

**August 16, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Jodie Criswell

**Scripture Reading**

Jeff Staggs

**Opening Prayer**

Ricky Cissom (A.M.) Barrett Chapman (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

John Hopper (A.M.) Ross Shackelford (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),

Tom Wade, Gene Yancey, Jack Harris

**Count and Usher**

David Smith

Rickey Loveless

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Mason McAlister (08/19/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**August 9, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 130

Sunday Morning Worship: 146

Sunday Evening Worship: 113

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 97

Budget: \$3,500

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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

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Chapman Challenger is now available on our website: [www.chapmanchurch.com](http://www.chapmanchurch.com). The Chapman Challenger is mailed close to 400 homes weekly. This is a lot of paper, printing and postage. Now that it is available on our website and can be emailed; we want to update our weekly postal mailing.

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**“Don’t judge me!”  
Josh Blackmer**

There is a famous movie where a villainous character uses the word inconceivable, a lot. On one of those occasions, one of his hired men says, “You keep using that word. I don’t think it means what you think it means.” I believe the same is true for judge, or more specifically the phrase, “Don’t judge.” It usually happens when someone does something or is about to do something that could cause those around them to look poorly upon them. The end result is that any form of criticism or correction is seen as “passing judgment.” Those people are quick to point out that judgment is a sin because Jesus said so.

While they may not know that it is found in Matthew 7:1, Jesus did say, “Do not judge so that you will not be judged.” Is that what He meant? Did Jesus intend for us not to make any moral discernment? I don’t think so. Let’s put this verse in its context. Jesus is nearing the end of the sermon on the mount (Matthew 5-7) when He mentions judgment. He is helping people to reshape their hearts and concepts of the established righteousness religiosity of the day. “For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matt. 5:20). In the immediate context, he is dealing with hypocrites (Matt. 7:5). The scribes and Pharisees were the ones who He was addressing. They were trying to correct everyone else’s sin without realizing they had a whole board in their own eye (Matt. 7:3-5). The parallel account of this in Luke 6 sheds some light on the subject. “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned” (Luke 6:36-37). Mercy was the issue. The religious of the time were pointing out the faults of others without realizing that they were in the same or worse situation. Being completely blinded by the plank in their own eyes, they were in no condition to help others. However, if they could remove theirs first, they would understand a great truth. “For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). With this great understanding, you can have mercy on those who are in sin because you were there once also. That is why we have Galatians 6:1-2, “Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.”

So, to those who are using Matthew 7:1 out of context to feel better about themselves, it doesn’t mean what you think it means. To those who are quick to pass harsh unrighteous judgement, remember there is One that will judge you.

**10 Things You Can Do to “Grow Closer to Each Other”  
David Sproule**

The theme for April at Palm Beach Lakes is especially meaningful and practical. With our overall theme this year of “With God We Can,” we want to emphasize this month that “With God We Can...Grow Closer to Each Other.” There are hundreds of real ways that we can do that. Try these ten.

1. **Invite brethren into your home.** There are few things more personal than having folks inside your home. Do it once, and you’ll want to do it again.
2. **Go to lunch with brethren on Sunday.** Some folks will grab a bite after worship on Sunday mornings. Ask some folks if they want to go together (each paying for their own meal). You pick the place, so that you can control the cost.
3. **Don’t rush in; don’t rush out.** Be at every church service—get there early, stay late. Sit down and visit with your brethren. Stand around and talk. Be friendly.
4. **Say an encouraging word.** The world is beating us down. Church members can grow closer simply by offering a kind word, intended to build up and not tear down.
5. **Send a handwritten note.** Technology has its advantages, but tech messages can sometimes have an impersonal element to them. When you take time to hand-write a note, it has a personal touch and a special significance. The Appreciagrams this month are a great way to start.
6. **Pick up the phone.** The actual sound of someone’s voice expressing genuine concern and interest can mean so much. You don’t need a reason to call. Just call to see how they’re doing or let them know you’re thinking about them.
7. **Go by and visit.** Some people think that visiting is a “lost art,” but there are so many people who can be visited—shut-ins; widows; new moms; those recovering from surgery, grieving a recent death, in the hospital or rehab or nursing home, etc., etc.
8. **Do a random act of kindness.** Too often we wait or think we need a reason to do something nice. Don’t wait. You don’t need a special reason. You already have one—you’re family!
9. **Study the Bible together.** There is probably nothing that will draw you closer to your brethren than sitting at a table with an open Bible. It doesn’t have to be in-depth or even a long study. A few minutes reading some verses in Psalms or Proverbs would be a great start.
10. **Don’t make excuses.** Don’t blame others for not speaking to you or inviting you or reaching out to you. Take the initiative. Step out. You be the one to make a difference!

With God We Can...grow closer to each other!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Chapman Area-Wide  
Youth Devotional  
Speaker: Tom House  
“Drug Abuse”  
August 16th  
6:00 PM**

Meal (finger foods) following services in fellowship building. *Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy meal and fellowship.*

**CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS**  
Will **not** meet this month.  
Next class will be **September 18th.**

**CHAPMAN ICE CREAM SUPPER**  
**August 23, 2015**  
After Evening Services  
Chapman will have their Ice Cream Supper!  
Bring your favorite homemade ice cream!

**CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY:**  
**August 30th**  
Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning services. Evening Services at 1:30 p.m. conducted by Chapman young men.

Youth Skating - 4:00 to 6:00PM

**PROGRAMS OF WORK**  
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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Jimmy Berryman, Mickey Chandler

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Connie Mauney(Tupelo), Geneva Oliver (Red Bay, AL - Rehab. - Car Accident - Brent Townsend’s Grandmother), Shelby Cissom (Memphis - Four Wheeler Accident)

•**HAVING TEST:** Erik Longoria

•**SURGERY:** Christine Chapman (broken hip) - now back at Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home. Betteye Melton (Partial Knee Replacement) - August 16th - Corinth

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe’s Father), 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), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer, Margie James.

•**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*).