

October 25, 2020  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**  
Tommy Wade

**Sunday Song Leader**  
Brad McAlister

**Wednesday Song Leader**  
J C Newby (10/28/20)

**Scripture Reading**  
Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**  
Terry Chapman (AM)  
Chase Chapman (PM)

**Closing Prayer**  
J C Newby (AM)  
Bryan Davis (PM)

**Count and Usher**  
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

**Communion**  
Kevin Shackelford

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

**OUR RECORD**

**October 18, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study:

Sunday Morning Worship: 97

Sunday Evening Worship: 89

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 67

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,970

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**ELDERS:** Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

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

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## IS BEING COMFORTABLE ENOUGH? No. 1 James Pilgrim

Many are comfortable as they are. Through the years, the writer has been told by a number of people that they are comfortable as they are. People in and out of the church have expressed this feeling. This is not supported by the scriptures. Rather, the exact opposite is stated in the word of God. In "The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel" (Proverbs 1:1), he wrote, "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). Solomon, inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21), said feeling good does not necessarily mean one is right. Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:11) is an excellent example of this. At the stoning of Stephen (Acts 7:54-60), "Witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul." (Acts 7:58).

"Saul was consenting unto his death." (Acts 8:1). "As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison." (Acts 8:3). Haling means Saul trailed and drug men and women to be imprisoned.

Saul continued his negative menacing, evil threats, "breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem." (Acts 9:1, 2). Paul told Agrippa, "I verily thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. Which thing I also did in Jerusalem: and many of the saints did I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I gave my voice against them. And I punished them oft in every synagogue, and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto strange cities." (Acts 26:9-11). Saul the persecutor was about as comfortable as one could get. However, he was wrong in each of these matters. Thanks be unto God for Saul's obedience. (Acts 26:19). The comfortable persecutor became the vigilant evangelist. (Acts 9 thru Philemon or Hebrews). He could be comfortable only after obeying the truth of God.

Question: Am I comfortable, or am I converted? This is a question each of us should ask about a number of things pertaining to our salvation. The scriptures tell us, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith: prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?" (2 Corinthians 13:5). The word reprobates is from the Greek word, ADOKIMOS, meaning, unapproved, i.e. rejected; by impl. worthless; and it is translated, castaway, rejected, reprobate. (Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible, p. 839). Run tests on attendance (Hebrews 10:25; Psalm 122:1), evangelism (Mark 16:15; Hebrews 5:11-14; 2 Timothy 2:2), love, even of enemies (Matthew 5:43-48; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8), Attire or modesty (1 Timothy 2:11-14; Exodus 28:40-43), morality (Titus 2:11, 12), and more. In short, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it." Do we?

## SELFLESS CHRISTIANITY

Mark Lindley

True Christianity is selfless. The term *selfless* means “having no concern for self; unselfish.” The Scriptures teach that selfishness will prevent one from being a follower of Christ. Jesus said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Practicing self-denial is not easy. The general, human tendency is to be more concerned about pleasing ourselves, rather than pleasing the Lord and others. However, Paul exhorts: “We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification” (Romans 15:1-2).

Christianity is built upon the sacrifice of selfless Savior who was more concerned about others than himself. Was it not his selflessness that inspired him to come to this world of sin and suffering and to die on the cross? One old, religious hymn suggests: “He could have called ten-thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free. He could have called ten-thousand angels, but he died alone for you and me.” The Bible teaches that Jesus “humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8).

No greater example of selflessness could be given than the one Jesus gave when he allowed sinful men to nail him to the cross. Selfishness and Christianity simply do not belong together.

Selfishness goes against fundamental principles of Christianity and shows a lack of spiritual maturity. Children have to be taught to share their toys, and to control themselves when they do not get their way. In other words, children must be taught to develop selflessness. The same is true for children of God, Christians. Those who desire to follow Christ must work to overcome a self-centered attitude and learn to be more concerned about pleasing the Lord and serving others, rather than pleasing self.

We can demonstrate selflessness by giving to God the time it takes to worship and serve Him, instead of claiming we are just “too busy.” Husbands and wives need to be selfless in their marital relationships, always considering the needs and feelings of their mates, instead of thinking only of self. So many problems which arise in the church would be solved if all members would resolve to do what is best for the church instead of what is best for self. Indeed...true Christianity is selfless.

### Pine Vale Children's Home 2020 Fall Food Drive

Due to COVID-19 – We will be doing  
monetary donations.  
Donation Box is in the foyer.

## CHAPMAN SERVICES BACK TO REGULAR TIMES :

### Sunday Services

Bible Study .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....10:45 am

### Sunday Evening Service

Evening Worship .....2:00 pm

### Weekdays

Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Sue Mauney, Ronnie Massey, and Modene Cissom.

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

•**SICK AT HOME:** John Luke and Maizey Hopper, Wayne Vandygriff

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

Baby Rich Harris (Le Bonheur)

•**SURGERY/TEST/RECOVERY:**

Jodie Criswell, Shirley Simmons (heart, Shawna Jones' Mother), Debbie Chapman

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

•**CANCER:** 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 Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663)