

November 4, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Kevin Shackelford

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Britt Lindley

Opening Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Jeff Staggs (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Bobby Bridges (A.M.) Chase Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Danny Shackelford (Presiding),

Rickey Cissom, Johnny Cissom, Logan Yancey

Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Ricky Loveless

Prepare Communion

Connie Davis & Bryanna Gillard

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Tripp Yancey (11/07/18)

OUR RECORD

October 28, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 111

Sunday Morning Worship: 128

Sunday Evening Worship: 95

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97

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Contribution this week: \$3,949

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

ACCEPTING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR OWN SOULS Mark Lindley

Every person is responsible for his own salvation. No one can understand, believe, or obey the gospel for me or you. Each person has individual responsibility to secure the salvation of his own soul.

What does this individual responsibility involve? In order to obtain salvation in Christ, one must learn about God, Christ, sin, and the conditions a sinner must meet. Jesus said, "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me" (John 6:44-45). Please notice that Jesus taught that only those who "hear" and "learn" come to the Lord for salvation.

This implies that one must have an open mind and be willing to listen to God's Word (cf. Acts 8:26-39). Hearing the Word is necessary because it is only by exposure to the Word of God that true faith can be developed (Romans 10:17).

It is at this very point that some neglect the salvation of their souls by refusing "learn" God's Word. Rather than spending some time learning the teachings of God's Word, some will simply accept what a preacher says. Some seem to believe that whatever a preacher says must be true. However, the salvation of one's soul is too important to blindly accept what a preacher says about salvation. Even sincere preachers (including this author) can be, and are, at times, wrong. It would be foolish, therefore, to trust a fallible man with the salvation of one's soul.

Jesus warned that one must take heed to how one hears (Luke 8:18). It is good to listen to preaching, but it is vital to compare what is preached with what is revealed in the Bible. Consider the example of the Jews of Berea: "These were more noble... in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11). When they heard preaching, they then "searched the scriptures" to see if the things taught were so. Would it not be wise to do the same today?

When it is time for the final judgment, each one will give an account of himself to God (Romans 14:12). Since each person will be judged individually, preparation for judgment is a personal responsibility. We need to know "why" we believe what we believe, and that is only possible by searching the scriptures for ourselves (II Timothy 2:15; II Peter 3:18). Let's prepare...Judgement Day is coming!

**Who Do You Thank?
By Ronald Bartanen**

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (The Apostle Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

"We ought to make an effort to act on our first thoughts, and let our unspoken gratitude find expression. Then there will be more sunshine in the world, and more power to work for what is good." (Albert Schweitzer)

While our nation pauses this week to celebrate a day of thanksgiving, we realize there are many who would say they are thankful for a number of things, such as their homes, their jobs, their health, and especially their families, but they don't know who to thank. Thankfulness should be expressed by thanksgiving. Someone once observed, "Pity the poor atheist. He may feel thankful in his heart for his good fortunes, but he has no one to thank." Sad to say, there are also many who would not consider themselves to be atheists, but would fail to recognize the real source of all blessings—God. They are much like the birds and squirrels who frequent our patio in search of seeds or crumbs which we have put at their disposal. They have come to expect to find something to fill their needs, but most likely have no understanding as to the source of such provisions.

When we lose sight of the One "from Whom all blessings flow," we seek to live our lives independent of Him. When that happens, all spins out of control. It is as Paul expressed it in Romans 1:21: "Because, though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became vain in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened." In the verses that followed he described the darkness of idolatry and sexual debauchery. The heart that realizes no dependence upon God is a heart that will take His blessings for granted and express no thankfulness toward the Creator and Sustainer of life.

When we put God out of our lives as a nation, the observance of Thanksgiving Day becomes no more than Turkey Day, a day for indulging ourselves. God would have us to partake of His bountiful supply, and to truly celebrate Thanksgiving with true thanksgiving to God from our hearts. May we heed Paul's admonition: "In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

Please join us for
A Baby Shower in Honor of

CHASE & OLIVIA CHAPMAN

Sunday, November 4th
3:30 to 4:30PM
Home of Brande Shackelford

It's a Girl! - Genevieve

Colors: Neutrals (Cream, Gray, White)

Please join us for
A Baby Shower in Honor of

JORDAN & KELSEY STAGGS

Sunday, November 18th
3:30 to 4:30PM
Chapman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

It's a Girl! - Sophie Mae

Colors: Light Pink & Mint
Registered: Walmart

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Chapman Trunk-R-Treat/Hotdog Roast/Hayride last Saturday such a great event.

Sunday, November 4th

REMINDER: FALL BACK

Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed tonight.

**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 week of November 12th.*

CHAPMAN HOLIDAY BASKETS

November 11th – after Evening Service

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.

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 Gene Stroue.

•**HOME:** Jimmy & Joan Berryman, Dennis Hopper (Broken Pelvis - John's Father)

•**RECOVERY:** Doris Williford (Hip), Starrett Chapman

•**HOSPITAL:** Jesse Morgan (Robin Criswell's Father)

•**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 Hopper, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGaughy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, 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).