

December 25, 2022

**Announcements**  
Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**  
Eli Carter

**Opening Prayer**  
Ricky Cissom (A.M.)  
Brad McAlister (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Ross Shackelford (A.M.)  
Tripp Yancey (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Bobby Bridges

**Count and Usher**  
Randell Koon & J C Newby

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Tripp Yancey (12/21/22)

### OUR RECORD

**December 18, 2022**

Sunday Bible Study: 85  
Sunday Morning Worship: 112  
Sunday Evening Worship: 78  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 68

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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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## A YOUNG GIRL CRIED James Pilgrim

“Jesus wept” (John 11:35) at the death of Lazarus, and the Jews said, “Behold, how he loved him.” (Verse 36). Jesus was a dear and close friend to this family. Jesus “groaned in the spirit, and was troubled” over seeing Mary and Martha weeping. (John 11:30-33). He also wept over sinful Jerusalem. (Luke 19:28, 41). One can see the sadness in Jesus over the sinful city when reading Luke 13:34. Christians are taught to “weep with them that weep” (Romans 12:15; James 4:9), and we have many examples of some crying for others. (Acts 21:13; Genesis 27:38; 29:11; 33:11; 37:29-35; and many more.

Recently, one of our young girls, Bree Lindley, was sick and unable to be present for the Bible classes and worship. Her parents rightly told her that she would not be able to go to the services that day, and they properly kept her at home for her protection and for the safety of all others. This did not go well with Bree. She, like Jesus, cried. Bree could not help being sick. She likely had a hard time obeying the words of Paul, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy Father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest live long on the earth.” (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Bree was at the mercy of her parents to instruct her in harmony with the word of God. She will appreciate more about this decision if she and time continue. When the writer first heard of this a number of thoughts came to mind.

First, how many parents know enough about the Bible to instruct their children properly? Second, how many children cry because they cannot attend?

Third, how many cry because they are made to attend? Fourth, how many parents attend as they ought? Fifth, how many children attend for the right purposes? Sixth, how many adult members attend for the correct reasons? Take this brief article, and build your own thoughts about the great and important subject of attendance.

An adult Christian at Chapman, Jodie Criswell, has been hospitalized many days over the past few weeks. He has been more concerned with being able to return to services, and even to lead the congregation in “teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in our hearts to the Lord” (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:16), than anything else. The writer has not seen him cry, but he has felt his pain in not being able to worship God and enjoy the fellowship of his brethren. By the way, Bree and brother Jodie seem to share the same feeling over not being able to meet with the saints at Chapman. Is this my feeling??? !!!!!WHAT A LESSON FROM A YOUNG GIRL!!!!!!

## If You Were Granted Just One Wish

Dan Jenkins

The fervor which swept across this nation seeking to win the \$500,000,000 lottery is remarkable. It is amazing to see how so many Americans think that money would bring them true happiness. The reality is that past winners of lotteries just could not handle that kind of money and their lives were ruined by such a "blessing."

As a child, we thought about finding that bottle with the genie inside who would grant us three wishes. It was rather fun to see how our friends used their wishes to bring them imaginary happiness. It was fun, but the truth is there is no magic genie.

Suppose that you could ask God to give you just one thing. What would it be? Take just a moment to think about this before you continue reading. If He promised to grant your one request, what would you ask for? What above all else would bring you the greatest joy?

David, the man after God's own heart, prayed that God would just do one for him. His words were, "One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek . . ." Now if these were your words how would you finish his sentence? What one thing above all else would you ask God to give you? David desired one thing. He knew the nature of God was to answer his prayer so he asked God to give him just one thing.

"One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in His temple" (Psa. 27:4). Nothing in this world would bring greater happiness to David than this one request.

Look at the first part of David's wish. He longed to dwell in the house of the Lord as long as he lived. There is more to this than for David to physically be in the tabernacle (the temple had not yet been built). Above all else he wanted to be with God. What about us? Paul defines the house of the Lord as the church (1 Tim. 3:15). David's one request is so readily available for us!

He longed to behold the beauty of the Lord. Take time to think about the beauty of our God. David lived before Emmanuel came. He never saw God in the flesh, but we see Him every time we read the New Testament. God is beautiful. We are able to see the beauty of the Lord far better than David ever did!

Finally, David longed to inquire of the Lord. David only had, at best, nine books of the Bible. We have sixty six! We can inquire and know far more than David ever did. He longed to let God instruct him. We are more blessed than David!

The true blessings in this life are spiritual. Don't waste your life chasing foolish wishes that are so material. David's one wish should be the one we first think of!

*Wishing you every  
happiness this Holiday  
Season and throughout  
the coming year!*

## UPCOMING

### SERVICES CHRISTMAS DAY

*Regular Service Times*

## THANKS

*Special thanks to those  
you participated in the  
caroling this past Sunday.  
You all did a great job.*

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Bobbie Chapman,  
Sammie Pilgrim, Wayne Vandygriff, David  
Smith

**HOSPITAL:** Jodie Criswell (TCH), Ralph  
Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law, *Address:  
Room 442 West, Methodist Le Bonheur  
Germantown Hospital, 7691 Poplar Avenue,  
Germantown, TN 38138*), Zoe Wade (Le  
Bonheur)

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Pat Shackelford,  
David Smith, Cheryl Chapman, J.C.  
Newby

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Theo Smith, Joe  
Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother),  
Malone Hurt, Gerohn Childs, Junior  
Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss,  
Joanie Kate Reese, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Ralph Shaw (Janie  
Chapman's Son-in-law), Haley Loveless,  
Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Lennox  
Kennamore (Leukemia), Johnnie  
Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz,  
Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's  
Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury,

•**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health &  
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