

**October 30, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Chance Criswell

**Opening Prayer**

J C Newby (A.M.) Young Men(P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Logan Yancey (A.M.) Young Men (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 (11/02/2016)

**OUR RECORD**

**October 23, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 113**

**Sunday Morning Worship:125**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 111**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 104**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,203**

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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

## It Changed in Genesis Brad Harrub

“Mommy, Mimi isn’t that old, is she?” This is the innocent response of a child upon hearing that Adam lived to be 930 years old (Genesis 5:5). It does not take long when reading through the book of Genesis to come across the vast old ages of the patriarchs. For instance, Methuselah, the oldest person we have on record, lived to be 969 years old (Genesis 5:27). So what do we tell our children and grandchildren when they question these long life spans? Are we supposed to divide the ages by a factor of ten, or did they not measure time the same way we do today? In teaching our children about these matters

, it is important to reveal to them both the science and the Bible. While the media would have us to believe there is a battle between the Bible and science, the truth is that God is the Author of science. Science and the Bible fit together like a hand in a glove.

Yes, there is global change, especially back in Genesis.

In answering this dilemma, we should demonstrate the scientific truth that this Earth used to be vastly different. In Genesis 1:31 we learn that “God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was very good.” Imagine how pristine the water was in that beautiful garden. Try to picture how lush the vegetation would have been. There was no pollution from vehicles or factories. We had not yet filled schools with asbestos, or painted our homes with lead paint. Additionally, we had not yet sprayed various chemicals on the ground in an effort to control vegetation. We had not yet sprayed agent-orange on our armed forces or tried to relieve morning sickness by giving pregnant women thalidomide. Everything was “very good.”

In an attempt to describe the early conditions on the Earth, Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace described it as a “mantle of spring-like loveliness which seems to have prevailed over the whole globe.” E. H. Colbert noted: “In those days the Earth had a tropical climate over much of its land surface, and in the widespread tropical lands there was an abundance of lush vegetation.” When teaching our children about the vast old ages of the patriarchs we should first establish that the Earth they lived on was vastly different than what we see around us today.

We can prove that scientifically by showing our children the diaries of Admirals Byrd and Peary (who conquered adversity to reach the North and South Pole, respectively) who looked down into the ice and saw palm trees and fruit trees buried feet below in the ice. Another solid piece of evidence centers around the formation of coal. We know today that it takes tremendous amounts of organic vegetation to make coal. And yet, one of the largest coal reserves on our planet is Antarctica! This is proof that Antarctica has not always been a frozen barren waste land. Or we can show our children reports like the one out of the University of Colorado in 2004, in which they identified pine needles under 10,400 feet of ice in Greenland. Indeed, there once was a time in which this Earth was a mantle of spring-like loveliness.

When we are asked the question, “Why is it people die today?” we can give a long laundry list of reasons—cancer, Alzheimer’s disease, Parkinson’s, congestive heart failure, etc. Many of these conditions have one factor in common. We know today that humans have over 1,600 harmful genetic mutations in our gene pool. Few families exist that are not affected by at least one of these harmful mutations. But we should ask ourselves the question: How many of these harmful mutations were present when God first created Adam and Eve? Absolutely none! Everything was “very good.” Remember, had Adam and Eve not sinned they were created in such a fashion that they could have lived forever—having access to the Tree of Life. Given that there were no genetic mutations, higher levels of oxygen, and the Earth – a mantle of spring-like loveliness, then why couldn’t the patriarchs have lived to vast old ages?

Having established the scientific side, one could then take children to the Bible and demonstrate that things were different back then as well. For instance, in Genesis 12:11-12 we find Abraham asking Sarah to tell the Egyptians that he was her brother, so they would not kill him. But notice Abraham says: “Indeed I know that you are a woman of beautiful countenance...” Yet, have you ever calculated Sarah’s age when Abraham makes this comment? She’s pushing 70 years old! And yet Abraham was worried the Pharaoh would take her away because of her beauty. Avon and Mary Kay are good products—but they are not that good. Obviously, things were different back then.

So what changed the environment? What could have changed the Earth from a mantle of spring-like loveliness to what we have today? Quite simply, the Global Flood.

*Thanks to everyone who helped in the fall food drive for Pine Vale Children’s Home. Greatly appreciate your help!*

**CHAPMAN’S TRUNK-R-TREAT/  
HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE:  
Saturday, October 29th at 6PM**  
We would like to encourage everyone to dress up and decorate your vehicle. There will be prizes for the best child & adult costumes and best decorated trunk. The trunk-r-treat participants are to park in the front parking lot and all others park in the back.  
*There is a food sign up sheet in the foyer.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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.

**HACKLEBURG CHURCH OF CHRIST Ladies Day:  
Saturday, November 5th – 9 to 1PM**

Will leave from church building at 7:30AM.  
More information is available in foyer.  
If you are interested in going – please see  
Kathy Moore or Karen Yancey.

**2017 LADS TO LEADERS KICKOFF  
Sunday, November 6th  
After evening services.**

Everyone is asked to attend this very important meeting. Please bring finger foods/2 ltr. drinks/desserts.

**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.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Shelia Garvin.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Mary Brady, Daxton McVey, Stephanie and Parker McAlister

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

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Margie Hurt

**\*Wonderful to have Juan Stroupe back with us Sunday. We have missed her.**

•**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, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Peggy Boggs, 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), 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*).