

**December 9, 2018**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**

Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

James Pilgrim (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Britt Lindley (A.M.) Brock Lindley (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**

Brock Lindley (12/12/18)

**OUR RECORD**

**December 2, 2018**

Sunday Bible Study: 128

Sunday Morning Worship: 140

Sunday Evening Worship: 109

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 106

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,403

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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,  
Tommy Wade  
**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,  
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**Asleep in Gethsemane**  
Dan Jenkins

“And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives” (Matt. 26:30). It is impossible to precisely know what was in the hearts of those apostles as they followed Him. After He had washed their feet in the upper room, He was troubled in spirit when He said, “One of you will betray Me” (John 13:21). Their first response was they were exceedingly sorrowful (Matt. 26:21). Emotions had to be so heavy as He led them to Gethsemane.

They may not have known where He was going, but Judas did. Jesus often went to this garden with them (John 18:2). He stopped and left eight of the apostles at one place, and then took Peter, James and John deeper into the garden. His words were, “Pray that you enter not into temptation” (Luke 22:40).

Matthew described this moment in this way: “He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed...Stay here and watch with Me” (Matt. 26:38). How could their emotions not have been stirred by all that had happened!

“Watch.” Watch for what? Watch for the coming of the mob? Such could not be the case for the betrayal by Judas had to happen. It was His solemn plea with them to recognize the dangerous situation which faced them. Not a physical danger from the mob but watch lest they succumb to the temptations which lay before them. He then went a distance from them and prayed fervently to the Father.

What did they do? They went to sleep. It was not that they did not care, for Jesus said of them, “The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak” (Matt. 26:40). Yet, we stand amazed at how all of this could happen. Satan was seeking to destroy them and their place in the coming kingdom, and they were asleep. They could not watch with Him even for one hour (Matt. 26:39). There was danger all around them. Temptation abounded, and they were asleep. Jesus needed them, and they were asleep in Gethsemane.

It is possible that we are doing the same in our lives. Think of our children. How much time do we actually watch and pray for them in the world in which they live? As the years come, we will grieve for failing to equip them, but then it is too late. Parents, you are in your “Gethsemane.” Watch and pray!

Is it possible that we are asleep in our personal “Gethsemane”? Are you watching and soberly considering how the temptations around you pose such a danger? Where are your weaknesses, and what are you doing to become stronger? If you cannot see them, remember Paul’s words that those who think they will stand should take heed (1 Cor. 10:12). God help us to all watch for our souls and for the souls of those around us. God help us to never sleep in Gethsemane.

## No Other Gods Before Me

Jon Mitchell

“You shall have no other gods before me”  
Exodus 20:3.

But do we anyway? Do we have other gods before Yahweh?

“No, of course not!” says the church-goer.  
“I am a Christian, aren’t I? I go to church!  
I pray to God, not Buddha! I have a Bible,  
not a Koran!”

Yes, you do. And all of that is important  
and not to be overlooked.

And yet...

Did you know that the Bible calls coveting  
idolatry? (Col. 3:5) What do you covet?  
Probably not Buddha, right? Probably  
something materialistic, like money or  
possessions. Perhaps power. Perhaps  
someone, like a good-looking woman or  
man. Perhaps something recreational,  
like golf time or TV time. Perhaps work.  
Perhaps a hobby, like cooking, fishing, or  
gardening. Perhaps reading for pleasure.  
Perhaps good grades.

When the saints assembly, who is your  
god? Jehovah?

Most if not all of the above are not sinful,  
in and of themselves. We all need down  
time, fun time, hobbies. It’s not sinful to  
spend a few hundred bucks on a large TV,  
in and of itself. Don’t get me wrong.

But here’s the thing. Whatever it is that  
you like, do you put it before God? Now,  
before you are so quick to deny, consider  
this:

After paying the bills for NECESSITIES  
(food, mortgage, clothes, electricity,  
taxes, etc.), into what do you put more  
money? The church’s collection plate on  
Sundays? The mission work overseas?  
The charity that feeds and clothes the  
homeless? Or a new set of golf clubs?  
A luxury car? More and more toys for  
the kiddos?

Into which do you put more of your time?  
Prayer? Reading God’s Word? Sharing  
the gospel with the lost? Helping the  
needy? Church work? Or TV? The  
latest John Grisham novel? Overtime at  
work so you can afford more goodies?  
Your golf swing? Cooking?

Know that I’m preaching to myself as  
well as to you. I think we all, when we  
honestly examine ourselves (2 Cor.  
13:5), could say that we, at times, put  
others gods before Jehovah God. Let’s  
try to do better, with his help and grace.

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the  
faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not  
your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is  
in you, except ye be reprobates?

**2 Corinthians 13:5**

## 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.

### CHAPMAN 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY

**December 30, 2018**

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

## BIRTH ANNOUCEMENT

### CONGRATULATIONS!

*Genevieve Claire Chapman*

December 1, 2018

7 pounds, 3 ounces & 18 inches long

**Proud Parents:** Chase & Olivia

### 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 Phil Morton.

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

•**HOSPITAL:** Sadie Fitzgerald (Le Bonheur), Mike  
Mauney

•**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  
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