837-7012), write (250 CR 550, Ripley, MS 38663) or e-mail (chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of W M Chapman. He will be greatly missed. He was one of the first appointed Elders at Chapman Church of Christ on August 2, 1970 serving approximately 10 years.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Kasandra Longoria, Mildred Shackelford

•**NURSING HOME:** Cullen Loveless (Ricky's Father) - Landmark Nursing & Rehab in Booneville.

•**IN REHAB:** James Willis (Atlanta)

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Margaret Koon (Randle Koon's Sister) in Oxford.

•**HAVING TEST:** Eric Melton

•**HAVING SURGERY:** Lyndon Beard

•**TREATMENTS:** Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Danny Robertson (Amy Stagg's Father), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

•**SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven:* Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), *Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home:* Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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