

December 16, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Logan Yancey (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Kevin Shackelford (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

Larry Wood (12/19/18)

OUR RECORD

December 9, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 98

Sunday Morning Worship: 121

Sunday Evening Worship: 103

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 103

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$4,002

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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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Putting First Things First By R. W. McAlister

Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." This may come as a shock, but most of us fail to do this! Why? Because instead of seeking God's kingdom first, we're spending our time wrapped up in the cares of this world! Have you ever considered that if this one passage were followed to its proper conclusion, it would revolutionize the church in all its phases of activity?

If we sought first the kingdom of God in attendance, we'd be here every time the doors opened if physically possible! If we sought first the kingdom of God in evangelism, every baptized believer would be speaking the truth in love to every lost soul he or she encountered! If we sought first the kingdom of God in our giving, the church treasury would be overflowing! If we sought first the kingdom of God in edification and encouragement of our brothers and sisters in Christ, there'd be a lot more folks in the mold of Barnabas to build up and encourage our brethren!

Perhaps the most common sin today is that of reversing the divine order of things; of making secondary things primary, and making primary things secondary. How many people do we or have we known who disregard the importance of attending evening services? Instead, they're at work because they'd rather make a dollar, or they're at home because they think their rest is more important and so on. They've made what should be a primary concern a secondary one. What about someone who holds back on putting money in the collection plate because he's worried about finances? Well, he turned a primary concern, indeed an act of worship, into a secondary concern when he put personal finances ahead of worshiping God. It seems incredible that God, who made me, and gave His Son to die for me, should give me the option of saying what place HE shall occupy in my life.

If we're going to be pleasing to God, we each have some "first things" to do. We have to seek the kingdom first, then all of the things we need will be added to us. Seeking the kingdom first means becoming part of it and putting it first in our lives (1 Peter 3:21, Matt. 6:33).

The second thing we have to do on our list of "firsts" is to keep our lives right with God so we can teach others. Matthew 7 verse 5 tells us: "Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye."

We have a responsibility to make sure our brothers and sisters are walking in the way they should (II Thess. 3:15), but no one will ever listen to us until they can see that we're concerned about the sin in our life and that we're trying to get rid of it. No one likes a hypocrite.

The final thing we must do is to follow Christ before all others. In John 14:15, Jesus says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Our Savior also tells us in Revelation 2:10, "...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Our dedication to the Lord must come first, before all else. We have no right to tell or expect someone to follow a leader we're not faithfully following ourselves, and friends, people are very critical and they'll know if you're a follower of Jesus Christ.

If you need to reorganize your priorities, why wait any longer? "Why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins..." (Acts 22:16).

Using Our Time Wisely By Dale Grissom

Each week that we are allowed to live contains 10,080 minutes or 604,800 seconds for us to use. There numbers may sound big, but each of us realizes just how quickly the time flies by. As Christians, we must be aware of our responsibility to use this time wisely and to take advantage of every opportunity we have to serve the Lord.

We have 86,400 waking seconds to use each day. May we not be guilty of wasting it, but may our focus be on using this time to grow in our knowledge of the Word and in the Christian graces, in service to the Lord and our fellow man, and to lead others to Christ. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law (Galatians 5:22-23). We must learn to recognize opportunity when it presents itself, and not let this precious time with which we have been blessed slip away.

David spoke of the brevity of life in Psalm 90:10: "The days of our years are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away" (NKJV). James, in his letter, speaks of how fleeting life is: "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away" (James 4:14).

Let us make our short time on earth a busy time of laying up treasures in heaven, and may we always be mindful of the admonition of the apostle Paul: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:1-2).

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 5TH SUNDAY December 30, 2018

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

Have not I commanded thee?
Be strong and of a good
courage; be not afraid, neither
be thou dismayed: for the Lord
thy God is with thee
whithersoever thou goest.
Joshua 1:9

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 Johnny Smith (Stephanie McAlister's Uncle) and Geneva Hamblin (Janie Chapman's Sister).

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

•**HOSPITAL:** Sadie Fitzgerald (Le Bonheur), Roxieann Foster

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Mitch Lewellen, 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).