

**December 22 2019  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Ricky Cissom

**Opening Prayer**

Tommy Wade (A.M.)

Logan Yancey (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Reed Shackelford (A.M.)

Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Bryan Davis (Presiding),

Ricky Loveless, Mason McAlister, Palmer Jones

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Terry Chapman

**Prepare Communion**

Jill and Hannah Loveless

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Logan Yancey (12/23/19)

**OUR RECORD**

**December 15, 2019**

Sunday Bible Study: 93

Sunday Morning Worship: 115

Sunday Evening Worship: 99

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 114

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: 3,230

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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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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## IT TAKES FAITH

James Pilgrim

Joel David Moore was added to the eldership of the Chapman Church of Christ, in 2017. He faithfully served in this capacity until his death on April 6, 2019. In this writer's judgment, Joel was a good man, and one who was justifiably appointed to this work. (1 Timothy 3:1). He did not covet the office, but willingly accepted it. This writer recently told Kathy, Joel's beloved and devoted wife, that he thought of her while reading Matthew 15, when he came to the words of Jesus to an unnamed woman, "O woman, great is thy faith." (Verse 28). He told Kathy that the strength she showed at Joel's death and since then was a great source of encouragement. She responded by saying that faith gets you through it.

Those words, along with all she has done since then, encourages us, and adds to the respect one has for her.

1 John 5:4 says, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." But for space, many things could be said about Joel, Kathy, and their offspring. Please remember the following. Joel will long be remembered for who and what he was, especially his loyalty to God. When our beloved brother realized that he was wrong, like the great company of Jewish priests, who left their religion, and became obedient to the faith (Acts 6:7), Joel left former thinking and practices, and obeyed Jesus. (Hebrews 5:8, 9; Acts 6:7).

Joel will be remembered for his work and service as an elder overseeing the flock of God at Chapman. (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-16; Hebrews 13:7, 17; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

Though serious about the Lord's church and work, one could not miss the joy he had in his heart. One would have to lose all memory not to remember his infectious laugh.

Joel Moore had many friends. Solomon wrote, "A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother." One would have had to work hard not to have wanted Joel as a friend.

Although it is felt that Kathy and the remaining family would be in the house of the Lord (Hebrews 10:25), one cannot fail to see the great example Joel set before them, and left for them. His instructions were solidified by his examples. Cf. 1 Peter 3:1-7; Ephesians 6:1-4; Hebrews 13:7, "whose faith follow."

Is it any wonder that Kathy and the remaining family continue to overcome the world? The lying devil has thrust his darts at them, but their faith continues to overcome. (Ephesians 6:10-18). This faith is of their own choosing, but one can also see the mark Joel left on them. 1 John 5:4, "This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

## Most Wonderful Time of the Year? Doug Dingley

It's the most wonderful time of the year... or so they tell us in song + cheer. But is it, really? Unfortunately for many, nothing could be further from the truth. For children and students whose only hot, healthy, and nutritious meals come about largely as the result of being in school, the two-week holiday break can be a very long, very lonely, and very cold and hungry time of year. For those who have lost loved ones in years past both during and around the holiday season, this can most certainly be the most terrible time of the year, as memories of better times return to flood, haunt, and wreak havoc on the hearts and minds of those left behind. For all of those, whom, due to either lack of health, lack of finances, or lack of ability or opportunity, simply cannot return back home for the holidays but desperately want and feel the need to, once again, it can be to them, the most lonely and miserable time of the year.

However, for those of us forgiven in Christ Jesus and thus members of His one New Testament church/body (Acts 2:37-47; Eph. 4:4-6), we are, by far, the most significantly and infinitely blessed people on the planet. As such, we should not only be continually counting our blessings during this holiday season just the same as every other day and time of the year, but as God's people we should also be making a special effort to seek to recognize, identify, and share our God-given blessings with those to whom this time of the year is by far the least wonderful. We need to be looking for opportunities to lovingly give them the gift of our time, a listening ear, and a supportive spirit, as well as an encouraging and compassionate shoulder to cry on when called for – all in addition to trying to take care of whatever legitimate physical needs we possibly can.

But by far the greatest and most important gift we can and are commanded to give them at the same time, is the same gift that we should and must be sharing with all of the lost, broken, and sin-sick souls all around us on an everyday basis – at each and every opportunity presented: the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 6:23; See also: Matt. 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16). You see, if we can just get them into Christ Jesus where every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places is located, they will not only have a vastly superior heavenly inheritance (Eph. 1:3-14), but will also become an instantly and infinitely blessed, valued, treasured and beloved member of the family of God as well (Gal. 3:26-27); the family of God which takes care of its own (2 Cor. 8:1-5; Gal. 6:10), and has learned the secret of being content in all circumstances (Phil. 4:10-13); the family of God that follows in the footsteps of Jesus and therefore loves and helps bear one another's burdens in all situations (Rom. 12:4-16; Gal. 5:13-14, 6:2).

This holiday season, go out and make it the most wonderful time of the year for someone whom it would otherwise not be. Give them the precious gift of yourself, your time, your interest, your love and compassion. And then, give them by far the most priceless and wonderful gift of all – the free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord as you teach them the gospel. Help make their most wonderful time of the year from now on, the 52 Sundays of each year that they will get to celebrate that gift in a most special way. Because after we have been a tool in God's hand to help fill the emptiness of their bellies, hearts, lives, and souls, the only thing they ever ought to continually have to hunger and thirst for after that, is more and more of God's righteousness... which He Himself has promised to fill such sincerely seeking people with (Matt. 5:6). God bless!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN WEDNESDAY NIGHT Guest Speakers

"Onward and Upward with Christ"  
12/18/19 – Barry Kennedy

**HOLIDAY SERVICES**  
Wednesday Night Services  
Christmas and New Years will  
be on Monday – December  
23<sup>rd</sup> & December 30<sup>th</sup>

### 5TH SUNDAY DECEMBER 29TH

Fellowship meal (potluck)  
after morning services.  
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 sister Loretta Criswell.

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Josephine Chapman, Terry Chapman, Starrett & Linda Chapman, Penelope & Genevieve Chapman

•**RECOVERY:** Mary Brady, Debbie Chapman, Patti Hall, Juan Stroupe

•**SURGERY:** Billy McBryde

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Keith Hall, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Sandra Jones, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-Omotesa

•**SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: **Christine Chapman, Earnestine Murphy** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).