

December 26, 2021

**Announcements**  
Danny Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**  
Tripp Yancey

**Opening Prayer**  
Ricky Cissom (A.M.)  
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Ross Shackelford (A.M.)  
Eli Carter (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
J C Newby

**Count and Usher**  
Randell Koon & Bryan Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
J C Newby (12/29/21)

### OUR RECORD

**December 19, 2021**

Sunday Bible Study: 88  
Sunday Morning Worship: 103  
Sunday Evening Worship: 87  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 85

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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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## YOU HAVE HEARD, BUT DID YOU UNDERSTAND? No. 1 James Pilgrim

Jesus, in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) said, "Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy." (Matthew 5:43). Likely, they read Deuteronomy 7:1-23, or some similar verse(s). They failed to rightly divide the scriptures (2 Timothy 2:15). Had they read Psalm 119:104 and 128, "hate every false way", they would not have reached such wrong conclusions, but would have loved the stranger as themselves who dwelled with them. (Leviticus 19:33,34).

Love is beautifully pictured in the New Testament. Read Matthew 5:45-48; Romans 12:9, 10, 14, 17-26; Luke 10:25-28; etc. Perhaps there was no greater enemy to the church than Saul of Tarsus. (1 Timothy 1:15). However, Saul was in the group God loved (John 3:16), and for whom Jesus died. (Romans 5:6-9; 3:10-18; Acts 7:54-8:3; (9:1, 2; etc.). Murderers, even those obedient ones who crucified Jesus (Matthew 26, 27; Acts 2), sorcerers (Acts 8:9-13), and others (1 Corinthians 6:9-11), were saved by the blood of Christ when they turned to Jesus in obedience. ((Romans 6:17, 18; Hebrews 5:18, 19; 1 Peter 1:18, 19).

The Ethiopian eunuch was a reader of Isaiah, however, he did not understand what he read. (Acts 8:28-31). At the eunuch's invitation, Philip joined himself to the chariot, and he preached Jesus unto the eunuch. (Acts 8:29-35). Phillip's preaching Jesus led the Ethiopian to understand the need to be baptized and to ask to be baptized. (Acts 8:36). The inspired preacher told him that he could be baptized if he believed with all his heart. (Acts 8:37). Upon his confession of Jesus' Deity with all his heart, Philip and the eunuch immediately went down into the water, and Philip baptized him, leading to rejoicing when they were come up out of the water. Philip had saved a soul from spiritual death, and the eunuch had been freed from sin. (James 5:20). The Ethiopian had entered Christ (Galatians 3:26, 27) and the body, church, of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13, 27; Ephesians 1:22, 23). He was saved. (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Cf. Matthew 26:28). He had now been added to the church by its builder, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:47; Matthew 16:18). You, like the eunuch, may have read these verses without understanding them, possibly because someone misinformed you about them. Now you know the truth from the word of God itself, the true source. Articles along the same line are to follow.

## YOU HAVE HEARD, BUT DID YOU UNDERSTAND? No. 2

James Pilgrim

In a previous study it was seen that one may hear a few things that were incorrectly taught, whether knowingly or not. Always study (2 Timothy 2:15) to determine if what you heard was correct or not. (Acts 17:10-11). The result of such study produced faith. (Verse 12). Perhaps you have heard that names are unimportant. However, people do not name their children Beelzebub. (Matthew 12:24). It would be very rare to find a girl named Jezebel. (1 Kings 21). This writer heard a radio preacher in the middle 1970's say, "Names are unimportant. You could call the church the jack rabbit church, and it wouldn't hurt a thing." Really! Jesus said, "I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18). Paul referred to "the churches of Christ." (Romans 16:16). Why? Because they were "the body of Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:27), which is the church. (Ephesians 1:22, 23; Colossians 1:18). The New Testament Church was not called the church of Beelzebub, Jack Rabbit, Cephas, Apollos, Paul, or any other. Neither was the church called after the doctrines and commandments of men. For example, Baptists because they baptized; Methodists because they followed methods; Seventh Day Adventists because they worshipped on the Seventh day; etc. The church wore the name of its builder, Christ. None of these others died to purchase the church. (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 1:10-17).

Beloved, speaking as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11) demands that one use the God-given name for the church.

One may even use the correct name, yet be wrong. For example, "the church of God" at Corinth had a proper name. (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 10:32; 11:22; etc.). However, they were far from being what they needed to be. A careful reading of each chapter in 1 Corinthians shows their failures, and need of repentance. They had a proper or right name, but they were slack in several things. Paul made it crystal clear that they had to correct those things which were wrong.

For example they could not continue in their parties or divisions. (1 Corinthians 1). Their carnality (fleshly, 1 John 2:15-17) had to be corrected. (1 Corinthians 4). Their failures to correct the disorderly could not continue if they were to be the true church of God. (1 Corinthians 5). The rest of this book and the other parts of the New Testament affirm the same thing.

Question: Is the church where you worship following the word of God? Have you understood what God wants, or do you follow man's ideas? Are you willing to do what you know is right, that is, correct it or leave it. Cf. Proverbs 3:5, 6; 14:12. Be like Saul of Tarsus, who changed when he came to an understanding of the truth.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS Monday, January 10th at 6PM

#### Bible Study Topics:

January – Women of the Bible  
February – Loving One Another  
March – Are We Teaching Young Ladies  
April – Effective in the Church  
May – Prayer Life

*Young and Young at Heart  
Please attend as often as possible*

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.  
(James 2:6-7)

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Margaret Smith (Myra Palmer's Sister).

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

**SICK SUNDAY:** Greg Chapman, Parker, Mason & Stephanie McAlister, John Luke & Maizey Hopper, Davis Gaillard

#### HOSPITAL:

Austin Wentz – St. Jude, Billy Stroupe (Send card: Baptist Memorial Rehabilitation, 1240 South Germantown Road, Germantown, TN 38138, Room 207)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, Patti Hall, George Doss, Joanie Kate Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** April Pounders, Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury

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