

**September 16, 2018**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Bryan Davis

**Opening Prayer**

Britt Lindley (A.M.) Jimmy Williford (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Brock Lindley (A.M.) Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

David Smith (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Mason McAlister, Tripp Yancey

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

**Prepare Communion**

Kathy Moore & Shelia Criswell

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Logan Yancey 09/19/18

**OUR RECORD**

**September 9, 2018**

Sunday Bible Study: 128

Sunday Morning Worship: 137

Sunday Evening Worship: 98

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 106

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,950

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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).



# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Joel Moore, Jarvene Shackelford,  
Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**If It's Not Fed, It Won't Grow**  
by: **Lance Cordle**

Consider the following hypothetical situations:

A man selects a site on his property for a garden. He does not till the soil. He just scatters the seed and walks away. No fertilizer is placed with the seed; no watering is done. The man, however, expects a large crop of vegetables. Question: Is he being realistic? Answer: No. Principle: If it's not fed (cultivated, nourished), it won't grow (flourish).

A young man hears about a party his friends are having. He accepts an invitation and shows up—only to find that it is a poker party. Since celebrities are playing poker and it is on so many TV channels, it must be a cool way to have fun and "make a quick buck," right?

The young man, however, knows that it is gambling, and is well aware of the tragic consequences of gambling addiction. He walks away from the party, resolving not to gamble, even if it means his friends will be disappointed. He believes the risk of addiction is too great. — If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man has been married for several years. He loves his wife and believes their marriage is good, but he is a little bored. At work, he spends a lot of time around a single young woman. She is attractive and personable. Most of their contact is work-related and, so far, he has kept it that way. He knows, however that she would "see him" outside of work, if he would but ask. After thinking it over, he resolves to work on his relationship with his wife, to be more attentive, and to liven up their marriage with better communication and more romance. He resists the urge to build a deeper relationship with the woman at work. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A young man and woman in their early twenties have dated for several months and are "serious" about each other. There is a real possibility that they will get married. They love each other and express it in verbal and non-verbal ways. However, they are Christians and have resolved to avoid fornication and save themselves sexually for marriage. Thus, they have set definite limits on their physical displays of affection. They could give into lust, like so many have chosen to do, but they don't. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man is offended by a lifelong friend. He thinks about the situation, but decides to act in good faith and talk to his friend about the problem. The friend understands, and he too, wants to do what is right. Resentment, though contemplated, does not really even begin. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

Is there something you are feeding that shouldn't be fed?

## Can You Count the Apples in a Seed? By Dennis Gulledge

The late B.C. Goodpasture used to tell of the time when James A. Harding held a Gospel meeting in Clark County, Kentucky. The year was 1877. When an elder of the church asked about it he said it was "not much of a meeting. Oh, Brother Harding did his usually powerful preaching, the attendance was fair, but the results were negligible. Only little Jimmy Shepherd was baptized."

Someone has said that you can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you cannot count the number of apples in a seed. When applied to the preaching of the Gospel that means that you can count the number of people who respond to Gospel preaching to be baptized, but you cannot count the number of good things done in the life of one person who becomes a Christian, as in the case of brother James W. Shepherd.

Brother Shepherd went to the College of the Bible, Kentucky University and graduated in 1884. On February 29, 1888 he traveled with his family to New Zealand, remaining there two years. From New Zealand he went to Australia, where he remained almost three years, during which time he preached in Sydney, Melbourne, Balarat, New Castle and Adelaide. Leaving Australia he returned to the United States by way of the Orient. He traveled extensively, passing through the Suez Canal, he could see Mt. Sinai in the distance, but he did not visit the Bible lands.

He did visit Scotland and England, and being a lover of books he collected many volumes for his private library and materials for books which he would later write. From 1905 to 1912 he served as "Office Editor" for the Gospel Advocate. Later he preached for churches of Christ in Detroit, Michigan; Washington, D.C.; Richmond, Virginia and Birmingham, Alabama.

His famous Handbook on Baptism was published in 1894. His teacher at the College of the Bible, Professor J. W. McGarvey, referred to the book as, "The best and most comprehensive work of its kind in existence." In 1910 brother Shepherd edited and compiled Queries and Answers, containing questions answered by David Lipscomb in the Gospel Advocate. He put together material for another volume bearing the name of David Lipscomb, that being the book entitled, Salvation from Sin. Also, at the request of the aged Lipscomb, brother Shepherd took Lipscomb's notes on some of the New Testament epistles and completed them for publication in the Gospel Advocate series of New Testament commentaries.

Brother Shepherd passed from this life on Tuesday evening, July 27, 1948. The good that was accomplished in the response of little "Jimmy Shepherd" to a Gospel sermon heard long ago, can never fully be measured in human terms. It is when we can "count the seeds in an apple" that we think the greatest amount of good is done. The great amount of good accomplished for the cause of Christ by men and women of average existence are the apples in the seed of truth that we are rarely possessed to the patience to count. Try to count the apples in a seed!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**GOSPEL MEETING**  
Beech Hill Church of Christ  
**September 16 – 19 at 7:00 PM**  
Speaker: Chad Ramsey

**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

**CAMPAIGN FOR CHRIST**  
Booneville Church of Christ  
**September 23-25 at 7 PM**  
(Singing 6:30 PM)  
"Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine"  
Speaker: Steve Higginbotham

**CHAPMAN 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY**  
**September 30th**  
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

**PROGRAMS OF WORK**  
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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tripp Yancey, Joanie Kate Reese, Shawna, Ruby & Christy Jones, Ina Ruth Harris

•**HOSPITAL:** Curtis Mauney (Corinth/pneumonia), Carlin Johnson (13 yr old, Waiting Heart Transplant, Lebonheur), Heather Ewing (Tupelo)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Scotty Cliburn (Heart/Jackson) – Nephew of Barrett and Starrett Chapman, Kathy Alison (Hip/Tupelo - Bree's Grandmother) Send cards: 1111 East Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38843, Margie Hurt (Eye), Edie & Annalee Chapman (Debbie Chapman's Granddaughter), Doris Williford (Hip)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Cohen Hurt (2<sup>nd</sup> grade/Pine Grove/Undergoing Treatments), Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, 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: **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663). Amy May (Magnolia Place, Room 30, 1515 Munsford Drive, New Albany, MS 38652).