

May 4, 2025

Announcements

Dale Vandygriff

Song Leader

Larry Wood

Scripture Reading

Parker McAlister

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman ( A.M.)

Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Mickey Chandler (A.M.)

Bo Chapman (P.M.)

Lord' s Table

Tommy Wade

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges & Jimmy Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (05/07/25)

### OUR RECORD

April 27, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 90

Sunday Morning Worship: 105

Sunday Evening Worship: 90

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 92

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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

## “IF WE KNEW THE BURDENS OF OTHERS...”

**Mark Lindley**

It is not surprising that the Scriptures describe this life as being “full of trouble” (Job 14:1). At any given moment, either we or those we know and love are struggling with burdens and trials. Sickness, financial setbacks, marital problems, poor health in old age, mental and emotional problems, death—all of these bring trouble to our lives.

There are times when others are dealing with such problems, and we may not realize they are having such a difficult time.

If we only knew the struggles others were facing, it might cause us to interact with them in a more Christ-like spirit. For example, if we knew the burdens of others we might be lest judgmental. Paul admonishes: “Let us not therefore judge one another any more” (Romans 14:13). Perhaps, we would understand why one talks or acts a certain way if we only knew the challenges he is facing. This understanding would surely cause us to have more compassion and to be less judgmental.

Further, if we knew the burdens of others, we might be kinder and more forgiving. Scripture says, “And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:32). For the one whose soul is burdened with care, a kind, encouraging word may make one’s burden lighter. Too, those who are facing trials may, because of the stress they are under, say things which might hurt our feelings. However, if we were facing the same situation, we would want others to forgive us; therefore, we should have a forgiving attitude toward others.

If we knew the burdens of others, we would be more patient. The Bible says to “be patient toward all men” (I Thessalonians 5:14). If we had just lost a precious loved one, were having serious family problems or facing some other trial, we would appreciate someone who had patience with us. Our emotions would be on edge, and our behavior might be erratic. During such times, we need others to be patient with us; therefore, we should practice the Golden Rule and offer our patience to others (Matthew 7:12).

No, we never know what trials and burdens others might be facing. Therefore, we should determine that we will not have a judgmental attitude and that we will be kind, forgiving, and patient to all. By doing so, we emulate the example of Christ and will help to strengthen and encourage those who may be coping with hardships.

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES—NO. 2

### James Pilgrim

An article was written last week in response to material received from someone who was assumed to be a member of the Jehovah's Witness Church. This second and last article relating to this religion deals with a few things they also teach. First, in the "New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures", their Bible, they call the Holy Spirit "God's active force" (Genesis 1:2), and translations where they refer to the Holy Spirit are spelled with lower case letters h and s. In other words, they do not believe the Holy Spirit is God. This in spite of the fact that an inspired apostle, Peter, called the Holy Spirit, God. (Acts 5:3, 4). Further, the writers of the scriptures were not moved by a godlike one to reveal the word, but by God. (2 Peter 1:20, 21; 1 Timothy 3: 16, 17).

Secondly, in "The Truth that leads to ETERNAL LIFE", a Jehovah's Witness publication, Jesus is called "a god" and said to be only "a powerful godlike one." 1 John 5:7 declares Jesus to be one of the three personalities of the Godhead. Acts 17:29, Romans 1:20, and Colossians 2:9, each declare that there is a Godhead, and 1 John 5:7 identifies them, "the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost", saying that they are "one." The Word and Spirit left heaven and took on different roles upon earth, the Word (Jesus) became Savior, and the Spirit becoming Comforter and revealer of the word. (1 Timothy 3:16; John 14:16; 15:26; 16:7; 2 Peter 1:20, 21).

Thirdly, Jehovah's Witnesses teach "the dead are unconscious and lifeless", saying, "Their thoughts have ceased." (Truth, Pages 34, 35). The body is lifeless (John 11:11-17, 23; 5:21, 28, 29), but the spirit is very much alive: Consider Abraham, the poor beggar and the rich man. (Luke 16:19-31).

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 that body there is death. (James 2:26). The dead bodies are buried lifeless to be raised. (John 5:28, 29). The dead spirits are carried to Hades alive (Luke 16:19-31) to be called forth and judged (Matthew 24, 25), and some will "go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal" (Matthew 25:46), that is, hell (Gehenna), the second death (Revelation 21:8), or heaven (Revelation 22:14; 21:1-4).

Fifth, Jesus promised to build His Church. What did He call it? The church wears the name of the builder, the Christ, thus the body of Christ, the church of Christ. (Ephesians 1:22, 23; Matthew 16:13-19; Romans 16:16). Why when do some call themselves after Jehovah or the Holy Spirit? This would be true of any and all others. Call yourselves after the One who died for you. That is a way that is right and cannot be wrong. Be sure you're right, then go ahead.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### LADS2LEADERS CEREMONY

**Sunday, May 4th**  
After Evening Service  
Fellowship Hall

*\*Ladies please bring finger foods.*

### 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*

*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

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Christine Grisham (Aunt of Jarvene & Danny Shackelford).

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

❖ **EXPECTING MOTHERS**

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

❖ **HOSPITAL:** Mike Stroupe

❖ **SURGERY:** Doss Brewer

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

❖ **CANCER:** 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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