

September 23, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Gene Yancey

Opening Prayer

Jodie Criswell (A.M.) John Hopper (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Wayne Vandygriff (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (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

Brad McAlister (09/26/18)

OUR RECORD

September 16, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 127

Sunday Morning Worship: 133

Sunday Evening Worship: 105

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 108

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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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EXERCISE THYSELF UNTO GODLINESS
James Pilgrim

The world is sports minded. People spend countless hours in watching and attending sports events.

The amount of money some spend is unbelievable, with many spending thousands of dollars for just one ticket. Different countries have their own teams.

Boys and girls, men and women who are athletic work hard to make teams. Some run and run and run to condition their bodies to be the best athlete possible. They may do many and varied exercises to make a team. Hour after hour is spent perfecting one's skill at a particular position in hopes of being the best at the position of one's choice. Coaches sometimes put the players at a different positions to help the team, which many willingly accept. Becoming tired, sore, having to forego certain things, and such like, doesn't seem to matter to the athlete. Being hot or cold, dry or wet does not seem to bother the dedicated athlete. It is about playing and winning. Loyal players follow the coach's play book.

Paul compared being a Christian to being a participant in sports. He talked about conditioning of one who seeks to win the prize. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). God moved John to encourage Christians to "overcome", be victorious over Satan and sin. (Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 26; 3:3, 5, 12, 21).

Christians are to exercise themselves unto godliness. (1 Timothy 4:7, 8). As an athlete works repetitively to be the best, so should children of God realize the need to exercise self-discipline to win the crown of life. (Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 9:25). Successful athletes do not seek to do as little as possible, and expect to play. Neither do they miss team meetings, practices, and such. The people of God should provoke, excite, one another to good works. (Hebrews 10:24). One frequently sees athletes going up and down the line encouraging other players to step it up. Let us not forget or fail to encourage one another to attend services (Hebrews 10:25), be busy in the Lord's work. (1 Corinthians 15:58), "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ." (2 Peter 3:18a). "To him be glory both now and forever. Amen." (2 Peter 3:18b).

Unless one is on the disabled list, one should yearn to partake of the Lord's supper weekly (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:17ff), give liberally (1 Corinthians 16:1, 2; 2 Corinthians 8 and 9), help the needy fatherless, widows, saints and sinners (James 1:27; Galatians 6:10), study, rightly dividing the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15), teach others (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:19; 2 Timothy 2:2), seeking to add love (1 Corinthians 13:4-8), the Christian graces (2 Peter 1:5-7), to think on higher things (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 4:6; 2 Corinthians 10:5), and all the rest.

Personal question: Am I exercising myself unto godliness? (1 Timothy 4:7). Am I taking every opportunity to make sure that I am doing the Lord's will, following His Book? (Matthew 7:21-23). Am I "ready to every good work"? Am I just doing enough to get by, lackadaisical, or do I seek to "excel to the edifying of the church"? (Compare 1 Corinthians 14:12).

Three O's of Assembling to Worship by: Gerald Cowan

There seems to be a very relaxed attitude toward assemblies of the church. Some want to attend every service of any kind, while others accept any possible excuse for failing to attend. It can sometimes be difficult to find enough willing men to fill the positions needed at any given service. So what's the point? The point is, people do not seem to know why Christians assemble at "appointed times." Perhaps we can explain it by the use of three "O" words, using the example of Jesus from Luke 4:16.

Assembling and participating in worship is an Option. That does not mean it is unimportant, do it or not, and it makes no difference. It is an option only in the sense that one does it as a personal choice. It was the habit of Jesus.

Assembling and participating in worship is also an Obligation. God does not appoint the particular times, but God does appoint worship and assemblies for it as something He requires - the assembling and the activities of worship are commanded and regulated by God.

Assembling for worship should be seen as an Opportunity. Rather than ask God to "bring us back at the next appointed time" (which makes any absence on our part seem to be God's will), we should pray God to be with us and bless us until our next opportunity to be together.

Worship will be approved by God and upbuilding to the worshiper to the extent that one exercises his option to assemble and worship. It will be more enjoyable if one plays down the aspect of obligation and plays the aspect of opportunity.

The Purpose of Life...

Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who "forms the spirit of man within him" (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to "seek the Lord" (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths: 1) "One's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses" (Luke 12:15); 2) Christians ought to "lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal" (Matthew 6:20); and 3) "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:10). Life's purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that "bodily exercise profits a little" (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to "Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man's all" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

—**Chad Ramsey**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS Thursday, September 20th 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 5TH SUNDAY September 30th

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mary Brady, Ina Ruth Harris

•**HOSPITAL:** Curtis Mauney (Crossroads/Corinth), Carlin Johnson (13 yr old, Heart Transplant/ Mail Card: *Le Bonheur Children's Hospital, Carlin Johnson #210, 848 Adams Avenue, Memphis, TN 38103*)

•**SURGERY:** Edie Chapman (Debbie Chapman's Granddaughter)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** 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 (2nd 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).