

November 19, 2023

Announcements

Rickey Cissom

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

Danny Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)
Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Andy Reese (A.M.)
Mason McAlister (P.M.)

Lord's Table

James Pilgrim

Count and Usher

Dale Vandygriff & Tim McMillin

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (11/22/23)

OUR RECORD

November 12, 2023

Sunday Bible Study: 80

Sunday Morning Worship: 94

Sunday Evening Worship: 71

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL

Receive bulletin by e-mail notify us:

office.chapmanchurch@gmail.com

chapmanchurch.com

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).



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
250 COUNTY ROAD 550
RIPLEY, MS 38663

THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

Published Weekly by
Chapman Church of Christ
Ripley, Mississippi
(662) 502-2806
chapmanchurch.com

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 SALVATION ESSENTIAL TO BAPTISM? Mark Lindley

Some contend that “salvation is essential to baptism.” What this means is that salvation precedes—comes “before”—one is baptized. Others maintain that baptism is essential to salvation. What this means is that baptism precedes—comes “before”—salvation. It is certain that both of these positions cannot be true. If one is saved first and baptized later, then one is not baptized in order to be saved. Which view is correct? What does the Bible teach?

In every verse where baptism and salvation are mentioned, baptism always comes “before” salvation. Consider the following: “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned” (Mark 16:16).

According to Jesus, salvation does not come before baptism; rather, baptism, before salvation. Now, observe what Peter preached: “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Acts 2:38). To receive the “remission of sins” is to be saved from sin. Did Peter proclaim that remission of sins occurs before one is baptized? No, he did not. He preached that one is to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (that is, to be saved). Consider what Paul taught: “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4). This passage shows that until one is baptized he is not in Christ, has not contacted the death of Christ (when his blood was shed), and does not walk in “newness of life.” All of these things come “after” baptism. Also consider what Ananias said to Saul of Tarsus, “And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (Acts 22:16). Did Ananias place baptism before or after the washing away of sins? Clearly, according to the God-sent preacher, Ananias, one is baptized in order to have his sins washed away by the blood of Christ. Then, consider I Peter 3:21: “The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ” (I Peter 3:21). Please observe in this verse the God-given order: “baptism doth also now save us.” I am persuaded that baptism comes before salvation because that is what the Bible teaches. There are zero verses which teach that sinners are saved first and then baptized. There are numerous verses which teach that sinners are baptized to be saved. Which will you believe? Please do not blindly accept what any man (including me) says regarding this issue. Study these verses for yourself, with an open mind, and I am convinced you will see that salvation is not essential to baptism; but, rather, baptism is essential to salvation.

DIVIDED FAMILIES

James Pilgrim

Thanks to Kathy Moore for her comments following last Sunday morning's sermon, leading

to this article. Kathy told the writer that she had done a study on the characters of Genesis 5,

leading her to conclude that Methuselah died the year of the flood, which is true. She made other astute (intelligent) observations. Her comments gave birth to the following thoughts. Lamech, the ninth (9th) from Adam, was the father of Noah. Lamech not only begat Noah, but he "lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died." (Genesis 5:30, 31).

According to Genesis 6:8, 9, "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord...was a just man and perfect in his generations, and...walked with God." God told Noah, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood." (Genesis 6:14). Verses 14-16 describe how it was to be made. God established his covenant with Noah and his wife, his three sons and their wives. (Genesis 6:18). All others would be destroyed. (Genesis 6:7). That included Noah's brothers and sisters and, likely, other relatives. Remember, God was cleansing the earth of wickedness, and saving in the ark those whom He found to be righteous, the immediate Noah family,

There were many divided families under the first and second laws. For example, the patriarchal age: (Genesis 4:8; 11:1-9; 37:4, 8, 18, 28); and the Mosaical age: (Leviticus 10:1, 2; Book of Judges; 1 Samuel 2:22-25). Tragically, there were those who did the same thing under the law of Christ: Matthew 10:21, 35, 37; 15:4, 5; 1 Corinthians 5:1 (If there is a worst sin, this is likely it!).

Division is of the devil. He tried unsuccessfully to bring about division between Jesus and God. (Matthew 4:1ff). How thrilled he must be when he gets brethren to divide, something strongly forbidden. (1 Corinthians 1:10). When tempted of the devil may we always do what Jesus did, run him off by saying, "Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Matthew 4:1-11). Satan has many followers trying to lead us astray. May we be more like Noah, and not like his brothers and sisters. Get in the church, the ark of God today, and live there faithfully. This is the only escape from the floods of life.

*A Plea For Prayers
Please pray for spiritual and
numerical growth for the Chapman
Congregation in 2023.*

UPCOMING CHAPMAN EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH
AT 5:00 PM

BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND A COZY BLANKET

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

SENIOR'S
YOUNG AT HEART
Fellowship Hall
Sunday, December 3, 2023
After Evening Service
BRING A GIFT FOR DIRTY SANTA

PROGRAMS OF WORK

[Website: chapmanchurch.com](http://chapmanchurch.com)

Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman Challengers

[The Bible Broadcast](#)

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

[Southern Sentinel Article](#)

Every other Wednesday

[Correspondence Course](#)

Study the Bible in your home, at your convenience, by enrolling in a free Bible correspondence course.

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 Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother) and T C Morrison (Robin Newby's Father).

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

SICK SUNDAY: Pat Shackelford, Danny Shackelford, Stephanie McAlister, Wilma Wood

SURGERY: Idaleigh McVey

REHAB: Joy Simmons (Diversicare)

EXTENDED ILLNESS: Joanie Kate Reese, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

CANCER: 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-in-law), 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

TEXT ALERTS

Text **chapmancoc** to **8779897012** to receive Chapman's Text Alerts.

Sermons available on Facebook and YouTube