

**October 23, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**

Tommy Wade (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Keith Newby (A.M.) Johnny Cissom (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**

Brock Lindley (10/26/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**October 16, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 139**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 154**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 125**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 115**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,615**

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”**  
Mark Lindley

There could be no question of greater importance. The answer to this question will determine where each person will spend eternity. The question was asked by a man identified as “the jailor,” or “the Philippian jailor” (Acts 16:22-34). After the jailor had beaten Paul and Silas and had thrown them into prison, there was an earthquake. During the earthquake, the foundations of the prison were shaken, and the prison doors were opened. The jailor knew the prisoners had an opportunity to escape, and in the darkness of the prison, he imagined that they had done just that. This thought terrified the man because he believed he would have to pay with his life for allowing the prisoners to escape. I am sure the jailor was relieved to hear Paul say, “Do thyself no harm: for we are all here” (verse 28). It was then that the jailor came before Paul and Silas and asked, “What must I do to be saved?” (verse 30).

Paul and Silas answered the question, stating, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (verse 31).

For many, this ends the conversion account of the Philippian jailor. They conclude that Paul and Silas probably led the man in “the Sinner’s Prayer,” the man “accepted Jesus” and he was saved.

Yet, the actual account reveals that what many assume about the jailor did not happen. The following is the actual record of what happened after Paul and Silas answered the man’s question: “And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house” (verses 32-34).

The account reveals some details of extreme importance: 1) They spoke to him the Word of the Lord. This shows the man did not have sufficient knowledge to become a Christian, so Paul and Silas taught him; 2) He washed their stripes. This shows the man was sorry for having beaten Paul and Silas. In other words, he “repented”; 3) He was baptized the same hour of the night. This man was baptized sometime after midnight (earthquake occurred at midnight); 4) Then, after the man had been baptized, he “rejoiced.”

One can safely conclude that the jailor was commanded to believe. He was then taught what he had to believe. He then believed, repented, was baptized the “same hour,” and after he had done these things, he rejoiced!

Let’s accept all the Bible teaches about conversion. The truth makes us free (John 8:32).

**God, His Word, Your Heart  
Robert Notgrass**

In Psalm 119:130, it states, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple." When we open our Bible to read, it seems as if God is shining a light into our minds. Every word, each character, all the prayers and the acts of faith we visualize, from the word of God, is an opening by which light is let into our seeking souls.

When a door is open so that we enter into a house, this is what the word of God is doing. It is to open to us so that we may see its beauty. But, it is not understood by just anyone. The simple ones understand. That is, those who are open to persuasion, who humbly seek it and give heart to instruction. The psalmist said, "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple" (Psa. 19:7).

Surely, God has a way to open the heart and warming it up. In the New Testament, Luke records that, "they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the scriptures?" (Lk. 24:32). All of us as followers of Jesus know how precious and tender His life was and how our hearts glow when we think back or hear of His life, sufferings and death. How blind people may be to the plainest doctrines of the Scriptures. Yet, to us who read, who desire to know God's word, it gives us understanding that Jesus is the Messiah, that God reigns in Heaven and that Christians are His children. Let God's word therefore, open your heart.

Will you humble your heart enough to let God's Word direct you?

**Caught up in the Traffic of Life  
Stephen Null**

Imagine you are driving on a highway around 5 PM in a large city. The road is bustling with traffic and everyone is driving ten miles per hour over the speed limit. You are in the middle of this traffic, and in order to avoid an accident, you accelerate to match their speed. In doing so, you unwillingly violate the law and risk penalty from the police.

I think this is a common situation in which we find ourselves. Regardless of the merit of maintaining the speed of those driving around you, I would like to demonstrate how this applies to a Christian's choice of company. Often times, those we frequently associate with are the same people who influence us the most. They affect our behavior, speech, and attitude toward everything in life. But, this is usually more harmful than good.

Think about the story of Rehoboam in 1 Kings 12. Here, Rehoboam rejects the counsel of the elders who stood before Solomon in favor of the young men with whom he grew up (1 Ki. 12:8). This disastrous mistake led to the division of the Israelite nation, and it was all because he listened to his foolish friends rather than the wise elders.

Have you ever found yourself in a similar scenario? The people we associate with have the capacity to influence us for godliness or wickedness. Paul tells the Corinthians that evil company corrupts good morals (1 Cor. 15:33). As Christians, we need to take a good hard look at those with whom we associate. We may have friends, relatives, or family that causes us to stumble in our Christian walk. This week, I ask you to evaluate your relationships and determine whether or not keeping company with immoral people is worth losing your soul. We must not forget Jesus expects us to be willing to forsake everything to follow Him, even those we care about (Luke 14:25-35).

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**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.

**CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS  
Sunday, November 13th at 2:00 PM**

If you wish to help on purchasing items for baskets - please give money to Karen Yancey.

List of Names doing baskets for - posted in foyer - please review - want to make sure we don't miss anyone.

**Deadline for money and list is Sunday, 6th**  
*All Lads To Leaders and every one - welcome to help make baskets and deliver on the 13th.*

**JOIN US FOR THIS WORTHWHILE WORK-**  
*Remember...It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

**PROGRAMS OF WORK**  
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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ola Wade

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

•**SURGERY:** Margie Hurt

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Guy Stroupe (TCH)

•**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:** Nita Trotter, 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*).