

**September 15, 2019**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**

J. C. Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Palmer Jones

**Opening Prayer**

Gene Yancey (A.M.)

Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

Mason McAlister, Reed Shackelford, Eli Carter

**Count and Usher**

Randell Koon

David Smith

**Prepare Communion**

Kathy Moore & Shelia Criswell

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Tripp Yancey (09/18/19)

**OUR RECORD**

**September 8, 2019**

Sunday Bible Study: 116

Sunday Morning Worship: 145

Sunday Evening Worship: 107

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 101

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,660

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

## Identifying What's Important By Joe Slater

We place a higher importance on some things than on others. Aside from simply asking, how can people know what's really important to us? Here are four ways:

Talk. We talk about the weather. We talk about our family. We talk about sports. Why? Because these things are important to us. They aren't bad things, and it's fine to talk about them. But how much do we talk about God? about the Bible? about the church? "My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all of Your commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:172).

Time. Each of us has exactly the same amount of time each day. It's up to us how we use it. It takes time to sleep, work, and eat. Most of us have at least several hours of discretionary time each day. Perhaps we watch some television or read a book. Would that book happen to be the Bible? Do we spend time in prayer and actual study (not just reading) of God's word? What about church attendance? Compare the time spent meeting with fellow-Christians to what you devote to recreation. Rest and relaxation are important, but so are spiritual matters.

Treasure. Paying attention to the way we spend our money requires diligent discipline. We might be shocked at how much we fritter away on arbitrary things. I challenge you to compare what you spend on recreation and vacations with what you contribute to the work of the Lord. Your estimation of the importance of His work will certainly be reflected by your material support of it.

Talent. Your talents are not the same as the next person's, but each one has abilities. We use our talents to earn a living, maintain a home, enjoy a hobby, etc. All of those are good things. What about serving God by helping other people and working on projects for the church? Here again, your use of your talents demonstrates your estimation of the importance of the cause of Christ

What is really important to you?

## A Different Attitude Toward Worship By Jeff Arnette

Have you ever heard someone say, “all your church does is worship and study the Bible?”

From their perspective, a church that is not doing some activity every day isn't doing what it's supposed to do and is failing in some way. From this perspective, a church that isn't busy doing what everyone else is doing has somehow missed the boat. I could spend a lot of time talking about cultural expectations and the expectations of those who know very little of God or his will. Yet, what I want you to get is that most people simply don't understand worship.

Such attitudes prove that they haven't spent time in the word of God and don't understand the glory and magnificence of worship. Too many today, have allowed cultural expectations to dictate what worship should be like. They expect worship to be loud, flashy, filled with overwhelming emotions, and leaving you feeling supercharged. The problem is that it isn't biblical. Plus, if worship is meant to get you excited and wound up and charged up; each service would have to be increasingly more to continue to meet those expectations.

Let me share something from my own experience. When I first became a member of the Lord's church, my expectation was that worship would be like what I was accustomed to seeing in other churches, especially the Baptist church. That was all I knew and don't misunderstand me:

I am not saying that it was all bad, it had its good parts. I am simply saying that it appealed to the emotional and worldly side of me. It was more like a music concert than a church.

The first worship service I attended in a church of Christ seemed so calm, simple, and to be frank; a little boring. At first, I didn't like it; simply because it didn't meet my expectations of what worship was supposed to be. Yet, with a little time, instruction, and respect for God's will, not mine, I fell in love with a simple and pure approach to worship.

Worship is not a side effect of the church! It is one of the biggest reasons for the church.

I would contend that worship is one of the greatest things a church can do. While the works of the church are an expression of its faith in Jesus and obedience to Him, it is not the primary purpose of a church. Things like evangelism and benevolence are important to our work. Jesus said in Matt. 25, that doing such things was the equivalent of doing them to Him. Yet that is not why the church gathers together.

We gather together to worship, praise and exalt our great Lord and Savior. In fact, Jesus said that God the Father was actively looking for people like this (John 4:23-24). Let me encourage you to read a few passages about this. Read Acts 2:42-46; 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:23-26; 14:16; Heb. 10:24-25.

These are just a few of the wonderful passages that teach us that worship is about the heart, the Spirit, the building up and encouragement of each other, and most importantly, glorifying God for who He is and what He has done for us. Every great thing done by the church, throughout history, started because someone was inspired and set ablaze by the fires of worship. Anytime God's people came out of her lethargy and pushed forward into Spiritual revival, it was done by worshipers of God.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Chapman Teen Youth Night

All teenagers are invited to  
Terry & Robin Chapman's Home  
**Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> - 6PM**  
Song Leader: Cole Chapman  
Speaker: Daniel McMillin

### CHAPMAN FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>

*We will have a fellowship meal (potluck)  
followed by services at 1:30 p.m.*

### Pine Vale Children's Home Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:  
**Gallon Ziplock Bags**  
**Cream of Chicken or Mushroom Soup**  
**Parmesan Cheese**  
*Please place items in the kitchen by  
classrooms.*  
*Will be picked up 1st part of October.*

#### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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

Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman Challengers

#### The Bible Broadcast

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#### 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 Diane Hodges and Martha Jeter (Sister-in-law of Juanita Michael).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Romia Palmer, Sadie Fitzgerald, Ola Wade, Patti Hall

•**HOSPITAL:** Romonia McAlister, Gary Michael, Jerry Carpenter

•**TEST:** Jo Chapman, Loretta Criswell

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Ashley Dees Wilson, Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), 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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).