

October 1, 2023

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Luke Hobson

**Opening Prayer**

Luke Hobson (A.M.)  
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

John Hopper (A.M.)  
Tim McMillin (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Tommy Wade

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Bryan Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brice Lindley (10/04/23)

**OUR RECORD**

**September 24, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 84  
Sunday Morning Worship: 112  
Sunday Evening Worship 81  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 91

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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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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**THERE ARE ONLY TWO WAYS**

**By Mark Lindley**

One of the most thought-provoking statements of the Bible is recorded in Matthew 7:13-14. Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be which find it."

Jesus makes it clear that everyone is travelling only "one" of two paths—the broad way or the narrow way. The broad way is the way the masses are travelling. The reason many travel the broad way is that it is the path of least resistance. It is the way that is easy; no sacrifice is required; there are plenty of fellow-travelers; no one ever gets lonely on the broad way.

On the other hand, there is the narrow way. This way is "strait" (King James translation). This is the way that is rugged, difficult, and narrow. No one travels this way without determination and a willingness to sacrifice. It may, at times, be a way that is lonely since only a "few" travel this path. One reason there are but "few" who travel the narrow way is that most are not looking for it. Jesus said there are few which "find" it. People do not accidentally end up on the narrow way, but those who are searching will find it (Matthew 7:7-11).

Every accountable person is either on the broad way or the narrow way. One may imagine that he is neither on the broad way nor on the narrow way, but is simply travelling between the two—making no commitment to Christ but not intentionally rebelling against God's will. Nevertheless, there is no third alternative. To fail to choose the narrow way is to automatically place oneself on the broad way.

Let's face it: many people today do not want to be bothered with a religion that requires effort, sacrifice, or self-denial. Rather, the majority are looking for a religion that conforms to their lifestyle. While there are some who profess loyalty and dedication to Christ and His church, the moment they realize the Lord expects them to fight against temptation, turn from sexual sin, attend worship services, give of their money and time, and to put Him first in their lives, they deviate from the narrow way and begin drifting down the broad way...the way that leads to destruction.

Jesus never promised that discipleship would be easy. To the contrary, He taught that the way is difficult. The good news is that at the end of life's journey, those who choose the narrow way will enter into everlasting life! We should all consider which path we are travelling while we have time and opportunity to get it right.

## AFTER HIS KIND

### James Pilgrim

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1). Sitting on the carport of the house owned by the Chapman Church of Christ, the writer looks at the mini garden he and his wife planted. One thing is most noticeable, or as the late and beloved gospel preacher, Paul D. Murphy, likely would have said was beyond the shade of a shadow of a flicker of a doubt. The thing that stands out is that God made "the herb yielding seed, and the fruit trees after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so." (Genesis 1:11, 12, 21, 24, 25). Thus, we know that God gave an iron-clad rule that each thing reproduces "after his kind." One can know for certainty what one will reap by planting a known seed.

As the writer looks at two plants, Hot Cayenne Pepper and Gypsy Sweet Pepper, he sees God's rule of each plant bringing forth "after his kind." Each plant is bearing plentifully the fruit "after his kind." The Hot Cayenne Pepper plant does not have strawberries, okra, squash, or any other fruit or vegetable(s) on it. It has only the kind of the seed. The Gypsy Sweet Pepper plant is full of Gypsy Sweet Peppers. There are no other types of fruits or vegetables on the plant. It is bringing forth only "after his kind" as God designed it. There is no telling what these plants would bear if this were left up to blind, mindless, evolving chance. Next to these two pepper plants are Elephant Ear plants. They do not have fruit or vegetable on them.

Their leaves are large and have beautiful designs, but they are only for looks. The designs on their leaves are peculiarly pretty, and they show planning. Some tomato plants have small tomatoes, while others have various sizes, depending on the type plants. This is not accidental! Certainly, neither of these is by chance! The same is true of all other garden plants, and other things. Roses, 4 O'clock, and other plants grow nearby. They have beautiful blooms, but none of these bear peppers, tomatoes, oranges, apples, or any other edible fruit or vegetable. They have only something "after his kind." Blue Jays, Hummingbirds, Redbirds, Crows, and many other birds, fly around one of our cats.

However, none of these try to mate with the cat. The dogs do not try such. Kinds, dogs and cows, do not produce other kinds. Only species within kinds, dogs and dogs, such as boxers and labs, will reproduce. However, this will result only in a different species, NOT a different kind. "After his kind." Conclusion: "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."

*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 8<sup>TH</sup> - 11<sup>TH</sup>***

**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**

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Remember count your blessings,  
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the  
world and the broken-hearted.*

**SICK SUNDAY:** Keith Newby, Everette Hurt

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Robin Chapman, Bobbye Chapman

**HOSPITAL:** Wilma Wood

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) 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), Loxlee Eaton, 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

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