

May 10, 2026

**Announcements**  
Dale Vandygriff

**Song Leader**  
John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**  
Reed Shackelford

**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 & Brandon Dees

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Mason McAlister (05/13/26)

### OUR RECORD

**May 3, 2026**

Sunday Bible Study: 77  
Sunday Morning Worship: 96  
Sunday Evening Worship: 71  
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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper, Rickey  
Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

### WHY DOES THE CHURCH OF CHRIST NOT USE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC IN WORSHIP? Mark Lindley

Visitors to services of the church of Christ notice that there is no instrumental music in worship. This might seem a bit odd since denominations have pianos, organs, guitars, and drums.

The simple reason churches of Christ do not use instrumental music in worship is that it is not authorized. By "authorized," I mean that there is no Biblical authority for having instrumental music in worship. Rather, the Scriptures teach that we are to "sing."

Some say, "Well, David used instruments of music in the Old Testament.

Just read Psalm 150." Anytime someone refers to the Old Testament for authority that reveals two very important points concerning this issue: 1) the person who refers to David admits the need for "Biblical" authority; otherwise, that person would say, "Well, I just like it, and that is why we should have it." Rather than doing that, the person points to the Old Testament for "Biblical" authority. 2) The person who points to David and the Old Testament for authority is admitting that such authority "cannot be found in the New Testament." If the New Testament authorized instrumental music in worship, instead of referring to the Old Testament, the person who tried to justify it would appeal to the New Testament for authority.

This shows there is no New Testament authority for instrumental music in worship, and since we today are living under the New Testament, we must follow its teachings. The Old Testament has been "taken out of the way" and "nailed to the cross" (Colossians 2:14). Paul wrote, "But now we are delivered from the law" (Romans 7:6). We all recognize that Christians are not bound to practice circumcision, offer animal sacrifices, keep the Passover, or worship at the Old Testament temple. Why not? Because we are not living under the Old Testament. It is not our authority for worshipping the Lord today.

The New Testament teaches that we are to sing and make melody "in our hearts" unto the Lord (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16). Paul wrote, "I will sing with the Spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also" (I Corinthians 14:15). Notice: "I will sing," not "sing and play."

It might be surprising to some, that well-known men of the past who started and/or served in some of the prominent denominations among us opposed instrumental music in worship, for the same reason I have given. Charles Spurgeon, John Wesley, Adam Clark, and many others opposed instrumental music in worship. They recognized the instrument was not authorized. If you attend services where instruments are used, please consider these things. The Lord has given us instruction for worship...He expects us to abide by it (John 4:24; Colossians 3:17).

## Thank You Mom By Rick Woodall

"Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise--"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." - Eph 6:2-3

In a little town in Taylor County West Virginia Anna Jarvis in 1907 began a campaign to establish a national Mother's Day. The special day would fall on the anniversary of her mother's death. So on May 10, 1908 the day was observed in Philadelphia Pennsylvania where Jarvis had recently moved. It wasn't until 1914 that president Woodrow Wilson made the official announcement to the nation that every 2nd Sunday of May would be a national day of observance.

Mother's Day is a special day in which we take a moment to honor the women who make a difference in our lives. It is not very often we hear good news these days about the Mother's who as my gift reminds me "rock the cradle that rules the world."

In my years of Christian service I had the privilege of interviewing senior statesmen, great community leaders and church leaders who are making a difference in all of our lives. In our first few weeks after moving to Logansport Indiana I was given a personal invitation to meet with Mayor Michael Fincher. Mayor Fincher impressed me as he spoke in tears about his mother. I am convinced that the world is a better place because of all mothers' that were readers, teachers and fitting examples. Dedicated mothers produce determined children. We all know that it takes a considerable amount of determination to make a difference in today's world.

So take some time this Mother's Day to remember Mom. The apostle Paul reminds his "son in the faith" (Timothy) where his personal faith originated. "I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also." – 2 Tim 1:5

This Life Thoughts is dedicated to my Mom who has made many sacrifices and uttered many prayers that have made a tremendous difference in many of my major decisions in life. Thank you Mom.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CONGRATULATIONS

To our 2026 University graduates:

**Sydney Yancey**, Doctorate of Pharmacy  
University of Mississippi

**Eli Carter**, Masters of Science – Sports Management, Business Administration (Minor)  
University of Tennessee

**Lauren Carter**, Doctorate of Optometry  
Pennsylvania College of Optometry

### SENIOR DAY May 17, 2026

After Evening Service - Fellowship Hall  
Congratulations to our 2026 graduating high school seniors:

*Ella Reese Shackelford*

*Barry Eugene Yancey III*

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

### CHAPMAN YOUTH May 24, 2026

OUT OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION  
After Evening Service  
Booneville Park

### FIFTH SUNDAY May 31, 2026

10 AM: Bible Study  
10:45 AM: AM Worship  
**12 Noon: Fellowship Meal**  
1:30 PM: Evening Service

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS Monday, June 1st - 6:30 PM

At South Main Events  
102 South Main Street, Ripley

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ **SICK SUNDAY:** Mickey Chandler, Pat Shackelford

❖ **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Yancey, Dennis Hopper, King McCarver

❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖ **CANCER:** Dennis Hopper, (John's Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison's Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison's Niece)

❖ **SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

*Mother's*

*hold their child's hand for a moment and their heart for a*

*Lifetime.*

*Happy Mother's Day!*

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