June 29, 2025

Announcements David Smith

> Song Leader John Hopper

Scripture Reading Ross Shackelford

Opening Prayer Tommy Wade ( A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

Closing Prayer Randell Koon (A.M.) Young Mean (P.M.)

> Lord's Table Bryan Davis

Count and Usher Rickey Loveless & Brock Lindley

Wednesday Night Song Leader Tripp. Yancey (07/02/25)

OUR RECORD June 22, 2025 Sunday Bible Study: 83 Sunday Morning Worship: 94 Sunday Evening Worship: 63 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 82

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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19).
Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
Be Baptized for Remission of Sins (Acts 2:38).
Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10).



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# THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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**PREACHER: Mark Lindley** 

### "I HATED LIFE" Mark Lindley

Who would make such a statement? Life is a precious blessing from God that is to be treasured and enjoyed (John 10:10; I Timothy 6:17; James 4:14). Why, then, would one hate life?

It might surprise you that the one who made this statement was extremely wealthy, famous, and powerful. Yet, in spite of his riches and fame, he was a miserable man. The man was Solomon, one of the kings of God's people of the Old Testament. Notice his statement: "Therefore I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun is grievous unto me: for all is vanity and vexation of spirit" (Ecclesiastes 2:17).

Many people today live paycheck to paycheck, and we might have a tendency to think that a million dollars would solve our problems and make us happy. However, Solomon had millions in silver and gold (I Kings 10:14, 27). Was he happy? Those who genuinely want to serve the Lord, work to control themselves. We deny ourselves sinful pleasures that we might live clean, moral lives. Nevertheless, we might imagine that if we could just party and live without moral restraints-"eat, drink, and be merry"—we would be happy. On the other hand, we read in Scripture that Solomon had all the wine and women his heart desired (Ecclesiastes 2:3; I Kings 11:3). Was he happy? "If only we had better clothes, a nicer house, and fancy cars and trucks, we would be happy," a married couple might say. Yet, Solomon owned houses, vineyards, orchards, cattle, and any other material thing he desired (Ecclesiastes 2:4-10). Was he happy? The answer is, no. Solomon had and experienced many things which people believe would make them happy. Happiness, however, cannot be found in riches, fame, sensual pleasure, or in material possessions. The man who sets his heart on these things may well end up saying along with Solomon, "I hate life." Then how can we be happy and fulfilled? Here is Solomon's answer: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

#### PURE AND UNDEFILED RELIGION—

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#### James Pilgrim

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes of Israel which are scattered abroad, greeting." (James 1:1). In verse 27, James defines "pure religion," saying, "visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." This third and final installment looks at remaining "unspotted from the world." Paul, inspired of God (Galatians 2:11, 12), wrote, Christians are to be different, and "are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:11). Paul concludes, "Know ye not that your bodies are members of his" as a result of being baptized into it, the church, the body of Christ. (1 Corinthians 12:13, 27; Ephesians 1:22, 23; Acts 2:41, 47).

In the sermon on the mount, Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God." (Matthew 5:8). We are to think on things that are pure (Philippians 4:8), maintain "charity out of a pure heart" (1 Timothy 1:5), maintain "pure consciences" (1 Timothy 3:9), keep ourselves pure (1 Timothy 5:22), "call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Timothy 2:22), "love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Peter 1:22), maintain "pure minds" (2 Peter 3:1), purify self (2 Peter 3:1), purify self as Jesus is (1 John 3:3), etc. These are descriptions of those who "draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water" (Hebrews 10:22), that is, to "be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord."(Acts 22:16; Romans 10:13).

"He that is dead is freed from sin." (Romans 6:7; Acts 22:16). Christians are to remain free from sin. (1 John 2:1). The child of God is to no longer live in "the works of the flesh...which are, Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like...they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (Galatians 5:19-21; Cf. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Romans 1:18-32; Revelation 21:8; etc.). "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world, If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (1 John 2:15-17).

Rather, we are to remain unspotted from the world, being "be faithful" (Revelation 2:10), "stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor in not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58).

Paul wrote, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also the church, and gave himself for it; that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish."

May each of us always present the church to those around us as a pure body, as Jesus left it.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** Congratulations to **Sailor Fitzgerald** and **Penelope Chapman**! The Bible recipients for bringing the most visitors to 2025 Vacation Bible School.

FIFTH SUNDAY June 29<sup>th</sup> NO MEAL AFTER MORNING SERVICES.

## YOUTH NIGHT July 20<sup>th</sup> 5 PM Speaker: Ben Siegel Fellowship meal will follow.

#### 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.

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Elijah Jumper.

EXPECTING MOTHERS: Kristen McVey

**SICK AT HOME:** Juan Stroupe, Debbie Chapman, Doris Williford, Kelli Brewer

✦HOSPITAL: Breanna Bullock (Tupelo), Wilma Wood (TCH), Maynon Mauney (TCH), Asher Sheffield (Newborn/ICU – Blake & Morgan Dees' grandson)

**SURGERY RECOVERY** : Jimmy Williford (24<sup>th</sup>)

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

◆CANCER: Kelly Foster, Paula Curtis, Maverick Speck (3 yr. old), Cindy Moffitt, 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/New Albany: Joy Simmons Corner Stone/ Corinth: Mike Stroupe

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