

December 31, 2023

**Announcements**  
Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Keith Newby

**Scripture Reading**  
Reed Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**  
Mickey Chandler (A.M.)  
Young Men (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.)  
Young Men (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
John Hopper

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

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Brock Lindley (01/03/24)

### OUR RECORD

**December 24, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 86  
Sunday Morning Worship: 104  
Sunday Evening Worship: 93  
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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Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin  
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

**THREE KEYS TO HAPPINESS FOR 2024**  
Mark Lindley

The New Year is now well under way. Hopefully, it has been and will continue to be a happy New Year for you. Our attitudes, however, have a great impact on our happiness. We cannot always change our circumstances, but we can change our attitudes. The following are three keys you can use throughout the year to help you keep a positive attitude.

The first key is "Accept." While beginning a new year, we are reminded that another year has passed. The past year may have presented some challenges or changes which have been hard for you to accept. You may have lost a job, experienced financial problems, or lost a loved-one. You may have wasted time worrying about things which never happened, and now you regret that you wasted precious time. You may have failed morally and engaged in sinful behavior that has damaged your reputation, your self-esteem, and has embarrassed you.

I suppose we could all think of some things we would like to change about the past year, but that simply is not possible. The past is gone forever. Whatever losses, failures, or changes we experienced, we must now learn to accept. Paul wrote, "This one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). Paul did not live in the past; neither should we. Some things we must accept. "The Serenity Prayer" reminds us: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

The next key is "Adjust." If within the past year, you did fail, experience losses, or go through a major change, what are some areas in which you need to adjust your life? Do you need to give up a sinful habit? Do you want to be a better spouse? Do you want to learn more about God and His will for your life? Then, why not write down some specific, realistic goals and begin working to achieve them? God desires His people to grow: "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Peter 3:18). The New Year has so much potential for growth and positive change.

The third key is "Appreciate." Yesterday is gone; tomorrow is not yet here; but we do have today. It will only be "today" for a short time, so let's make the most of it and appreciate it. Each day is a new beginning with great potential. The psalmist wrote, "Teach us to number our days" (Psalm 90:12). In other words, make the most of each day. Today is the first day of the rest of your life! That makes today special!

Remember the three keys: Accept, Adjust, and Appreciate!

## What Money Can Buy

Jack McNeil

Ecclesiastes 5:10-15 “He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this is also vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what good is there to the owners thereof, saving the beholding of them with their eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the abundance of the rich will not suffer him to sleep. There is a sore evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept for the owners thereof to their hurt. But those riches perish by evil travail: and he begetteth a son, and there is nothing in his hand. As he came forth of his mother’s womb, naked shall he return to go as he came, and shall take nothing of his labour, which he may carry away in his hand.”

If you had as much money as Bill Gates, what would all that money buy you? Would it buy you a mansion in Heaven? Would it buy you love, happiness, or even satisfaction? The answer to all of these questions is no, of course not. These are some things money cannot buy.

Money can get you more material possessions, but it can also get you more problems. Solomon lists four of those problems in Ecclesiastes 5:11-14. First, freeloaders will follow after your money, verse 11. Second, you will lose sleep worrying about your money, verse 12. Third, money can bring you many temptations that would do you harm, verse 13. Fourth, you might lose it when you need it the most, verse 14.

Finally, Solomon tells us that we cannot take it with us when we die, verse 15. When we die all we will have left will be the treasure we have laid up for ourselves in heaven.

## Times Have Changed By A. C. Quinn

"Times have changed" is a common refrain from those who find themselves in contradiction with the Word of God. This happens especially when moral standards are involved.

First of all, one might question what folks mean when they say “Times have changed.” Are they talking about a changing culture? Are they talking about changing attitudes—one’s view of the world? It is most likely the latter.

The idea that times have changed seems to indicate to many folks that somehow God’s standards have changed with regards to the sanctity of marriage, sexual improprieties, and myriads of other sins. There is a fundamental truth that is lost in this thinking which leads many to lives of sin: “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (I John 3:4). Clearly, sin is sin, regardless how much human attitudes may change. Not only so, neither God nor his Word changes: “For I am the Lord, I change not...” (Mal. 3:6); “God is not man, that he should lie; neither the son of man that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? (Numbers 23:19); “Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away” (Matthew 24:34).

It is certain that there will be the judgment day coming. Sadly for many, what people think will not be the standard. Jesus said, “He that rejecteth me and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge hm in the last day” (John 12:48).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FIFTH SUNDAY

**Sunday, December 31, 2023**

No meal after morning service

PM Service will be regular time – 2 PM

Conducted by Young Men

*Happy New Year!*

### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

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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:** Chris Moore, Idaleigh McVey, Wayne Vandygriff, Sharon Pannell

**REHAB:** Juan Stroupe, Wilma Wood (TCH/Rehab)

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Everett Hurt, Olivia Pounders, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:)** Dorothy Hopper (John’s Mother) Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley’s Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton , David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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