

September 17, 2023

Announcements

Britt Lindley

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer

Tim McMillin (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)

Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Lord’s Table

Bryan Davis

Count and Usher

Chase Chapman & David Smith

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (09/20/23)

OUR RECORD

September 10, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 74

Sunday Morning Worship: 97

Sunday Evening Worship 79

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 87

Contribution: \$3,839

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

Receive bulletin by e-mail notify us:

chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net

chapmanchurch.com

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).



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
250 COUNTY ROAD 550
RIPLEY, MS 38663

THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

Published Weekly by

Chapman Church of Christ

Ripley, Mississippi

(662) 837-7012

chapmanchurch.com

ELDERS: Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

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

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

IS CHURCH ATTENDANCE NECESSARY TO GO TO HEAVEN?

Mark Lindley

Church attendance in America is in decline. According to recent surveys, about 40 percent of Americans say they attend church services regularly. However, the number of Americans who actually attend each week is only about 18 percent. It is alarming that in a country, once considered “Christian,” only 18 out of 100 attend church services each week.

Why is church attendance in decline? One reason is that some view attendance as an unnecessary burden to bear. Many declare that “going to church won’t save you.” Sincere preachers even minimize the importance of attendance, saying, “Attending every service will not save you; Jesus alone saves.”

Such statements are no doubt welcomed by those who rarely attend. It gives them a sense of spiritual security without the need to sit through worship services they consider “boring.”

However, before one neglects worship and rushes to the lake on Sunday, one should consider what the scriptures teach about this matter. It is true—the scriptures teach that Jesus is the Savior (Matthew 1:21; I John 4:14). But the scriptures do not teach that everyone will be saved by Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14; Luke 13:24). Rather, only those who “do the will of the Father” will be saved (Matthew 7:21).

Involved in doing the will of the Father is obeying the gospel and living a faithful, Christian life (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; Revelation 2:10). To live a faithful, Christian life includes attending worship. Consider Hebrews 10:25-26: “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.” Please observe the word “not.” This passage teaches that Christians must “not” forsake worship assemblies.

First-century Christians understood this. Consequently, they worshipped upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; I Corinthians 16:1-2; Revelation 1:10). There were other assemblies as well (Acts 2:46). Worship was a priority for early Christians. It should be a priority today as well (cf. Matthew 6:33). To neglect worship when one is able to attend is to violate the clear command of God, and one must obey God to be saved (I John 2:3; Revelation 22:14).

The proper attitude toward worship is revealed in Psalm 122:1: “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD.” We should be “glad” today when it is time to go to worship. Our attendance will encourage others, and we will be encouraged. God is worthy! He has blessed us abundantly. We should worship Him...See you at worship!

God’s Seed Reproduces According to Its Kind!
David Sproule

God’s creation is absolutely perfect and a marvel to behold (or even contemplate). In the Creation week, God created all things full-grown and mature, with the ability to “bring forth” even more, each one “according to its kind” (Gen. 1:11-12). The grass would bring forth grass “according to its kind,” the herb would bring forth herbs “according to its kind,” the fruit tree would bring forth fruit “according to its kind.” A peach tree would never yield bananas, but it would always yield peaches and more peach trees. That’s the way God designed it.

When God established His creation in the beginning, He placed within each living organism the “seed in itself” to produce more of the same by multiplied hundreds, thousands and millions. Within the “fruit tree,” He placed the seed to reproduce that specific type of “fruit” and yield more of that specific type of “fruit tree.” Adam Clarke wrote that the elm tree produces 1.584 billion seeds, and each of those seeds has the power within itself to produce that same number of seeds again. But, no matter how many trees come forth from that seed in the elm tree, it always produces an elm tree (without fail). The seed of an elm tree never produces a palm tree, a hibiscus plant, a rose bush or a litter of hamsters. It only knows how to produce one thing—whatever God designed it to produce!

So, what application (other than the intricate design of the great Designer) does this concept have for us today? Whatever God does, whatever God creates, is absolutely perfect and a marvel to behold. In Acts 2, God established on this earth His church—perfect and beautiful. From its beginning, He placed within His living church the “seed in itself” to produce more of the same by multiplied hundreds, thousands and millions. He gave to His church the seed that would reproduce His church (anywhere and anytime) with the exact specifications that He placed within His “original.”

In the parable of the soils, Jesus specified the seed which God was using to build His church—“The seed is the word of God” (Lk. 8:11). Peter reminded Christians they had been “born again” (given new life) of “incorruptible [seed], through the word of God which lives and abides forever” (1 Pet. 1:23). As with every other seed that God created, no matter how much fruit His word produces, it always produces the same fruit. From its beginning, the church has had and has used the word of God to reproduce itself. God’s seed yields Christians. God’s seed yields His church. His seed never produces a denominational church or a “hyphenated-Christian,” for He empowered His seed to only reproduce “according to its kind”! It only knows how to produce one thing—whatever God designed it to produce! Any other “production” is not of God’s seed but is a man-made counterfeit! One seed—one church!

TEXT ALERTS

Text **chapmancoc** to **8779897012** to receive Chapman’s Text Alerts.

*A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the Chapman
Congregation in 2023.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP
“THINGS WHICH HELP
THE CHURCH TO THRIVE”

OCTOBER 8TH – 11TH

SUNDAY:
BIBLE STUDY - 10:00 A.M.
WORSHIP - 10:45 A.M.
SPEAKER: Keith Mosher
Fellowship Meal will follow.

SUNDAY EVENING – 1:30 P.M.
SPEAKER: Jeff Scott

MONDAY - 7:00 P.M.
SPEAKER: Aaron Gallagher

TUESDAY – 7:00 P.M.
SPEAKER: Allen Webster

WEDNESDAY – 7:00 P.M.
SPEAKER: Donnie Debord

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com
Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman Challengers
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 Myra Kuykendall.

SICK SUNDAY: Patti Hall, Pat Shackelford, Eli Carter, Dawn Jackson, Wayne Vandygriff

IN HOSPITAL: Wilma Wood (TCH), Robin Chapman (Tupelo)

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

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