#### October 29, 2023

Announcements Randell Koon

> Song Leader Larry Wood

Scripture Reading Rickey Loveless

Opening Prayer Terry Chapman (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

> Lord's Table J C Newby

Count and Usher Bobby Bridges & Bryan Davis

Wednesday Night Song Leader Brock Lindley (11/01/23)

#### **OUR RECORD**

October 22, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 89 Sunday Morning Worship: 105 Sunday Evening Worship 78 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 74

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

**PREACHER: Mark Lindley** 

#### **HOW TO LISTEN TO A SERMON**

#### Mark Lindley

We often emphasize the importance of effective, Bible 4. preaching. The man in the pulpit, however, can only present God's Word. In order for preaching to be effective, people in the pews must listen as they should. Jesus said, "Take heed therefore how ye year" (Luke 8:18). How should one listen (hear) to a sermon? Here are some suggestions:

- Listen with an open Bible. The noble Bereans "searched the Scriptures daily" to see if what they were hearing was true (Acts 17:11). As the preacher refers to Bible verses, look them up to see if the preacher is speaking the truth. No man should be blindly followed just because he is a preacher.
- . Listen with an open heart. Ezra sets a good example for us: "For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the Lord..." (Ezra 7:10). All the preaching in the world cannot penetrate a heart that is calloused and unwilling to change. We must be open to the truth, even when that truth contradicts some previously held belief.
- of Nehemiah 8 when God's Word was read, all the people, with reverence for the Word, stood (Nehemiah 8:5). During the preaching of God's Word is not the time for sleeping, thinking about the Sunday afternoon ballgame, balancing the checkbook, writing notes to friends, or playing with babies.
- 4. Listen in view of eternity. The Word being preached is the standard by which all will be judged. Jesus said, "...the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Should we not earnestly listen to God's Word since we will be judged by it?

These suggestions, if applied, will help us properly listen to God's Word, and listening to God's Word will help us prepare for Judgment.

### FOGET THE BAG By Dalton Key

The owner of a small country store was once appointed postmaster. But a full six months later, not one piece of mail had left the office. When the postal authorities came from Washington to investigate, the postmaster explained, "It's simple. The bag ain't full yet!"

How many of us are neglecting to do the good we know we should do, waiting until circumstances are absolutely perfect, until "the bag gets full?"

Some of us can't come to worship services. And why? The weather is too hot; or too cold. We haven't been feeling well. We barely find energy to work all week, play all weekend, and attend whatever ball games we can find. Or we are feeling too well to spend a beautiful Sunday indoors worship services. The church members are too cold unfriendly; or they are so friendly we can't get away from the building as quickly as we would like.

The folks who go to worship are hypocrites who are not sincere in their religion; or they are a bunch of fanatics who take their religion too seriously.

We may as well admit it. For many of us, with excuses as lame as these, our bag will never get full – it has too many holes! One lady said she couldn't come to worship services because she lived too close to the building to drive, but too far away to walk. Don't laugh. After all, one excuse is as good as another.

Why not forget the excuses – forget "the bag" – and be with the saints in worship services this Sunday? Take another look at Hebrews 10:25. And then read the next verse, verse 26. Attendance is serious business.

#### A Plea For Prayers

Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

CHAPMAN' S TRUNK-R -TREAT & HOTDOG ROAST October 28th at 5:30 PM

CHAPMAN 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY
October 29<sup>th</sup>
No meal due to Trunk or Treat
PM Service at 2 PM

CHAPMAN SENIOR'S YOUNG AT HEART Brunch – Fellowship Hall November 4th at 10 AM

CHAPMAN FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY
November 19th
Meal following AM Service PM Service at 1:30



Brad & Stephanie McAlister
401 CR 606, Ripley, MS
OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

FROM 3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM

Kathy Moore
60 CR 625, Booneville, MS
NOVEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>
FROM 3:30 PM TO 4:30 PM

#### REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Wilma Wood, Karen Yancey

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), Ella Bridges, Jeff Carpenter

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: Charles Reese (Andy's Father), Dorothy Hopper (John's Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-inlaw), Shelia Fleming (Mark Lindley's Aunt), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

SHUT-INS: *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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