



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST  
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RIPLEY, MS 38663

## November 22, 2020 ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Announcements

Jarvene Shackelford

### Sunday Song Leader

Larry Wood

### Wednesday Song Leader

Chris Moore (11/25/20)

### Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

### Opening Prayer

Chris Moore (AM)

Keith Newby (PM)

### Closing Prayer

Bobby Bridges (AM)

Wayne Vandygriff (PM)

### Count and Usher

Brock Lindley & Michiel Criswell

### Communion

James Pilgrim

*Pick Up Communion when entering*

### OUR RECORD

**November 15, 2020**

Sunday Bible Study: NA

Sunday Morning Worship: 95

Sunday Evening Worship: 59

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 74

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: NA

### Chapman Challenger

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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

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

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

### Why I Believe... By Robert E. Guinn

Faith and belief are constantly used to justify one's religious practice and/or conduct. Yet that justification makes no sense if that faith is not a personal faith. So, what does it mean for faith to be personal?

For faith to be personal it must be more than a mere acceptance or acknowledgement of supposed facts. It is deeper than simply having an answer for a Bible question. Personally developed, faith can properly answer the question, "Why do you believe?" Not just supplying reasons to believe, but answering the question, "What truly persuades you to be a Christian?" or "Why are you convinced?" This answer should go deeper than the "I feel" responses and be more confident than "I think" statements. So, why do I believe? I am glad you asked.

I believe there is a God. When I consider Newton's Third Law, the Law of Bio- genesis, and the First Law of Thermodynamics, I find the Big Bang and Evolutionary theories contradicting fundamental laws of science and the natural world. I believe that the universe was created by a supernatural being known as God. I see design, engineering, and craftsmanship in our natural world. We look at a motorized vehicle and know that due to its complexity it was designed, engineered, and crafted by someone or something. In like manner, a small leaf from one tree is more complex than that automobile. I believe in a supernatural, all-powerful Creator.

I believe in the Bible. The most reliable documents from antiquity, based on manuscript evidence, are the Sacred Scriptures we call the New Testament documents. In a span of over two thousand years both the Old and New Testaments were penned. At least forty different humans, from various walks of life, were involved in its recording. Though supposed contradictions exist, I have yet to see one that cannot be adequately explained. Though its origin is found in antiquity, the Bible itself is not antiquated. The Bible has proven to be timeless and relevant to our present age with proper study and application. The Bible possesses the fingerprints of Divine origin. I believe that the Bible is the inspired inerrant Word of God.

I believe in Christ. The Bible is not the only ancient document that mentions Jesus as a real historical figure. Still, the New Testament, being the most reliable ancient document from manuscript evidence, clearly teaches that Jesus Christ is the son of God (Matthew 3:17, 17:5).

He willingly allowed himself to be murdered by crucifixion (Luke 22-23), as a sinless sacrifice (Hebrews 4:15), for the sins of those willing to submit to His will (John 3:16, 36; Hebrews 5:9). Being raised to life again, he proved there is hope for life after this one (1 Corinthians 15; Romans 8). I believe in the risen, crucified Savior of my soul.

If I truly believe in these three faith statements, then my life should be in a constant state of transformation (Romans 12). No longer living for self but living for Christ (Romans 3). My belief should compel me to action, being grateful for God's salvation (James 1-2). Do you believe? Why do you believe? Should there be any surprise that God speaks about using our time wisely? Perhaps the clearest statement of this truth is found twice in the Bible. Paul specifically told two churches, "Redeeming the time" (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5). As we think about how this applies to our lives, we should soberly look at the minutes/hours we give to God.

Think about how little time we spend in worship and adoration of God. If the only time we do this is that hour between 10:00 a.m. and 11:19 a.m. each Sunday morning, add it all together and the total time invested in praising God each year would be 4,108 minutes.

### **Eternal Lives Matter By Joseph Chase**

Please know that I am not belittling the lives of anyone black, white, brown or any other. I think it sinful that anyone would treat or love anyone differently because of the color of their skin.

I do think that there is an issue that transcends anything we are talking about in this world. That is the importance of the eternal soul. No matter what one does to the body, their soul is what is important.

For a moment think back to the time that John wrote the Revelation from our Lord. Many of those people were quite likely going to die soon under severe persecution because of their allegiance to Jesus. He wrote the whole book to encourage them to overcome so they could come over and live with Him eternally.

In chapter 2 and verse 10, John records these words that would resonate with someone who might be giving their life in the morning for the cause of Christ...

"Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life."(Revelation 2:10 ESV)

That phrase "unto death" really means, "while death hovers over." When you're in that moment of agony waiting for the final blow, the lion to eat you, the sword to behead you or which ever grisly manner the executioner chose. Be faithful, don't miss heaven to protect physical life that is only temporary anyway.

I don't know what the future holds for us as disciples of Christ. Even in this country we may face severe persecution so learn right now that your physical life is not as important as your eternal life. Nothing that man can do to you is worth losing your eternal life.

"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?"(Mark 8:36 ESV)

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him."(1 John 2:15 ESV).

"And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever."(1 John 2:17 ESV)

To some degree for everyone this world is unfair. To some it is grossly unfair, mean and trouble filled. Sad to say you may never have those things made right in this life. But, in heaven all of that will be forgotten.

### **CHAPMAN SERVICES BACK TO REGULAR TIMES :**

#### **Sunday Services**

Bible Study .....10:00 am  
Morning Worship .....10:45 am

#### **Sunday Evening Service**

Evening Worship .....2:00 pm

#### **Weekdays**

Wednesday Bible Study .....7:00 pm

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OR AT HIGH RISK.**

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### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

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

•**SICK AT HOME:** Jeff Carpenter

•**HOSPITAL:** Patti Hall (Columbus/ICU), Baby Rich Harris (Le Bonheur), Imogene Hardon (TCH)

•**RECOVERY:** Debbie Chapman

•**SURGERY:** Jodie Criswell

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Romia Palmer, Patti Hall, Johnny Cissom, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*Mailing: Resthaven Nursing Home, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663*)

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