

**October 14, 2018**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Ross Shackelford  
**Song Leader**  
Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**  
Mason McAlister

**Opening Prayer**  
Danny Shackelford (A.M.) Palmer Jones (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Micky Chandler (A.M.) David Smith (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**

J C Newby (10/24/18)

**OUR RECORD**

**October 21, 2018**

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship: 130

Sunday Evening Worship: 109

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 108

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,050

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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).



# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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

## ORIGINAL SIN Mark Lindley

Many people of the religious world believe in the doctrine of "Original Sin." This doctrine is also referred to as "Total Hereditary Depravity."

This doctrine suggests that babies are born with a sinful nature, not because of their "personal" sin, but because of "Adam's sin" (sin of the first man). It is believed that babies inherit this "depraved nature" from their parents, grand-parents, great grand-parents, all the way back to the first man, Adam.

Those who believe this doctrine believe that because babies are born "totally depraved," then a person will not and cannot believe the Gospel without a miraculous intervention from God.

Unless and until God performs a miracle upon the depraved heart of an individual, the alleged "inherited depravity" will prevent that person from believing in Christ and being saved.

However, the Bible does not teach this doctrine. No verse from Genesis to Revelation teaches that babies are born "totally depraved." Think about the consequences of such a doctrine: 1) The doctrine implies that babies are as wicked as the devil, himself; for, if babies are born "totally" depraved, then surely they cannot get any worse, but would be as wicked as Satan; 2) if babies are born depraved and a baby dies in infancy, then infant damnation is the inescapable consequence of the doctrine. How could one who dies, being totally depraved and as wicked as Satan himself, be saved? How could parents whose little baby dies, ever find comfort in believing their baby died in a state of total depravity? 3) This doctrine makes God responsible for the damnation of souls. If one does not receive a miracle from God so that one can overcome his depraved nature and respond to the Gospel, then who is responsible? It would surely be God's fault! Therefore, God would be responsible for the damnation of souls, never giving some people a chance to respond to the Gospel (cf. II Peter 3:9).

The good news is that the doctrine of "Original Sin" is a false doctrine. People sin today in the same way Adam and Eve sinned: we choose sin, just as Adam and Eve chose sin (Genesis 3:1-6). Adam and Eve were not created depraved. They had free will, just as people today have free will.

Let me assure you that babies are not born depraved (cf. Matthew 19:14; Ezekiel 18:20). Sin is committed, not inherited (I John 3:4). Thanks be to God that He has provided a way for all to be saved from sin (Matthew 11:28; John 3:16-17; John 3:3-5).

## No Other Gods Before Me

Jon Mitchell

You shall have no other gods before me (Exodus 20:3).

But do we anyway? Do we have other gods before Yahweh?

“No, of course not!” says the church-goer. “I am a Christian, aren’t I? I go to church! I pray to God, not Buddha! I have a Bible, not a Koran!”

Yes, you do. And all of that is important and not to be overlooked.

And yet...

Did you know that the Bible calls coveting idolatry? (Col. 3:5) What do you covet? Probably not Buddha, right? Probably something materialistic, like money or possessions. Perhaps power. Perhaps someone, like a good-looking woman or man. Perhaps something recreational, like golf time or TV time. Perhaps work. Perhaps a hobby, like cooking, fishing, or gardening. Perhaps reading for pleasure. Perhaps good grades.

Most if not all of the above are not sinful, in and of themselves. We all need down time, fun time, hobbies. It’s not sinful to spend a few hundred bucks on a large TV, in and of itself. Don’t get me wrong.

But here’s the thing. Whatever it is that you like, do you put it before God? Now, before you are so quick to deny, consider this:

After paying the bills for NECESSITIES (food, mortgage, clothes, electricity, taxes, etc.), into what do you put more money? The church’s collection plate on Sundays? The mission work overseas? The charity that feeds and clothes the homeless? Or a new set of golf clubs? A luxury car? More and more toys for the kiddos?

Into which do you put more of your time? Prayer? Reading God’s Word? Sharing the gospel with the lost? Helping the needy? Church work? Or TV? The latest John Grisham novel? Overtime at work so you can afford more goodies? Your golf swing? Cooking?

Know that I’m preaching to myself as well as to you. I think we all, when we honestly examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5), could say that we, at times, put others gods before Jehovah God. Let’s try to do better, with his help and grace.

## A Sinful Man Kevin Cauley

In Jesus’ early ministry, He taught in Galilee by the Lake. The shore made for a natural amphitheater. Jesus used Simon Peter’s boat as a speaking platform. After He taught, Jesus told Simon to let down his nets for a catch. At first, Peter objected because they had caught nothing all night. Then he decided to listen. He caught so many fish a second boat was necessary. Luke records Peter’s response: “When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!’” (Luke 5:8). Contrary to Peter’s statement, Jesus desired to be with Peter. He said to him, “Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men” (Luke 5:10). So, Peter followed Jesus.

Why did Peter say, “Depart from me, for I am a sinful man?” Was Peter’s pride offended because Jesus showed him up? Did he envy Jesus thinking, “I wish I had found that spot on the lake?” Did he get angry because Jesus’ knowledge was greater? Peter had a foul mouth and a bad temper (Mark 14:71), and he was an immodest at times (John 21:7), but Peter wasn’t trying to pretend to be something that he wasn’t. He didn’t rationalize his sinful behavior to make it acceptable. He admitted His sinfulness, and confessed that he wasn’t worthy to be in Jesus’ presence. This made Peter the exact kind of person Jesus wanted to be with. David wrote, “The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, And saves such as have a contrite spirit” (Psalm 34:18). Jesus can work with the honest person who knows his sin. He can’t work with someone who rationalizes their sin or will not admit it.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Pine Vale Children’s Home Fall Food Drive:

Items requested:

**Cereal**

**Kool aid mix or drink boxes**

**Dry seasonings:**

**meatloaf, taco, gravy mix,  
spaghetti, chili**

*Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.*

*Will be picked up in November.*

## CHAPMAN’S TRUNK-R-TREAT/ HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE

Saturday, October 27th at 6PM

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Pam Walker and Brother Curtis Mauney.

•**HOSPITAL:** Stephanie McAlister

•**HOSPITAL:** Greg Crum (Tupelo), Benny Null (Huntsville, AL)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Doris Williford (Hip)

•**TEST:** Patricia Waide

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Mitch Lewellen, Rita Hurt, Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hoppe, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Cohen Hurt, 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*).