

October 4, 2020
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Tommy Wade

Sunday Song Leader
Chris Moore

Wednesday Song Leader
Brock Lindley (10/07/20)

Scripture Reading
Bryan Davis

Opening Prayer
John Hopper (AM)
Mason McAlister (PM)

Closing Prayer
Britt Lindley (AM)
Tripp Yancey (PM)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Communion
Danny Shackelford

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

September 27, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE
Sunday Morning Worship: 102
Sunday Evening Worship: 83
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: 3,970

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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

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

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

ATTENDANCE AND EVANGELISM

James Pilgrim

Brother Lindley had an excellent sermon, as he always does, on evangelism last Lord's Day.

The lesson was true to the Book, well documented by scripture, and delivered forcibly in love. A number of members and others in and beyond the borders of Mississippi, heard the lesson via Facebook, internet, etc., and had positive comments regarding it. It is no wonder that the elders of the Chapman church asked Mark and his family to move here, and that they have kept them.

The writer of this article does not presume to add to brother Lindley's excellent lesson. This brief treatise seeks only to commend his lesson to each of us, and to remind us of some most important matters. Three articles are to follow this one, asking if being comfortable is enough.

As Mark so eloquently pointed out, the work of the church is to save the lost, and most Christians, whether at Chapman or elsewhere, could and need to do better. Some need to begin.

One of the most effective ways of winning the lost is by example. Every Christian should know that the church is to "come together." (1 Corinthians 11:17, 18, 20, 33; Acts 20:7). There were those who deserted the assembling in the first century. (Hebrews 10:25). The writer of Hebrews told them to stop doing this. Many today need to hear the same message. If one looks at the numbers published in most bulletins, one can see a difference in the numbers of Bible study, morning and evening worship on Sundays, and Wednesday Bible classes. This is understandable if one is sick, out of town, or such like. Those out of town should plan their trip to be where a faithful church of the Lord meets, and should attend services there.

What influence will one have who is seeking to teach another about Jesus, and the need to be saved, if the student sees that his/her teacher is not converted enough to go to worship and Bible study to learn more about God? (Matthew 6:33).

“If They Do Not Listen ...”

By Joe Chesser

The story Jesus told about the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16 is fascinating on several points. It gives us insight as to what happens to us after we die. Lazarus was taken by angels to Abraham's side, a place of comfort (16.25). When the rich man died he went to a place of torment (16.23). The story tells us that once death has taken place, our destiny is forever sealed (16.26). A great chasm is fixed to prevent movement from one place to the other (16.26). No second chances.

But to me, the greatest impact of this story is how it ends. Why? Because the ending of the story affects every one of us now ... today. The rich man could do nothing about where he was eternally, but he desperately wanted his five brother who were still living on earth to avoid ending up in torment with him. His hope was that if Abraham would send Lazarus back to earth to warn his brothers about the horrors of the place of torment, that they would pay special attention to someone who had come back from the dead, and repent. The rich man knew his five brothers were heading to the same place he was ... and he didn't want them to join him there.

Abraham's answer speaks volumes about how people listen to God and His word, both then and now. Abraham told the rich man, "If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead" (16.31). In the Scriptures God has "given us everything we need for life and godliness" (2 Peter 1.3). There is evidence enough in the Bible for everyone who wants to know how to go to heaven when they die to do so. No new miracles or signs are needed. The apostle John put it this way: "Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20.30-31). The problem is not insufficient information. The problem is that most people are not listening to the word of God and doing what it says. The rich man and his brothers had access to God's way of salvation, but they chose not to live by them, as do many today.

Over and over God warns us about listening to Him. That means hearing what He says and doing what He says. Jesus said the wise builder is the one who hears God's words and puts them into practice (Matthew 7.24). James warned his readers, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says" (James 1.19). Only those who do the will of God will enter into his kingdom (Matthew 7.21). Your soul is too valuable for you to refuse to listen to and obey God.

ADD TO CHURCH DIRECTORY:

**Mickey & Gail Chandler's
New Mailing Address:**

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Acts 2:42 says those added to them "continued steadfastly." The pandemic the world is now facing has changed a number of things. For example, a number of businesses have had to shut down, or nearly so, to stop the spreading of the disease.

Churches have been asked to help in this area as well. Elders all over have had to make hard decisions regarding how we worship. Many have died alone at home, in hospitals, in special care facilities, and so on. Funeral services and visitations have been limited.

Some churches have started to meet again, asking all attendees to wear masks, social distance, sanitize their hands, and to do what they can to help stop the spread of the virus. Any who might be sick or are encouraged to remain at home for their protection, and others.

A great fear is that some may be using the pandemic not to attend. They may not have desired to go to worship in the first place. "Examine yourselves." (2 Corinthians 13:5). Be glad to come into the house of the Lord. (Psalm 122:1). Do the right thing. (Hebrews 10:25).

For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God. **John 3:20-21**

CHAPMAN SERVICES

Sunday Services:
Morning Service: 10:30AM
with Worship Service only
Evening Service: 2PM

Wednesday Night Services
at 7 PM
No Children Bible Classes

All Services will be in auditorium and outside.

**PLEASE DO NOT COME
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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sister Christine Chapman and ??? (Sister-in-law of Ola Wade).

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mallory Smith, John Luke & Maize Hopper

•**HOSPITAL:** Romia Palmer (TCH/Rehab) – Send card: Tippah County Hospital
Romia Palmer #115
Post Office Box 499
Ripley, MS 38663

Oleta Montgomery (Methodist/Germantown),
Baby Rich Harris (Le Bonheur)

•**SURGERY:**
Jodie Criswell, Shirley Simmons (heart, Shawna Jones' Mother)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Brenda Quinn, Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663)