

September 30, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Palmer Jones

Opening Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Keith Newby (A.M.) Young Men (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

Larry Wood (10/03/18)

OUR RECORD

September 23, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 124

Sunday Morning Worship: 147

Sunday Evening Worship: 92

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,130

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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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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

A DIFFERENT KIND OF SEED Mark Lindley

There is a biblical principle often referred to as the seed principle. You may not be familiar with the term, but I am sure you understand the concept behind the principle. The principle is revealed in the early part of Genesis: "And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good" (Genesis 1:11-12). From the beginning of time, God decreed that every seed would reproduce after its kind. This principle is reliable because it does not change.

In order to grow a soybean plant, one must plant a soybean seed. In order to reap a harvest of corn, one must plant the seed which produces corn. Farmers do not plant soybean seed and expect to reap a harvest of corn. They know the seed principle is reliable, and that planting a specific type of seed will produce only a specific type of plant. No exceptions.

Occasionally, I have seen soybean fields with one stalk of corn among the soybean plants. When I have seen a single stalk of corn in a bean field, I have never believed that the corn stalk grew from a soybean seed. Rather, I have concluded that as the farmers planted that particular field, a "different" kind of seed (corn seed) was mixed in with soybean seed and planted on accident. I do not believe any rational person would conclude that a stalk of corn would spring from any source other than a seed that is to produce corn. Why? Because every seed reproduces after its kind.

The same is true in the spiritual realm. Jesus referred to God's word as "the seed": "The seed is the word of God" (Luke 8:11). When the seed of God's word was planted in the first century, it produced a very specific type of "plant"—a Christian.

The first occurrence of the term "Christian" in scripture is Acts 11:26: "And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch." How did these individuals become Christians? A few verses earlier, the text indicates that the "word" was preached in that place (Acts 11:19-20). Therefore, it was the "seed" of God's word that produced the first Christians.

Today, when the pure word of God is planted in a good and honest heart, the plant that is produced is a Christian (Luke 8:11, 15; I Peter 1:22-25). It takes a "different" seed to produce something other than a Christian. The seed of God's word does not produce different "kinds" of Christians (denominational plants). It only produces Christians.

Look at the religious "plants" of our day. Consider the religious titles and names which are worn by individuals and churches, names and titles not found in scripture. Could it be that a "different" seed has been planted to produce these? The Bible only, makes Christians only.

**Yours Today, But What About Tomorrow?
Steve Higginbotham**

A couple of years ago, a brother in Florida gave me a coin that he had uncovered in Europe more than 50 years earlier. The coin is a Sestertius with the image of the Roman Emperor, Hadrian engraved on it. That places the date of this coin from 118-132 A.D.

My friend who gave me this coin happened to uncover 150 other coins in the same spot. Apparently, 1900 years ago, someone buried some money in the ground for safe-keeping, and for whatever reason, never recovered his treasure.

As I have held this coin in my hand, I have examined it closely and have mused about the person who buried it. What was the person like who once owned this coin? Was this all he had, or did he have money buried in several “stashess?” What did he have to do to earn this coin? etc. But the thought that impacts me the most is that this coin once belonged to another person who lived nearly 2000 years ago, and now what was once his is now mine.

When I consider this thought, it seems to help put life into perspective for me. What’s “mine” is only “mine” temporarily. Things for which we work so hard, and value so much, in a few short years will either be trashed or held in the hands of another person. What’s yours today will belong to someone else tomorrow.

In light of this truth, why would I spend my life in a pursuit of that which I cannot keep? Consider the futility of grasping for that which remains mine only for a short time. All the thought, expense, and work expended to own something that someone else will take from me is vanity! Would it not be a much wiser course of action to pursue treasure that will survive the grave, and be mine forever?

Friends, don’t fall in love with money, fall in love with the Lord. Don’t allow your life to be characterized by your pursuit of money, but rather let it be summarized by your pursuit of God. Someday, probably sooner than you realize, all the money that is yours will belong to someone else. When that day comes, it won’t matter what’s in your hands, for your hands will be empty. What will matter is whether the Lord is in your heart, for he is your only hope of glory (Colossians 1:27).

Remember, a million dollars and a bale of hay will be worth the same on judgment day!

**"Trust in the LORD with all
your heart, and lean not
on your own
understanding; in all your
ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall
direct your paths."
Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)**

UPCOMING EVENTS

**CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY
September 30th**

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

CHAPMAN FISH FRY

Thursday, October 4th at 5 PM
Ladies please bring desserts.

**CHAPMAN’S TRUNK-R-TREAT/HOTDOG
ROAST/HAYRIDE**

Saturday, October 27th at 6PM

**Pine Vale Children’s Home
Fall Food Drive:
*Will be in November.***

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mildred Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff

•**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*), Courtney Cissom (Baptist East), Jessie Morgan (Robin Criswell’s Father)

•**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), Frank Elliott, 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).