

May 11, 2025

Announcements  
Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader  
John Hopper

Scripture Reading  
Tim McMillin

Opening Prayer  
Randell Koon ( A.M.)  
David Smith (P.M.)

Closing Prayer  
J C Newby (A.M.)  
James Pilgrim (P.M.)

Lord’ s Table  
Kevin Shackelford

Count and Usher  
Bobby Bridges & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader  
Mason McAlister (05/14/25)

OUR RECORD  
May 4, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 87  
Sunday Morning Worship: 115  
Sunday Evening Worship: 94  
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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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**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## DO NOT WAIT FOR THE KINGDOM By Mark Lindley

A few weeks ago a couple of nice gentlemen associated with a religious denomination knocked at my door. After introducing themselves, they got to the point they wanted to discuss: the kingdom of Christ. They insisted that the kingdom would soon be established. It was a beautiful, sunny Saturday morning, and I had plans for the day. Nevertheless, I invited the men in and asked them if they would be willing to listen as I shared biblical information about the kingdom. I then set forth the following thoughts:

First, Jesus taught, roughly 2,000 years ago, that the kingdom was then “at hand” (Matthew 4:17). The term “at hand” means “to draw nigh, approach, or to be near.” Therefore, the kingdom was “near” when Jesus was here on earth, about 2,000 years ago.

Second, Jesus promised that some who lived during the days of the first century would see the establishment of the kingdom. He said: “Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power” (Mark 9:1). If Christians of our day are still waiting for the kingdom to come, then Jesus’ prediction failed. He predicted that some who lived during the first century would see the kingdom established. Did they? Or was Jesus wrong? Surely, no one would accuse Jesus of being wrong about His prediction.

Third, Jesus identified the kingdom as the church: “And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church...And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 16:18-19). The church Jesus would build is identified in this text as the kingdom. This shows that the Lord's kingdom is a spiritual kingdom.

Fourth, the church has already been established; therefore, the kingdom (which is the church) is already in existence, and it has been since the time of Acts chapter 2 when the church was established. Paul wrote to the church: “Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Colossians 1:13). First century church members had already been “translated” into the kingdom, because the kingdom is the church.

Friend, Jesus is not coming to set up a kingdom in Jerusalem and reign for a thousand years on a literal throne. This is false doctrine. The Bible does not teach such. Rather, the Bible teaches that the kingdom of Christ is spiritual—it is the church!

I do not believe the kind gentlemen accepted these biblical facts, but rejecting teachings of the New Testament does not change the truth. Please accept the truth of God’s Word!

## CORRECTION!!! AND LESSONS

### James Pilgrim

Last week's bulletin carried an article entitled, "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES—NO. 2." There was a gross misstatement in paragraph number four. Likely, you knew what was written was not right and not what the writer meant or believes. What should have been written is, "Fourth, according to Jehovah's Witness doctrine, there will be no such thing as hell. (Truth, Pages 41-45). What does the Bible say? A body with a spirit is alive, but when the spirit leaves the body there is death. (James 2:26). All dead bodies are buried lifeless to be raised. (John 5:28, 29; 11:1-46). All dead spirits, whether like the beggar and Abraham, or the wicked rich man, are carried to hell (Hades, not Gehenna, the eternal lake of fire and brimstone (Luke 16:19-31), to be raised and judged. (Matthew 24:36 thru 25). The wicked will "go away into everlasting punishment" (Matthew 24:46), "the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death." (Revelation 21:8). The righteous will receive "life eternal." (Matthew 25:46; Revelation 22:14; 21:1-4).

Lessons are herein learned. Some say it doesn't matter what one believes as long as one is honest and sincere. If this is true, why did Paul correct those at Mars Hill? (Acts 17:22-31). If true, why did Jesus say He would deny some entrance into the kingdom of heaven? (Matthew 7:21-23).

If true, why did Jesus condemn the Pharisees for attributing His casting out devils by Beelzebub the prince of the devils? (Matthew 12:22-30). If true, why were the Corinthians rebuked for not withdrawing from the disorderly? (1 Corinthians 5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6ff). If true, why were we told to examine ourselves whether we be in the faith? (2 Corinthians 13:5). If true, why were Hymenaeus, Alexander and Philetus delivered to Satan for blaspheming (1 Timothy 1:19, 20; 2 Timothy 2:15-18). Indeed, why were many others condemned and corrected for teaching things that were wrong? See New Testament scriptures.

It does matter what one believes. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." (Ephesians 4:4-6). The body is the church. (Ephesians 1:22, 23). There is one baptism by burial (Romans 6:1-5) in water (John 3:1-5, 23; Acts 8:35-39), for (EIS, to bring about) the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16), to be added (Acts 2:41, 47) to the one body (church) of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:13, 27). Paul told the Corinthians,

"There is none other God but one. For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or in earth, (as there be gods many, and Lords many,) But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him: and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." (1 Corinthians 8:4-6).

The late beloved Marshall Keeble said, "The Bible is right." He was right. Obey God and be saved in heaven. (Revelation 22:14; Matthew 11:28-30; Revelation 22:17). "Watch", "be ye also ready", and "pray always" (Matthew 24:42, 44; 25:13; Luke 21:36) to gain heaven. Read Ephesians 6:10-18, and do what it says to miss Gehenna (Eternal hell).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LADS2LEADERS CEREMONY

*All participates did an awesome job.  
So proud of you.*

### BABY SHOWER

*Breanna Bullock*

It's a girl!  
**Sunday, May 18th**  
3:30-4:30  
Chapman Fellowship Hall

### SENIOR DAY

*DATE CHANGED*

**Sunday, June 1st**  
After Evening Service  
Fellowship Hall

Congratulations to our 2025 graduating  
high school senior:

*MiKayla Hope Chapman*

**Valedictorian & Star Student**

**Pine Grove High School**

*Please make plans to join us in  
wishing her well in her future  
endeavors.*

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 15-18**  
10 AM Bible Study  
10:45 AM Worship  
2 PM Evening Service  
(VBS after Evening Service)  
Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Happy Mother's Day!

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

### ❖EXPECTING MOTHERS

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Pat Shackelford,  
Juan Stroupe, Debbie Chapman

❖**HOSPITAL:** Mike Stroupe

❖**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Doss  
Brewer

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb  
McAlister, Wilma Wood, Pam Mathis,  
Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe  
Clark, Thad Berryman, John Walker  
Perry

❖**CANCER:** Maverick Speck (3 yr.  
old), Cindy Moffitt, Nadine Hurt, Kenny  
James, Chris Grisham, Benny Wallis, Billy  
Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy  
McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George  
Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Loxlee  
Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley  
Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin  
Clifton, Austin Wentz

❖**SHUT-INS:** *Home:* Janie Chapman,  
Juanita Michael *Tippah County Health &  
Rehab:* Romia Palmer, Joe Clark  
**Dogwood Plantation:** Joy Simmons

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