

July 20, 2025

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jarvene Shackelford

### Song Leader

Keith Newby

### Scripture Reading

Reed Shackelford

### Opening Prayer

Ross Shackelford ( A.M.)

Danny Shackelford (P.M.)

### Closing Prayer

Andy Reese (A.M.)

Bryan Davis (P.M.)

### Lord's Table

Tommy Wade

### Count and Usher

Michiel Criswell & Jimmy Vandygrieff

### Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (07/23/25)

## OUR RECORD

July 13, 2025

Sunday Bible Study: 85

Sunday Morning Worship: 105

Sunday Evening Worship: 76

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 74

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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

## GOD'S LAW TRUMPS MAN'S LAW

**Mark Lindley**

God approves of civil government. In fact, the reason we have civil governments today is that God has ordained them. Paul wrote, “Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation” (Romans 13:1-2). This text instructs Christians to submit to the powers of government, understanding that these powers are of God.

However, the government of a country may make laws which are in conflict with the law of God. While God approves of civil government, that does not mean that He approves of every law of government. When law-makers make laws which contradict the laws of God, God's law always trumps man's law.

Daniel, an Old Testament prophet of God, was instructed to cease praying. This “law” was signed by the king and it was binding on all the people, including Daniel (Daniel 6:6-9). Daniel knew that the law prohibited praying to God. Nevertheless, Daniel intentionally broke man's law that he might keep the law of God. Knowing that the law prohibiting prayer had been signed by the king, Daniel went into his room and kept on praying to God (Daniel 6:10). Daniel knew something we should all recognize—God's law always supersedes the law of man.

A court of the land may declare that two people of the same gender can marry, but God's law warns that such relationships are abominable (Leviticus 18:22), against nature (Romans 1:26), and ungodly (II Peter 2:4-6). A piece of paper stating that two people of the same sex are married does not make it legitimate or approved of God.

Suppose a court decided to sanction bestiality, pedophilia, and polygamy. Suppose people began to argue that some are born to practice bestiality, some are born pedophiles, while others are born polygamists. Supposed laws were made and imposed on others who disagreed with these practices. Would the laws of such a corrupt government change the laws of God? No! God's law is superior to man's law.

When there is a conflict between man's law and God's law, we “ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). One day, we will all, including those who serve as court officials, be judged by God's law (John 12:48). Let those who believe in God and His Word never be ashamed to stand up for what the Bible teaches about the sanctity of marriage (Genesis 2:22-24)!

WHAT IF JESUS WERE ON FACEBOOK?  
by Don Blackwell

I wake up, grab my iPhone, turn off the alarm, and update my Facebook status. On the way to school I scroll through my friends' status updates, updating mine with the song on my iPod. At lunch, I take a picture of me and my friends and upload it to Facebook.

Now, I am chatting with my best friend in Tennessee. Status update: "Good night all. I'll text you in the morning." Such is the day of a typical American young person.

Facebook has taken the cyber world by storm and our social lives forever in a different direction. Compete.com ranked Facebook as the most used social network in the world. According to Facebook's own stats page, there are currently more than 350 million active users, and 65 million people are accessing Facebook through their phones/mobile devices. They say that the average user has 130 Facebook friends and spends more than 55 minutes a day on their site.

What if Jesus were on Facebook and he sent you a friend request. We know that such is not possible, but for the sake of illustration pretend.

Would you have to stop and think before you accepted it? Would you have to look through your pictures to be sure that you don't have any immodest pictures or anything tasteless?

Maybe make sure that you don't have any pictures taken in inappropriate places? Would you go back over your postings to be sure that you haven't said anything crude or inappropriate?

Would you scan through your list of favorite movies and music, perhaps deleting a few before you let Jesus on your site? What about the games you play? Quizzes you take?

Is there anything that would make you stop and say to yourself, "I think I'll delete that before I let Jesus on my site?" If the answer is "Yes," then why not go ahead and take it off? The fact of the matter is the Lord does look at our Facebook pages!

Proverbs 15:3 says, "The eyes of the Lord are in every place keeping watch on the evil and the good."

Not only God is watching me on Facebook, but other people are watching. What they see on my Facebook site affects what they think about me, and the church, and Christianity.

What if I have my "religious preference" listed as "church of Christ," and then I have pictures posted of me at a nightclub, or dancing, or at the beach immodestly dressed, or with an alcoholic beverage? Or what if my status update has immoral lyrics? Or maybe I'm venting, and running someone else down.

We ask, "What effect is it going to have on my non-Christian friend who looks at my site?" He might say to himself, "I do better than that, and I don't even pretend to be a Christian!" Or he might think, "What a hypocrite!"

Imagine that you are surfing Facebook, and you see that Jesus has his own site. You are excited, so you send him a friend request. Would he accept it? Most of us when we receive a friend request have some sort of criteria before we indiscriminately accept someone as our friend. We want to know if we know the person. We glance at his information, his friend list, where he lives, etc. Does Jesus have criteria for friend requests? Sure he does! He said, "You are my friends if you do whatever I command you" ( John 15:14). Therefore, to be a friend of Jesus, you have to obey him. In light of this, Christian friend, ask yourself "Would Jesus accept my friend request?"

Before you answer, consider your faithfulness in attending worship, your Bible study habits, your efforts to teach others, your giving, the way you treat other people, etc. Now, with your answers in mind, "Would Jesus accept your friend request?"

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUTH NIGHT

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

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖**EXPECTING MOTHERS:** Kristen McVey

❖**SICK AT HOME:** Breanna Bullock, Juan  
Stroupe, Pat Shackelford, Sammie Pilgrim,  
Brock Lindley

❖**HOSPITAL:** Greg Hall, Jewel Raines

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

❖**CANCER:** Jane Childs, 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,  
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Plantation/New Albany:** Joy Simmons  
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