JUNE 21, 2015 ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer

Jarvene Shackelford (A.M.) Junior Derrick (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Britt Lindey (A.M.) Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

Lord's Table

John Hopper (Presiding),

Terry Chapman, Jeff Brewer, Logan Yancey

Count and Usher

Eric Melton

Casey Harris

Prepare Communion

Sandy Newby & Candace Hopper

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Logan Yancey (06/24/15)

OUR RECORD June 14, 2015

Sunday Bible Study: 117 Sunday Morning Worship: 126 Sunday Evening Worship: 102 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 107

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,654

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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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Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis,
Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SPIRITUAL? By Mark Lindley

It is rather popular in our day for a person to be "spiritual." One might ask, "What does it mean to be spiritual?" The answer(s) to that question will vary from person to person.

If you ask the "experts," you will find that being a spiritual person could involve anything from practicing yoga to caring for animals. It might also involve loving the planet, daily meditation, and loving yourself.

It seems there is no general consensus among the "spiritual advisors" about what is involved in being spiritual. However, there is one thing upon which the experts agree—being spiritual does not involve a belief in the Bible. In fact, some seem to have an agenda to separate faith in the Bible and spirituality. In their writings, those who push this agenda warn: "Believing in the Bible and going to church do not make a person spiritual." In fact, some imply that faith in the Bible and attending church services are hindrances to "true" spirituality. Being "spiritual" is considered as being "cool," enlightened, sophisticated, and modern; believing the teachings of the Bible and going to church services are for those who are "religious" at best and ignorant at worst.

But consider this. Why is there no agreement among the "experts" about the definition of a spiritual person? It seems to me that there is no agreement among them because there is no objective standard being used to determine what it means to be spiritual. In the absence of an objective standard, one person may claim that being spiritual is "becoming one with nature," and another person might claim that it means to do yoga exercises. In essence, being "spiritual" is defined individually and is based on nothing more than fallible human opinion.

It is at this point that Christians have an advantage in defining true spirituality because the Christian has an authoritative standard, the Bible. The Bible has a lot to say about being spiritual: "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted" (Galatians 6:1). "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Romans 8:6).

According to the Bible, a spiritual person is one who "sows to the Spirit" (Galatians 6:7-9), lays up "treasure" in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21), and sets his affections on things above (Colossians 3:2). A spiritual person, therefore, focuses on things of a spiritual nature: God, the Word, the church, going to heaven, the value of souls, and salvation from sin.

Let the "experts" say what they will but true spirituality is defined by God, not by men. Are you spiritual?

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THE BLESSING OF CHILDREN (Based on a true story)

Mike Vestal

Once upon a time there was a mom and dad who had two children, ages two and five. Those children were a handful! They got up early and stayed up late. They loved to jump on their beds and on the couch. They fussed a lot when they didn't get their way. And they couldn't remember to obey what they were told from one moment to the next. At night you could find mom and dad, exhausted and in a daze, sitting on the couch. "Our kids are wearing us out!" they would say.

One day the family went to Pizza Hut for lunch. As the mother went back and forth to the food bar, fixing one plate and then another, the father watched the kids and tried to keep them in their seats. When mom went to get their drinks, she noticed that her kids had captured the attention of a man sitting at a corner table. As the mother passed the table, the man politely asked, "How old is your daughter?" "She's two," replied the dazzled mother. "And she sure is a handful! She keeps me running! There's never a dull or quiet moment with her around." The man only smiled.

Finally, after the children were situated, the mother went back to get her own plate (Dad always insisted on being last). She bumped into the same man again, the one from the corner table. "When is your daughter's birthday?" he asked. With a questioning look, the mother replied, "March 26" (for men don't usually pay attention to such details about a stranger's children). "I had a little girl," the man went on. "She was born April 26th, and would be about the age of your little girl. We lost her to cancer. I always notice little girls this age, and wonder what it would be like...".

By now the mother's eyes had filled with tears. She remembered how she had complained about the stresses of having a two-year old. Now the trials didn't seem so bad, compared to the blessings. When she got back to the table, she told her husband what happened. They both looked down at their plates. Food seemed so unimportant, as they realized the seriousness of their mistake. Kissing their two lively kids, they made a silent promise to themselves and to God. "We will not let the frustrations outweigh the joys: we will count our children as a blessing every day." They remembered what God had said,

"Children are a heritage of the Lord...Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them" (Psa. 127:3), and "Do all things without murmurings or complaining" (Phil. 2:14).

ComplaintsAuthor Unknown

Never once did our Lord have a path free from trouble.

When He went into the wilderness, He was tempted of the Devil.

When He tried to rest, the multitudes followed Him.

When He taught in the synagogue, the hearers became angry and sought to throw Him off the brow of the hill.

When He gave others rest for their souls, He had no place to lay His head.

When He sought peace in the garden, they came with swords and staves and led Him away to the halls of judgment.

When He did His best to be kind and loving in face of mockery, they took Him as a sheep to the slaughter and drenched Calvary with His precious blood. And yet, in spite of it all, He never grumbled about His burden. Jesus did not complain at all! He just went about doing good. Let us be like Him! The busiest are the happiest.

Cheerful, active labor is a blessing. The busy, the active, the happy, the cheerful—don't have time to complain.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK'S SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS 4:30 PM

KRISTEN & DEVIN MCVEY are having a

BABY BOY! - Daxten Karter

Please join us for a

BABY SHOWER

JUNE 28, 2015

Come and Go - 2:00 - 3:30 PM At Chapman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall

CHAPMAN SECOND QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (April-June)

Sunday, June 28th - After Evening Services
The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday April - June to stay after church services
Sunday Night(28th) for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall.

Please make plans to attend.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 12-15 - 7:00-8:30

Flyers available in foyer - start inviting!!!

PROGRAMS OF WORK Website: chapmanchurch.com Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman Challengers

The Bible Broadcast
Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article
Every other Wednesday

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Lane Rogers (10 yr. old).

•IN HOSPITAL: Connie Mauney, Oleta Phillips (TCH), Bobbie Nunnally (Texas)

• **SURGERY:** Iona Mauney (Hip Replacement)

• SURGERY RECOVERY: Charley Shackelford

•**TEST:** Barbara Criswell, George Coats

• MILITARY: David Spires

• EXTENDED ILLNESS:

Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. • CANCER: Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

•SHUT-INS: Resthaven: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home: Bonnie Chapman, Lorene Willis, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)