

February 2, 2025

**Announcements**  
Brad McAlister

**Song Leader**  
John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**  
Mason McAlister

**Opening Prayer**  
Luke Hobson ( A.M.)  
Brock Lindley (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Michiel Criswell (A.M.)  
J C Newby (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Bryan Davis

**Count and Usher**  
Rickey Cissom & Dale Vandygriff

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Tripp Yancey (02/05/25)

**OUR RECORD**

January 26, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 87  
Sunday Morning Worship: 106  
Sunday Evening Worship: 89  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 84

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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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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## BAPTIZED AGAIN Mark Lindley

Does anyone ever need to be baptized again? On the occasion of Acts chapter 19, there were some who were baptized again. The following is the account of what happened: “And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 19:1-5).

According to the text, Paul met people in the city of Ephesus who had been baptized with the baptism of John the Baptist (verse 3), and those people were baptized “again” (verse 5). Bear in mind that John, who served as a forerunner of Christ, immersed people in water for the remission of sins (cf. Matthew 3:1-6; Mark 1:4). Why, then, would these disciples in Ephesus need to be baptized again? They had already been immersed in water. Why was that not sufficient?

The answer is that John’s baptism was no longer a valid baptism. It had become obsolete. Those who received John’s baptism were taught to believe on Christ who was to come. However, the disciples of Acts chapter 19 received John’s baptism “after” Christ had come. They had been taught to believe on Christ “who was to come,” but they should have been taught to believe on Christ who “had come” already. In fact, He had died, been buried, and raised again. When the disciples of Ephesus heard this, “they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus” (verse 5). They knew their knowledge had not been complete, and they were baptized again.

What if an adult learns that, when he was a child, water was sprinkled on him as a “form” of baptism? Now the adult understands that sprinkling, as a form of baptism, is an unscriptural practice? Should he be baptized again? What if a person was baptized to join a denomination, and later that person learns that no person of the Bible was ever baptized to join a denomination? Should he be baptized again? What if a person was baptized, believing that he was saved before being baptized? Later, he learns that Bible baptism is “for the remission of sins” (Acts 2:38). Should he be baptized again?

There was a time when John’s baptism “was” valid. Nevertheless, the disciples of Acts chapter 19 who had experienced that baptism were baptized again? In contrast, the practices just mentioned have “never been valid” or scriptural. Does it not seem reasonable that a person who has received an invalid or unscriptural baptism should be baptized again? Please be sure that you have been baptized scripturally!

## SUNDAY WAS A GREAT DAY!

James Pilgrim

All Sundays are great days at Chapman. Sunday is the first day of the week, our day of worship. Each of us may say as did John, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day....” (Revelation 1:10). We have the privilege to “worship God” (Revelation 22:9) on the day “God raised Him from the dead”, the first day of the week. (Acts 13:30; Luke 24:1-6).

Thanks to our elders, also called bishops (1 Timothy 3:1; Titus 1:5), who watch for our souls (Acts 20:28) and rule over us (Hebrews 13:7, 17), they faithfully provide the first day of the week, according to the will of God for this privilege. (Hebrews 10:25). “Whose faith follow.” (Hebrews 13:7).

Sunday was also great day because we heard brother Lindley deliver his normal three (4) excellent lessons from the word of God: (1) Radio Program, WHY MANY DELAY OBEDIENCE; (2) Bible Study, THINGS NO MAN CAN DO; (3) Worship, JOB’S RESPONSE TO HURT; and (4) Afternoon Worship, NOAH’S RESPONSE TO GOD BY FAITH. We should all be better.

This writer’s emotions got to him when the ladies and girls so beautifully sung their part of the chorus on one of the songs. How beautiful they taught and admonished in song. (Ephesians 5:19; Romans 15:9; Hebrews 2:12). Thanks be unto God for what our ladies and girls bring to our worship with their beautiful voices.

Our younger song leaders thrill our hearts. Singing well is difficult, but leading is certainly a treasure. We see good singing at Chapman as these younger leaders grow in many ways. (1 Timothy 4:12; Ecclesiastes 12:1, 13, 14). Keep it up, adding to your present abilities.

It was also great to see the number who turned out to participate in the Lads to Leaders and

Leaderettes program, both adults and young people. It is good to see the number of adults who want to help our younger ones develop. It is also encouraging to see younger ones whom we believe will before long become Christians. Brother Barrett Chapman used to tell the writer,

“Look at the number of young ones we have running around here.” He believed based upon what he saw that the church had a bright future.

Where has brother Williford been? He, being modest, has pointed to others to lead singing. However, this will no longer be acceptable. He not only can lead singing, but he also has written some songs. We have other men who are able to direct us in singing. Get one ready for our next fourth Sunday singing.

This is all encouraging. However, it is easy to become satisfied. May this never be true of us.

We must labor daily to build on what we have and are. May all of our Sundays be great. Each of us doing our part can make it so. Will you do your part?

### The Slothful Sluggard Jack McNeil

The Biblical word I would like to discuss today is “Sluggard.” The Hebrew word thus translated is found twelve times in the Book of Proverbs. Five times it is translated “sluggard” and the other seven times it is translated “slothful.” The English words sluggard and slothful both indicate slowness of movement. Slothful is defined as, “habitual disinclination to exertion; indolence; laziness...” (Dictionary.com) and Sluggard describes a person, “who is habitually inactive or lazy...” (Dictionary.com). A sluggard can simply be called a slothful person. Proverbs uses these terms numerous times to encourage the reader to become active and even proactive in every aspect of their lives and especially to be so in regard to their spiritual lives. A summary of how the Hebrew word is used in Proverbs demonstrates the characteristics of the slothful sluggard.

The slothful sluggard refuses to labor (Proverbs 21:25 and 24:30-31). The slothful sluggard makes excuses for not doing anything: “There’s a lion!” (Proverbs 22:13; 26:13) “It’s too cold!” (Proverbs 20:4). These lame excuses and flat refusal to do anything only make the slothful sluggard’s life more difficult. His way is fraught with thorns that impede him. (Proverbs 15:19).

The slothful sluggard is like a man who is sleeps all the time, but gets no rest. (Proverbs 6:9; 26:14). Finally, the slothful sluggard is unreliable and brings only bitterness to those who would attempt to rely upon him. (Proverbs 10:26).

All of this is why, Solomon encourages the slothful sluggard to look to or imitate the ant. (Proverbs 6:6-11). The ant may be small, but it works hard and is proactive with regard to seeing to its needs. A slothful sluggard, both spiritually and physically is the very opposite of what a Christian ought to be. “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might...” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ...” (Colossians 3:23-24).

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

**HOME SICK:** Wayne Vangygriff, Jeff Brewer, Brock Lindley, Angela Bridges

**HOSPITAL:** Joy Simmons (TCH/Rehab)

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Rita Rutherford

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman’s Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz.

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

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