

**October 2, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Rickey Loveless(P.M.)

Lord's Table

John Hopper (Presiding),

Britt Lindley, Jeff Staggs, David Palmer

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Danny Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Joy Simmons and Shawna Jones

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chris Moore (10/05/16)

OUR RECORD

September 25, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 126

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 74

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 114

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,742

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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

Whispering Hope Philip Jenkins

I love music and chances are you do, too. But the thing about music that has been on my mind lately is the way we attach memories to music. Isn't it amazing how songs can take us back to places in time?

What's really neat though is the way that memories will attach themselves to "church songs" over the years. "Whispering Hope." "Jesus Loves Me." "God's Family." "I Need Thee Every Hour." "No Tears in Heaven." "I'll Fly Away." "Lead Me to Some Soul Today."

What do you think of when you hear those titles?

Each of these songs triggers a memory for me, and I wish I could share every one with you...

There was a man named Kenny in Hamilton, Alabama who used to sing "Whispering Hope" every time that he got the chance to lead singing at church services. When I was in elementary school Kenny's wife contracted a disease that attacked her brain. Tragically, she went from having a big, outgoing, witty personality to having the mind of a five year old.

But Kenny stayed faithful to the Lord...and to his wife. Even through the toughest of times, he helped her get ready and brought her to worship every week. To me, it seemed that Kenny was holding out on hope for a miracle, on hope that her condition would improve, and on hope that God would see them through.

Her name was Hope.

Every time I sing that song I think about a man who longed for the hope (Hope) that waits in heaven.

We can't help but think about those types of things, those kinds of memories when we sing. In fact, I think God did that on purpose.

As I write, the words of Philippians 4:8 ring in my ears. "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things."

Yes, we sing to the Lord, but we sing to each other, too (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16).

As we worship, may we remember the works of the Lord as sing, and let us call to mind those memories and those loved ones whose lives reflect the list in Philippians 4:8 as we strive towards the hope that so many before us have striven for: heaven.

The Forgiven Forgive by David Shannon

The forgiven forgive. At least that is God's plan.

Joseph decided to follow God's plan of forgiveness. His brothers had mocked him, sold him, and lied about him. During the following years he served as a slave, prisoner, and finally an official in Egypt. During a terrible famine, his brothers in desperation, came to buy grain from Egypt. Although they didn't recognize him, he recognized them. He didn't seek vengeance, instead he made provisions for them and his father, Jacob, to move to Egypt. He and Pharaoh provided abundantly for them. But eventually Jacob died. The brothers became very nervous believing Joseph's kindness was only for his father. Would he strike back at them now that their father was dead? Notice Joseph's answers.

Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones. And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them (Genesis 50:19-21)."

Joseph Knew...Vengeance is God's Place. There are some shoes that are simply too big for us. Vengeance is God's, He will repay (Romans 12:9). When we fail to forgive, we create an environment to seek vengeance. Even if we say we don't intend to seek vengeance, it is always produced from a heart that fails to forgive.

We don't avoid vengeance simply because we have decided against it, we avoid vengeance when we forgive. Leave the vengeance to God by forgiving. Our enemies ought to be able to hear Joseph's words, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God?"

God Works all Things Together for Good. Joseph knew his brothers plans were wicked, but God can always trump man's plans. Joseph knew God used their wicked plan (and Joseph's faithful service) to save many lives. Can you say, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28)?" If you are truly living according God's purpose, evil people cannot hinder you and God from filling His purpose! So there is no need to seek vengeance because God's plans will not be stopped!

To Return Good for Evil. Joseph knew his brothers sold his freedom and never looked back. But he also knew his response would not be a reaction to what they did to him, but instead would reflect what His God did for Him. God forgives us and expects us to learn from His actions and pass it on to others. Instead of reflecting their wickedness, Joseph kindly offered to provide for them and their children. Good for evil is God's way (Romans 12:21). Can others see God living in you when you are mistreated? The forgiven forgive. Are you forgiven?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pine Vale Children's Home

Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:

Cooking Oil Canned Beef Broth Razors

Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.

Will be picked up the first week of October.

October 2, 2016

Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home
at 2 PM

&

Visitation Group:

Will meet Sunday Night after services
in the Fellowship Hall. Bring finger food or
desserts

Chapman Area-Wide Youth Night

October 9, 2016 at 6:00 PM

Speaker: Winston Smith

Meal Following services.

Ladies, please bring:

Finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks

Chapman Fish Fry

Thursday, October 20th at 5 PM

Ladies please bring desserts.

CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-TREAT/

HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE:

Saturday, October 29th at 6PM

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com

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• Chapman Challengers

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Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**HOME SICK:** Maizey & John Luke Hopper, Tony & Jane Morrison, Audrey Box

•**IN REHAB:** Guy Stroupe & Juan Stroupe (Golden Living)

•**TEST:** Courtney Cissom

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Trevor Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. old -LeBonheur/leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Courtney Cissom, George Coats, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (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).