

**October 16, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Larry Wood

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Bo Chapman

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Danny Shackelford (A.M.) Palmer Jones (P.M.)

Lord's Table

John Hopper (Presiding),

Britt Lindley, Jeff Staggs, David Palmer

Count and Usher

Joel Moore & Chase Chapman

Prepare Communion

Joy Simmons and Shawna Jones

Wednesday Night Song Leader

JC Newby(10/19/16)

OUR RECORD

October 9, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 123

Sunday Morning Worship:144

Sunday Evening Worship: 110

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 112

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,772

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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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When the Church Hurts Young People's Spirituality

Brad Harrub

I have been a Christian for several decades now, and I still struggle with an observation that I see throughout the church. Allow me to explain. When children reach fourteen or fifteen years of age parents collectively hold their breath until those children make the decision to obey the Gospel and be baptized. Afterwards there is rejoicing as Mom and Dad breath a sigh of relief. Cards are sent. Prayers are offered. And we may even allow the newly converted male children to wait on the Lord's Table. Instead of social functions, why not focus on youth service to God?

But after a few weeks/months that young person's zeal wanes, and we all return back to the "normal" activities of life. We don't expect much from this new Christian. In fact, truth-be-told, we don't expect anything except for them to continue attending services. After all, they have demands at school and will soon be heading off to college.

It is like baptism is their "cape" that will get them into heaven, and as long as they have that somewhere nearby then that's enough. And so, our young people get into the habit of obtaining their cape, and then promptly hang it on a nearby coatrack. Surely we don't expect them to fly right away ... right? It's like we baptize our children and then put it on cruise control until we once again collectively hold our breath to see if they escaped college with their faith in tact. Why have we allowed this to be the normal? This is not the pattern we find in the New Testament—so why is this the pattern we find in the church?

Here's what I intend to teach my children regarding putting off your service to Christ.

Once you make the decision to follow Christ that becomes your lifelong commitment. It doesn't officially start once school is out or at a more convenient time. Rather your decision to step onto the narrow path begins once you put on that new man ([Colossians 3:8-10](#)).

Saul (who would later become known as Paul) was persecuting Christians. He was a dangerous man for Christians to be around. In Acts chapter 9 we find Saul's conversion and baptism. Saul went three days without food and water (verse 9) and then Ananias came to him and taught him the Truth. We then learn "So when he had received food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. **Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God**" (Acts 9:19-20, emp. added).

Saul didn't wait years and years to begin bearing fruit. The text says "immediately" he preached Christ! This is a man who was radically changed and wanted to tell the world about Jesus Christ. He wasn't interested in waiting a few years or waiting until he was out of college. He wanted to tell the lost about Jesus.

My prayer is that you will have Saul/Paul's attitude—that you will immediately look for opportunities to teach the Truth and bear fruit. Don't buy into what the world is promoting that you don't start life until you are out of school. You are already alive and you were created for good works (Ephesians 2:10)! God has blessed each of you with talents. Look for ways to use those talents for Him.

If you take the world's mentality of waiting until you are older then several things are likely to happen: (1) you will become cold and apathetic; (2) you will waste several years that you could have reached lost souls; (3) you will help perpetuate this false notion that only older people can bear fruit for Him; (4) you will lose sight of the importance Christ should have in your life!

Don't wait. Come out of that water looking for ways to serve Him. Turn the world upside down and don't let anyone tell you that you can't! After all, you are a new man with God on your side.

"I Feel Fine!" By Clifton Angel

There are some physical ailments that begin in secret. There are no immediate symptoms. Yet the illnesses, like some cancers, may be silently wreaking havoc on one's body. Sometimes one who is seriously sick may proclaim, "I feel fine!" Sometimes such destruction has been caused that by the time it is detected, it is too late to correct the problem. Sometimes the problem can be mended but with great pain, surgeries, and treatments.

Is it possible to suffer from the spiritual ailment of sin and be unaware of it? Today, sin occurs when one transgresses the commandments of the New Testament (1 John 3:4). Sin occurs "unknowingly" when a person is not allowing God's Word to train his conscience. Jesus said that the scribes and Pharisees had developed their own "righteousness" (Matthew 5:20). In other words, what was right and wrong to them did not align with what was right and wrong to God. Following His statement in Matthew 5:20, Jesus went on to correct many of their false teachings and misconceptions. The former Saul, now known as the apostle Paul, had persecuted the Lord's church. He even had some put to death. Yet, he had done it in "all good conscience" (Acts 23:1). Saul was doing what he thought was right. That did not make it right. What God says is right, is right. What God says is wrong, is wrong. Therefore, it should be our desire to train our consciences with God's Word.

The principle above is found multiple times in the Proverbs. "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts" (Proverbs 21:2). "The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Proverbs 12:15). And so, what are we to do? "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Proverbs 3:5-6). If we want to be complete (spiritually healthy), we must examine ourselves by God's definition for doing what is right (2 Timothy 3:16-17). For, if we continue saying spiritually, "I feel fine!" sin may be wreaking havoc on our consciences, progressing as it does (Psalm 1). Have you had your spiritual checkup lately?

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 17th of October.

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Tuesday, October 18th at 6:30PM

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

5th Sunday - October 30th

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

PHOTOS NEEDED

If you have any photos from any Chapman Events – please get to Karen Yancey. Need for Lads To Leaders Scrapbook.

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com

Articles • Sermons (Audio)

• Chapman Challengers

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Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo and Brian Chapman).

**Great to see Mr. Audrey Box with us Sunday.*

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

•**TEST:** Jane Morrison

•**SURGERY:** Margie Hurt

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Lorie Christian (Southhaven)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall(Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

Sandra Hopper Courtney Cissom, 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:** Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, Lester Wommack, Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, 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*).