

**December 31, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Keith Newby

Opening Prayer

John Hopper (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Logan Yancey (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Terry Chapman (Presiding),

Bobby Bridges, Chase Chapman, J C Newby

Count and Usher

Bryan Davis & Kevin Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Janette Rickles & Romia Palmer

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (01/03/18)

OUR RECORD

December 24, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 116

Sunday Morning Worship: 135

Sunday Evening Worship: 109

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).



THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

“That ye all speak the same thing”
James Pilgrim

Paul (1 Corinthians 1:1) “by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” besought the churches of God...at Corinth to “all speak the same thing.” (1 Corinthians 1:2, 10). “By the name of our Lord Jesus Christ” is equal to saying, at the direction of Jesus Christ, by the authority of Jesus Christ, or because Jesus Christ told me to tell you to do so. Compare Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11. Jesus had the right to ask that such a thing be done, because He said, “All power is given to me in heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18). A similar statement was made on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1), when Peter told the sinful Jews that they had with wicked hands crucified and slain the Son of God. (Verse 23).

They realized their sin, were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, ‘Men and brethren, what shall we do?’” Peter, “filled with the Holy Ghost” (Verse 4), said, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins....” (Verse 38).

In spite of the Holy Spirit moving Paul to write, “that ye all speak the same thing” (1 Corinthians 1:10; 2:1ff; 2 Timothy 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20, 21), most Bible “scholars”, preachers, members of sectarian churches, and some Christians declare that unity cannot be achieved. Most teach and thank God for the many different churches, for division. However, Jesus prayed for unity of believers, saying, “That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.” (John 17:20-23). The fact that Jesus prayed for unity shows that it may be achieved, unless Jesus prayed amiss. (James 4:3). This Jesus did not do! The Lord’s apostles did not go into all the world preaching different doctrines. They preached the saving gospel of Christ (Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16), baptizing (Mark 16:16) repentant believers (John 8:24; Luke 13:3, 5) in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19, 20). The baptized were taught to observe all things commanded of Jesus (Matthew 28:20), not the doctrines and commandments of men. (Matthew 15:7-9). It would be the height of absurdity to think that the apostles and other teachers were of different faiths, preaching differing and conflicting doctrines!

Who would dare accuse the first century preachers and teachers of such? Why defend and promote this as a wholesome idea today?

Following the death of Jesus, and the shedding of His precious blood (1 Peter 1:19) for the remission of the sins of the world (Matthew 26:28), all were to preach and teach the saving gospel of the Christ (Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16). Unless Jesus preached differing gospels and commanded His apostles and other teachers to do so, we must all be one, speaking the same thing. (John 17:20-23; 1 Corinthians 1:10). When this was not done, those who taught the doctrines and commandments of men were rebuked. For example, the churches of God at Galatia, followed some who had led them astray. Both those led astray and those who led them away from the gospel were condemned. (Galatians 1:6-9; Compare 2 John 9-11).

The churches of Asia (Revelation 1:4, 11) were not praised for their sins, but were told to “repent” and “overcome.” (Revelation 2; 3). The church at Pergamos had some who held to “the doctrine of Balaam” and others who held to “the doctrine of the Nicolaitans.” (Revelation 2:14, 15). John was faithful to write and tell the church what the Lord said (Revelation 1:11), that He hated these things, and that they should “repent” and “overcome.” (Verses 15-17). No one teaching the saving word (James 1: 21-25), the gospel or doctrine of Christ (Romans 1:16; 2 John 9-11) was ever told to repent and overcome.

Recently, brother Lindley commented on Deuteronomy 29:29, “The secret things belong unto God”, correctly saying that God told Israel all they needed to know at the time. The writer was looking through an article he wrote in April, eight months prior. He noticed that his comment was almost word for word with what brother Lindley had said. Neither knew of the others take on the verse. They did not sit under the same teachers. However, both said the same thing. This could be done in every case, and will be when each one is content to “preach the word.” Beloved, whether “churches of Christ”, or people in other groups, “search the scriptures” (John 5:39; Acts 17:10-12). “Preach the word.” (2 Timothy 4:2). When all are faithful to do so without change, all will “speak the same thing.”

**A “Can Do” Attitude
By Jason Hart**

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). Allow me to create what I call a “step study.” A “step study” may seem a bit tedious but it can greatly help in the application of a passage.

“**I**” - Because of the first person pronoun “I,” the reader automatically becomes a part of the verse.

“**I Can**” - Saying “I can” leaves out any “I think,” “I might,” “I could,” or “I should.”

“**I Can Do**” - When we say, “I can do,” what we mean to suggest is that we can put our lives into action with confidence. It’s not just a passing thought.

“**I Can Do All Things**” - Everything within righteous reason is possible with the right attitude.

“**I Can Do All Things Through**” - There is a powerful source through which we can accomplish much. It is not beside of, over, or under - it is through.

“**I Can Do All Things Through Christ**” - Christ is the central force through whom all righteous things can be accomplished.

“**I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens**” - It is Christ, who, as our Savior, Redeemer, Mediator, High Priest, and King, provides insurmountable strength to those who love Him.

“**I Can Do All Things Through Christ Who Strengthens Me**” - Last but not least, the reader is not only encouraged by the strength that Christ provides, but by the strength He provides on an individual basis.

UPCOMING EVENTS

**REMINDER:
SUNDAY EVENING TIME – 1:30PM**

5th Sunday - December 31st
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.



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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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•**SICK SUNDAY:** Molly Moore, Sadie & Sailor Fitzgerald, Mallory Chapman, Connie Davis, John Luke Hopper, Wanda Yancey

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Joan Berryman, Ellis Powell (Jodie & Loretta Criswell’s Grandson)

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Amy May (TCH), Rejetta Loveless (Tupelo)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Venie Holbrook, Cortney Cissom, Tony & Jane Morrison, Juanita Mauney, Tracie Gross, David Young, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hopper, George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Diane Hodges, Bobby White, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Johnny Johnson, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, 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: **Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).