

December 2, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

J C Newby

Scripture Reading

Palmer Jones

Opening Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.) Gene Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Michiel Criswell (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Mason McAlister, Tripp Yancey, Rickey Loveless

Count and Usher

Terry Chapman & Joel Moore

Prepare Communion

Myra Palmer and Romia Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Barrett Chapman (12/05/18)

OUR RECORD

November 25, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 129

Sunday Evening Worship: 111

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 115

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,801

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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).



THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Joel Moore, Jarvene Shackelford,
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DEACONS: Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR THE CHURCH?

Mark Lindley

People often wonder what the church can do for them. It seems that everyone wants to be part of a large congregation that has immaculate facilities, lots of activities for the young and old, children of all ages, and a large contribution. When someone is looking for a congregation to attend, these may be some of the criteria used to find the "right church." Most do not look for a congregation where they are needed "to" serve. Rather, folks frequently look for a congregation where they can "be" served. This self-serving attitude seems to be at odds with the spirit of Christianity and the example of Christ, Himself.

Consider these words describing the ministry of Christ: "But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant: Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:26-28). This passage shows that Jesus, the founder of Christianity, did not come to be served; He came to serve.

Christianity is built upon this principle of service and sacrifice. Paul wrote, "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8). Notice that Jesus took upon himself the "form of a servant." As a servant, Jesus gave Himself for the sins of the world (I John 2:2). There could be no greater example of sacrifice than the one made by Christ. Yet, those seeking to be followers of Christ today, often do not seem to have this same selfless, sacrificial spirit. The question at the forefront seems to be, "What can the church do for me?" rather than asking, "What can I do for the church?"

I cannot imagine Jesus, Paul, or Peter saying, "I am placing membership with congregation B because they nicer facilities and greater financial resources than congregation A." I cannot envision Christ or His apostles saying, "I am hoping to find a church that meets my needs." I do not believe the Lord or any of His apostles would say, "I am choosing to attend the services of this congregation because they have more social gatherings." I am persuaded that Jesus, Paul, and Peter were too busy serving to think about being served. I think they were too busy spreading the gospel and trying to save others to think about themselves. They were servants...we should be as well.

To Give Or Not To Give? Steve Higginbotham

It's that time of year again. You know...cold weather, Christmas decorations, long shopping lines, and "soldiers" in the Salvation Army standing at the entrance of nearly every major shopping area. These dedicated soldiers brave the cold while ringing a little bell, as they solicit donations to help the needy.

These red kettles are responsible for collecting approximately 150 million dollars each year to provide food, clothing, and shelter to the less fortunate. Such good deeds appeal to our sense of benevolence at a time when we are feeling particularly benevolent. Surely there would be no harm in making donations to these tireless workers who are willing to endure the cold winds of December, or is there? Through the years, people have asked me how they should respond to these door-greeters. The following is my advice.

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William Booth, a Methodist preacher. Booth believed that God had called him to minister to the outcast. His philosophy was "Soup, Soap, and Salvation." Booth believed that a person who was hungry or in need of a bath would not be interested in the gospel of Christ until those needs were met.

In the beginning, Booth intended for the people he reached with the gospel to return to their home churches, but he soon found these "converts" were unwelcome in their home churches, or unwilling to return to them. Therefore, in 1878, Booth and his wife Catherine, organized the "Salvation Army" as a new church denomination. Booth designated himself as General, his best leaders as lieutenants, captains, and majors, and faithful converts became soldiers.

Thus, the Salvation Army differs from other benevolent organizations such as "The Red Cross," or "The American Heart Association," etc. in that it is a church, a religious denomination. As a religious denomination, it teaches a perverted plan of salvation accompanied by many other doctrinal errors. Like all religious denominations, the Salvation Army does some good. But does the fact that the Salvation Army does some good, mean that we should support them? Do the ends justify the means?

Should a Christian, a member of the church that Jesus purchased with His own blood, support a man-made religious body, that rivals the Lord's church? Should we support, by our donations, a false religious organization that teaches a false plan of salvation, which if followed, will result in people unknowingly remaining in their sins when they think they're forgiven?

Don't lose sight of this important point. An organization that feeds the stomach but starves the spirit is not truly helpful. I certainly don't question their sincerity or their willingness to help the poor, but they have a zeal for God that is not according to knowledge (Romans 10:2).

Instead of doing our benevolence through a false, man-made church, why don't we maintain a benevolent spirit, giving as we are prospered, and let Christ be glorified through His church (Ephesians 3:21)?

As the little bell is rung your direction during this holiday season, join me in politely saying, "I do my benevolent work through my local church."

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADS TO LEADERS PHOTOS NEEDED

If you have any photos from any Chapman Events – please get to Karen Yancey. Need for Lads To Leaders Scrapbook.

December 2, 2018 HOLIDAY GET TOGETHER After Morning Services

Bring Finger Foods/Soups/Desserts
Will be a "special guest" for the kids!

CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY December 30, 2018

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

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 Bonnie Chapman, Junior Pannell and Kerry "Chuck" Trimble.

•**HOME:** Mickey Chandler

•**RECOVERY:** Doris Williford (Hip), Amber Harrell

•**HOSPITAL:** Tony Morrison, Amy May, Diane Hodges

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Mitch Wellen, 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, 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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).