

November 17, 2024

**Announcements**

Dale Vandygriff

**Song Leader**

John Hopper

**Scripture Reading**

Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.)

Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

David Smith (A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jimmy Vandygriff

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Larry Wood

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Tripp Yancey (11/20/24)

**OUR RECORD**

November 10, 2024

Sunday Bible Study: 93

Sunday Morning Worship: 114

Sunday Evening Worship: 85

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 76

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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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Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin Shackelford,  
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## WHO HAS THE RIGHT TO MARRY?

Mark Lindley

Marriage is one of life's greatest blessings. Although our present culture does not value marriage, no other earthly relationship is as fulfilling as the marital relationship.

However, according to the Bible, not everyone has the right to marry. There are three classes of people who can marry, with God's approval.

1. Those who have never married may marry an eligible partner. Paul affirmed that if one who has never married chooses to marry, he or she has "not sinned" (I Cor.7:28). We are created as sexual beings, and the Bible teaches that to "avoid fornication," a man should marry a woman, and a woman should marry a man (I Cor.7:2-3).

Also, marriage provides companionship. When God created Adam, God saw that it was "not good" for him to be alone (Gen.2:18). Therefore, God created Eve who would be Adam's helper and companion.

Another purpose of marriage is that children may be born within that sacred relationship. It is God's will that children be born to couples who are mature enough to be parents and who will love their children unconditionally (Gen.1:28; I Tim.5:14; Tit.2:4).

2. Those whose spouses have died may marry an eligible marriage partner. The Bible makes it clear that the marriage bond continues until death: "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man" (Rom.7:2-3). Some, whose spouses die, choose to remarry. Others choose to remain unmarried. Those who choose to remarry must choose an "eligible marriage partner" (cf. I Cor.7:39).

3. Those who have put their spouses away for the sin of fornication may remarry. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery" (Matt.19:9). It is clear from this passage, that the innocent party may divorce the guilty party (adulterer) and remarry with God's approval. However, the guilty party may not remarry. One who has been put away for fornication has no biblical right to remarry. To marry the one put away is to commit "adultery" (Matt.19:9b).

Yes, marriage is a wonderful blessing. However, not everyone man or woman is eligible to marry. If you are married, nurture your relationship and cherish your partner God has provided!

## \$ 15,000.00 to NEEDY

### James Pilgrim

Galatians 6:10 says, "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith." One of the things God has clearly set forth is for His people to help the needy, especially His people.

There were people who needed help in the first century. Acts 2, especially verses 44 and 45, is the first recorded aid being given to the saints. Acts 4:31-5:11 is another picture of those who had things helping those who were in need. Notice that those who had land or possessions, **sold** them and helped those who were in need. (Acts 4:32-37). The writer is shortly to be eighty-two (82), and he does not remember anyone selling anything to help one in need, whether a Christian(s) or lost person. However, he does remember a good number of people giving, some very generously to assist those in need. Others gave of their time. The tornadoes, one-half (1/2) mile wide and twenty-one (21) miles long, which came through the Oak Grove and Birmingham area, found Christians far and wide giving of their **time and money** to lend a helping hand to those affected. Many have helped as or according to their opportunity. (Galatians 6:10). One church in Missouri sent \$ 25,000 at the suggestion of a Christian lady.

Our elders are to be commended for sending this money to help those who lost so much. "Whose faith follow considering the end of their conversation" (manner of life) (Hebrews 13:7, 17) is more than words in the scriptures. Their actions show that they are not covetous (Hebrews 13:5), and that they take the word of God seriously. By the way, the elders are going to aid in the Ukraine work, which has resulted in many baptisms already, according to Mark Posey, faithful gospel preacher who has done much work there. Several from area churches have given a number of hours to assembling boxes for this work. These things and others show that we know that a part of our work is to evangelize and be benevolent, not to store and/or hoard our funds. Tell the elders how thankful you are for their leadership. Don't just take for granted that they know it.

Let us not forget to pray for success. Let us thank God for our blessings, and the opportunities to help others. Let us also pray that those on the receiving end will use what is given to the glory of God. (Matthew 5:16). "Peter and John went together into the temple at the hour of prayer..." (Acts 3:1). How soon after the events of Acts 2? We are not told, but it appears shortly. Prayer was an important part of their lives. (Acts 2:41, 42). Prayer ought to be as much a part of our lives as it was the Psalmist David's. He said, "Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication...As for me, I will call upon God; and the Lord shall save me.

Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice." (Psalms 55:1,16, 17; 5:2; 32:6; and many more). Pray fervently for conversions and for each one involved. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR PART IN GIVING \$ 9,995.00! The elders added the rest to make our gift \$ 15,000.00.**

**WHAT A PRIVILEGE AND BLESSING TO BE ABLE TO WRITE THIS ARTICLE!!!!**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FALL FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY

## NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

**10 AM - BIBLE STUDY**

**10:45 - AM WORSHIP**

**12 NOON - FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

**1:30 PM - EVENING SERVICE**

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

**HOME SICK:** Mickey Chandler, Bobbie Chapman

**HOSPITAL:** Janie Chapman (TCH), James Nunnally (Robin Chapman's Uncle), Danny Pannell (Tupelo)

**SUGERY RECOVERY:** Dala Vandygriff

**SUGERY/TEST:** Charlotte Lindley. Martha Criswell

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Wilma Wood, Joanie Kate Reese, Pam Mathis, Lori Chapman, Garrison Coats, Joe Clark, George Doss, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Ray Henderson, Billy Gross, Wade Carmichael, Tiny Willis, Billy McBryde (Rita Smith's Father), George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Loxlee Eaton, David South, Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Tish Clark, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS: Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Joe Clark

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