

**November 16, 2014**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Tom Wade

**Opening Prayer**

Jeff Staggs (A.M.) Britt Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Logan Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Rickey Loveless (Presiding),

Bobby Bridges, David Smith, Jack Harris

**Count and Usher**

Ricky Cissom & Eric Melton

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Brad McAlister (11/19/14)

**OUR RECORD**

**November 9, 2014**

Sunday Bible Study: 118

Sunday Morning Worship: 132

Sunday Evening Worship: 97

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,426

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade  
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Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## Flourishing Immorality Garland Elkins

In our time, all sorts of immorality flourish without rebuke. In multiplied ways, there are opportunities for doing evil with the endorsement of much of society. We are paying (and shall pay more in the future) a heavy penalty for our sins (Prov. 14:34; Hosea 8:7). On the whole, our material and intellectual advance has, by far, outrun our moral and spiritual progress; at present our chief need is to catch up spiritually. This is true of individuals, the home, the church, and the nation. Even though great gains have been won in the past, yet moral progress wavers, and not all that is won is retained. No sooner do we overcome one sin than Satan seeks insidiously to begin another, and that formed unnoticed by us. We must therefore ever be alert to Satan's tactics (II Cor. 2:11).

Some evil men and women make their living by tempting others to sin. The allurements which they set before the young constitute one of the greatest dangers to the existence of both the home, the church, and society. Such people are leading to a serious spiritual and moral degeneration, and they doubtless are among the worst sinners of our time. They follow in the very acts which have caused the downfall of both individuals and entire civilizations (Jude 7; Rom. 1:18-32). They cause millions to sin through gambling, brothels, drugs, vile pictures ("peep shows"), evil movies, salacious reading matter, dance halls, and liquor stores and cocktail bars.

All the way from Washington down to local communities, there are those who not only make it easy to sin, but actually encourage and urge the committing of sin. Through his avenues, Satan is deliberately undermining the spiritual and moral welfare of the home, the church and society. All of our spiritual and moral progress has been purchased at a heavy cost. One of the greatest problems we have is how to exterminate the sins which live at the expense of the moral and spiritual deterioration and utter ruin of their victims. Surely, all sensible people must realize that there are forces at work in our society, which, if left unchecked, will destroy multitudes of souls in hell. If you really are concerned about such dives, then do everything that is right and proper to help us to eliminate such moral and spiritual cancer from our midst that we may enjoy a respectable community and nation (Prov. 14:34).

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## The Most Important Days of Your Life

David Deffenbaugh

No, it isn't the day you were born, married, your children were born, or even the day you lost someone of great importance to you. Not to minimize the significance of those days, but these three days are the same for everyone, and in many respects much more important.

The first day is yesterday (and you can now guess the other two). The best thing you can do with yesterday is forget it. Too many people's lives are dictated by their past. They cannot move forward in life because something from their yesterday drags them down. Paul the apostle had a past. He also was a man who made radical changes in his life and accomplished great things for God. A key to this great man's success was his "forgetting what lies behind" (Phil. 3:13).

The second day is tomorrow. The best thing you can do with tomorrow is to forget it. The simple fact is, we do not know what will happen tomorrow (Jas. 4: 14). It holds no guarantees for good or ill. Jesus warned about worrying for tomorrow (Matt. 6:34). That's not to endorse the "living for today" philosophy that makes no plans or preparations or thinks about consequences of present actions. But like fretting over the past, worrying about tomorrow can destroy the final, and most important day.

The third day is today. The writer of Psalms is right, God has made today, consequently we ought to rejoice and be glad (Psa. 118:24). Today is the day that holds the blessing and opportunities God has given. Today is the day that we can do and live and serve. Today is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2). Today is the day of which we can make the most, do our best and bring glory to God.

Your life is either made or ruined by what you do with the three most important days in it.

## If You Had Died for the Sins of the World How Would You Feel?

Author Unknown

When men took your name in vain? When men damaged their bodies dabbling in sin instead of glorifying you as their savior in their bodies? When men fussed and got angry among themselves in which you had established and thus brought reproach upon you? When men chose to go somewhere else on the day which you had set aside for men to worship you? When men refused to obey what you said they had to do to gain the benefit of your death? When men did not appreciate your sacrifice enough to stay for the supper you had left as a memorial of it? When men did not respect you enough to wear your name? When men did not care whether their conduct caused anyone else to stumble? Did you ever stop to think? The Son of God probably would think the same as you would about such thoughtless people.

## When Sorrows Come

Author Unknown

**When sorrows come, and they will,  
It seems life's roads are all uphill.  
The winter sky is always gray,  
But spring is only weeks away,  
When all the trees you thought were dead  
Shall wear new leaves and buds of red.  
The snow will melt upon God's earth  
And all shall marvel at new birth,  
When everywhere the eye can see  
The earth declares His majesty.  
When sorrows come, and they will,  
Have faith, my friend, and peace, be still.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ladies Holiday Baskets

**November 20th at 6:30 PM**

Basket Sign Up List in foyer.

Non-perishable items need to be here by

**Sunday, November 16th.**

Baked Goods need to be here on

Wednesday, **November 19th.**

*Bring to Kitchen by teacher's supply room.*

### CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY:

**November 30th**

Fellowship meal (soups & sandwiches) after morning services. Food sign up list in foyer.

Evening Services at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Chapman young men.

### SCAVENGER HUNT

**November 30th - after evening services**

All adults and kids are encouraged to participate. Teams will be made on your own. Each team must have at least two adults and two kids. Each team can decide a name, theme, color and show team spirit as little or as much as you like.

There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer.

*Please bring canned drinks and desserts.*

### Pinevale Christmas Child

Girl - 18 years old

If you would like to help on her wish list, please see Karen Yancey.

*Mark Your Calendar:*

**December 13th - Pinevale Holiday Party**

Footo Street Church of Christ at 11 AM

*Please make plans to attend.*

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

### The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

### Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

### Correspondence Course

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To enroll: call (837-7012), write (250 CR 550, Ripley, MS 38663) or e-mail (chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net).

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of James Willis (Son of Lorene Willis).

**•IN HOSPITAL:** *David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Bonnie Chapman (Tupelo).*

**•REHAB:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman/ Tupelo).

**•HAVING TEST:** J C Newby

**•SURGERY RECOVERY:** Audrey Box, Wayne Vandygriff (Back Surgery), Juan Stroupe (Knee Replacement Surgery), *Eva Crawford (Sister of Sandy Newby and Romia Palmer).*

**•EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. **•CANCER:** *Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), Brenda Wallace, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer*

**•SHUT-INS:** *Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)*

*\*Please notify Karen Yancey(chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net) of any updates to the prayer list.*