

September 10, 2023

**Announcements**

Britt Lindley

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Dale Vandygriff

**Opening Prayer**

Rickey Loveless (A.M.)  
Bryan Davis (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Terry Chapman (A.M.)  
Logan Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Bryan Davis

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman & David Smith

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Keith Newby (09/13/23)

**OUR RECORD**

**September 3, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 94

Sunday Morning Worship: 121

Sunday Evening Worship 85

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 88

Contribution: \$3,850

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper,  
Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin  
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## WHERE ARE YOUR TREASURES? Mark Lindley

“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19-21). These words of Jesus’ reveal the following:

The futility of laying up treasures on earth. “Treasures” are those things which are precious and dear to us. When Jesus spoke the words of Matthew 6, back in the first century, gold, grain, garments, silver, and costly stones were all considered treasures. In our day, clothes, cars, money, and houses may be considered treasures.

Even things such as a career, recreational pursuits, sports, and the desire for popularity may be considered “treasures,” if these are the things which are precious to us.

Jesus warned that placing so much emphasis on earthly treasures leads to regret. Jesus warned that moths can destroy one’s garments; rust can corrupt one’s silver, and thieves can steal one’s possessions. The point is that there is no security in earthly treasures. The man who is a millionaire one day may be a beggar the next.

The security of laying up treasures in heaven. Jesus encouraged us to lay up our treasures in heaven where there is true security. We lay up treasures in heaven when we invest our hearts, money, time, effort and lives in things which are spiritual. The good that a Christian may do in service to God cannot be affected by moths, rust, or thieves. By giving to others, living a godly life, following the teachings of God’s Word, encouraging others, serving faithfully in the church—these are ways we can lay up treasures in heaven.

The proximity of our hearts to our treasures. Jesus said our hearts will be in the same place as our treasures (Matthew 6:21). This is why the Lord encourages us to lay up treasures in heaven. If our treasure is in heaven, our hearts will be also. The Lord wants us to set our affections (hearts) on “things above” (Colossians 3:1-2). Going to heaven should be the ultimate goal for which we are all striving. Where one’s treasure is, one’s heart will be also. So where is your treasure? What things are truly precious to you? Answering these questions will reveal the location of our hearts. Lay up your treasures in heaven. In eternity, you’ll be glad you did.

## EXCUSES VS REASONS

James Pilgrim

Brother Lindley taught another excellent lesson last Sunday morning from the book of Luke, chapter 14. Among the things he taught were verses 15 through 24, the great supper. He showed his usual excellent study and preparation, and presented the word of God forcefully and truthfully.

The writer of this article mentioned that he had preached a sermon on those words, especially on the word “excuse” (Verse 18), telling him that he had contrasted the words “excuse” and “reason.” Mark asked that an article be prepared for the bulletin along those lines.

An example of an excuse is one who fails to do certain things, excusing it by saying, “I had an ox in the ditch.” This has often been heard by one who called to check on someone who had missed a service. We are told not to do like those of Hebrews 10:25, that is, forsake the assembling. This preacher preached in a gospel meeting years ago, where the local preacher missed Friday night to get married. It would be interesting to hear him teach Luke 14:15-24, especially, verse 20. The church of some 200 is now down to 20. It is not known if the preacher still preaches, or if his actions resulted in the loss of members. It could not have helped.

The writer heard well over fifty (50) excuses before he stopped writing them down. A few excuses for not attending services, doing good works, and more, are: (1) “I had tickets to the ball game”; (2) “I had tickets to the concert”; (3) “I had promised to go to a party”; (4) “I had to work”; (5) “I had a TV program that I wanted to see”; (6) “I had chiggers”; (7) “The weather was bad”;

They went to work in similar weather. (8) “Company came”; They left company and went to work the next day. (9) “I had health problems”; This did not keep them from work. (10) “I can’t get out due to my age”; But they still went other places. (11) “I did not have transportation”; But they found a way to go other places. (12) “I went on vacation”; etc., etc. A new one that we have heard is, COVID. Many have said they were afraid to get out due to the Covid problem, yet they go to many other places. This is a valid problem with which we need to be careful. However, let us not use Covid as an excuse not to attend services and do many wonderful works, while doing other things and going other places.

A 99-year-old woman attended a gospel meeting near Gadsden, Alabama, in which this writer preached. He jokingly said, “Did you not hear the thunder and see the lightning and heavy rain?” She quickly responded, “I don’t think we are to let that keep us away, are we?” A 103-year-old man was still attending gospel meetings near Birmingham, Alabama. Read Matthew 6:33; 1 Corinthians 15:58. Two questions: (1) Would you support a preacher who did as you do? (2) How long would a church last if all were like you?

### CONGRATULATIONS

Joy Simmons has a new great-granddaughter.

Born on September 1, 2023

Addi James Rinehart

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

**OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**SUNDAY SERVICES:**

**10:00 A.M. BIBLE STUDY**

**10:45 A.M. WORSHIP**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.**

**1:30 P.M. AFTERNOON SERVICE**

**7:00 P.M.**

**MONDAY-WEDNESDAY EVENING**

#### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mike Griffin.

**SICK SUNDAY:** Patti Hall, Pat Shackelford

**IN HOSPITAL:** Wilma Wood (TCH)

**SURGERY:** Rita Rutherford (Heart), John Perry (Heart- 4 months old)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, John Perry (4 month old/heart problems), Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen’s Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon’s Mother), Malone Hurt, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Tom Muir (Cindy Pruitt’s Brother-in-law), Shelia Fleming (Mark Lindley’s Aunt), Rhonda Gillespie, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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