

July 13, 2025

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jarvene Shackelford

### Song Leader

John Hopper

### Scripture Reading

Parker McAlister

### Opening Prayer

Kevin Shackelford (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

### Closing Prayer

J C Newby (A.M.)

Larry Wood (P.M.)

### Lord's Table

Bryan Davis

### Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandgygriff

### Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brice Lindley (07/16/25)

## OUR RECORD

July 6, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 73

Sunday Morning Worship: 90

Sunday Evening Worship: 70

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 80

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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

## “TOO BUSY”

**Mark Lindley**

To be busy means to be “engaged in activity” or “full of action.” The opposite of being busy is being idle. The Scriptures condemn idleness: “Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; and an idle soul shall suffer hunger” (Proverbs 19:15). In one of Jesus’ parables the question is raised, “Why stand ye here all the day idle?” (Matthew 20:6). It is good, therefore, to be busy.

However, it is possible to be so busy that one has no time for God. When encouraged to read the Bible daily, visit the sick, faithfully attend worship services, or to be active in the work of the church, we sometimes will respond: “I would like to, but I can’t. I’m just too busy.”

The irony of such a statement is that we are *not too busy* to do the things we want to do. We make time for ballgames, going out to eat, school activities, social functions, fishing and hunting, golfing, shopping, visiting with friends, etc. This indicates that the real problem is not a lack of time, but a lack of spiritual priorities. We must prioritize our lives so that we *make* time for God; otherwise, we will never have the time.

The Lord demands first place in our lives: “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). Instead of living for self, always doing the things we want to do, we must deny self in order to serve Christ.

One day, if the Lord doesn’t come first, we will all have time to die (Ecclesiastes 3:1-2). We will also have time to be judged by God, and to go to Heaven or Hell (II Corinthians 5:10; Matthew 25:46). In order to be ready for these events, we must find time—now, in this life—for God.

Thanks be to God that Jesus was not “too busy” to die on the cross for our sins. Surely in view of His tremendous sacrifice, we should make time for serving Him. “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matthew 6:33).

# MY WAY OR GOD’S WAY?

James Pilgrim

There is a fast food restaurant which tells everyone to have it your way. A popular song says, “I Did it My Way.” Many people have this mind set. One lady in discussing the music to be used in worship, told this writer, “I like using mechanical instruments in worship.” She represents many. In other words, masses choose to use what they like, want, and are going to do over what God has said. Some just do not know what should be done. What does God say?

God has had three (3) laws: Patriarchal; Mosaical; and Christian. At first, all lived under Patriarchal law (Genesis 6:1ff) until God gave the law through Moses (Exodus 20; Deuteronomy 5). The Mosaical law lasted until it was replaced by the law of Christ. (Hebrews 8:6-13; 2 Corinthians 3). All are now to “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage...Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.” (Galatians 5:1, 4). David invented instruments of music, which God condemned (Amos 6:1-6), and some mechanical instruments were used under the Old Testament (Psalm 149; 150). However, whether approved or not (Amos 6:1-6; Acts 17:30, 31), one must go to the Old Testament for one’s authority to use mechanical instruments of music. (Cf. Galatians 5:1, 4).

Under the New Testament, we have the following approved examples: Matthew 26:30 (“sung an hymn”); Acts 16:25 (“sang praises”); Romans 15:9 (“sing unto thy name”); 1 Corinthians 14:15

(“I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.”); Ephesians 5:19 (“Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord.”); Colossians 3:16 (“teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”); Hebrews 2:12 (“in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.”); James 5:13 (“Is any merry? let him sing psalms.”). If one does no more or no less than God says, what will one do when worshipping God? Make it as sure as you can. Sing. (Proverbs 30:6, “Add thou not...”).

If one goes back to the Old Testament for authority to use mechanical instruments of music in worship, one is admitting that there is no New Testament authority for using mechanical instruments of music in worship, and one is falling from grace. (Cf. John 1:17). Additionally, one is failing to repent. (Acts 17: 30, 31; Amos 6:1-6, “Woe to them...That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick like David.” Cf. Deuteronomy 4:2; Proverbs 30:6; Revelation 22:18, 19; 1 Peter 4:11; Colossians 3:17.

The same holds true with many other things. For example, the name of the church, how to be saved, falling from grace, morality, marriage (adulterous, LGBTQ), organization of the church, worship of the church, mission of the church, and more.

Friend, let us speak where the Bible speaks, and remain silent where the Bible is silent, being loving in all things. The Chapman Church seeks to do just that. We have a preacher who upholds the will of God, an eldership which supports gospel preaching and godly living, deacons who are ready unto every good work, and a membership which supports good works. “Come thou with us, and we will do thee good.” (Numbers 10:29).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

# YOUTH NIGHT

July 20<sup>th</sup>

5 PM

Speaker: Ben Siegel

*Fellowship meal will follow.*

Flyers available in foyer – start inviting!!!

# TEXAS FLOODING

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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 Margaret Moore (Tim McMillin’s Aunt) and Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe’s Mother).

❖**EXPECTING MOTHERS:** Kristen McVey

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Rickey Cissom, Chase Chapman, Juan Stroupe, Debbie Chapman, Doris Williford, Pat Shackelford

❖**HOSPITAL:** Breanna Bullock (Tupelo), Maynon Mauney (TCH), Asher Sheffield (Newborn/ICU – Blake & Morgan Dees’ grandson)

❖**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Caleb McAlister, 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 *Dogwood Plantation/New Albany:* Joy Simmons *Corner Stone/ Corinth:* Mike Stroupe

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