

October 7, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford
Song Leader
Keith Newby
Scripture Reading
Eli Carter

Opening Prayer
Terry Chapman (A.M.) Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Joel Moore (A.M.) Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),
Brock Lindley, Andy Reese, Bobby Bridges
Count and Usher

Rickey Cissom & Kevin Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore
Wednesday Night Song Leader
Mason McAlister (10/10/18)



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Joel Moore, Jarvene Shackelford,
Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

The Joy of Hope
By Joe Chesser

Sometimes the best part of taking a vacation is the time spent gathering information and making plans for it. Anticipating what you will do when you go camping or traveling or to Disney makes the vacation that much more enjoyable. Getting brochures or checking out the web sites, studying the maps to learn what is available along the way, and marking the days on a calendar fill you with excitement. In fact, there are times when the anticipation of the vacation far exceeds the actual event.

Anticipating heaven should be even better than anticipating a vacation. It's too bad that many Christians haven't learned to enjoy the preparation for heaven. Instead of finding joy in the present (John 10:10), some Christians (and I hope you are not one of them) view the present Christian experience as one of drudgery and travail.

They see their walk with God in this life as one of hardship and suffering, and only view heaven as a rest from their current troubles. But the hope of heaven is not intended to be restricted to eternity. There is joy in the hope of heaven right now!

The hope of heaven serves to bring meaning and enjoyment to this present life in several ways.

(1) *Hope in God serves as an anchor for the soul.* The world is constantly in a state of flux, yet God gives Christians the ability to live in this world with stability in the present because of hope for the future. Instead of being "blown here and there by every wind of teaching" (Eph. 4:14) Christians are offered "hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure" (Heb. 6:19). Christians have the security now that the world longs for!

(2) *Christians are saved by hope (Rom. 8:24).* This hope is a "confident expectation" that removes fear and doubt. Since we are confident of receiving the salvation of Christ that comes by faith and obedience, joy fills our souls. We find joy in doing whatever God expects of us because of the hope of what He has promised those who are faithful.

(3) *Happy is the soldier that is properly equipped to wage war.* While we are in the flesh we are in a constant battle with Satan, but God has given us all the equipment we need to successfully defeat him. A part of that equipment is having "the hope of salvation as a helmet" (1 Thess. 5:8). Christians are assured that Satan cannot defeat the army of God. We can celebrate our ultimate victory right now, today! Live joyfully as God's soldier.

(4) *Christians know "how great is the love the Father has lavished on us" (1 John 3:1).* We know we are the children of God right now! What we don't know yet is what we will be like when Jesus appears the second time, but we do know this: that when Jesus appears the second time, we shall be like him (1 John 3:2). Having this hope gives us the assurance we need to live pure lives in the present (1 John 3:3). Learning to live like God today gives us a joy that anticipates the day we can live with Him forever!

(5) *Despite the trials of life, Christians can "be joyful in hope" (Rom. 12:12).* If we choose, nothing in this life can rob us of the joy and anticipation of life with God.

OUR RECORD

September 30, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 144
Sunday Morning Worship: 151
Sunday Evening Worship: 135
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 107
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: \$4,098

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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).

**Satisfied
by: Tim Smith**

What does it take to satisfy you? I mean, think about it: Are you satisfied with doing things His way, or do you need some of your own way mixed in for flavor? Are you satisfied with the five God-authorized acts of worship in the God-authorized assembly? Are you satisfied with the God-authorized work of the church? Are you satisfied with a sound sermon, or do you require some “good words and fair speeches” mixed in? What does it take to satisfy you?

And he said unto me, Son of man, stand, upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet, that I heard him that spake unto me. And he said unto me. Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them. Thus saith the Lord GOD. And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand - was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein; And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe. Moreover he said unto me. Son of man, eat that thou find-est; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat that roll. And he said unto me. Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness. And he said unto me. Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. For thou art not sent to a people of a strange speech and of an hard language, but to the house of Israel; Not to many people of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would have hearkened unto thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are impudent and hardhearted (Eze. 2:1-3:7).

UPCOMING EVENTS

**HACKLEBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST
Ladies Day**

This Saturday, October 6th – 9 to 1PM
Will leave from church building at 7:30AM.
If you are interested in going – please see
Kathy Moore.

**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

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The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- SICK SUNDAY:** Starrett Chapman
- HOSPITAL:** Curtis Mauney (Crossroads/Corinth), Jessie Morgan (*Rehab/Robin Criswell’s Father*)
- SURGERY RECOVERY:** Doris Williford (Hip)
- SURGERY:** Jackie Peak (Patricia Waide’s Sister)
- TEST:** Patricia Waide
- EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, 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).