

**October 4, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Mickey Chandler

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Casey Harris

**Opening Prayer**

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Bobby Bridges (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Barrett Chapman (A.M.) Rickey Loveless (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Blair Chapman (Presiding),

John Hopper, Brock Lindley, David Palmer

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman

Andy Reece

**Prepare Communion**

Romia Palmer, Janette Rickles

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Jack Harris (10/07/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**September 27, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 111

Sunday Morning Worship: 124

Sunday Evening Worship: 101

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,585

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

## Area-Wide

## Youth Devotional

Hosted by:

**Chapman Church of Christ, Ripley, MS**

**October 4th at 6:00 p.m.**

We will have a meal following services in fellowship building. Everyone is invited to stay and enjoy the meal and fellowship.

**Speaker: Adam Miller**

## THE DOCTRINE OF THE LORD'S CHURCH Mark Lindley

Have you ever wondered where churches get their doctrine? There is an abundance of denominations today, and each comes with its own set of doctrines. Some churches teach that sinners have free will and can choose to be saved; other churches teach that all people are "predestined" to heaven or hell, and that sinners do not have free will. Some churches teach that a child of God can fall from grace; other churches teach "Once Saved, Always Saved," and that one who is saved cannot fall from grace. Where do churches get their doctrine?

In the first century there was only one church, Jesus' church (Matthew 16:18), and the Lord's church followed the doctrine that had been taught by His apostles. "And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42). The "apostles' doctrine" was actually the Lord's doctrine because the apostles received their doctrine from the Lord (cf. John 17:8). The apostle, John, wrote, "Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son" (II John 9). Notice the emphasis that John placed on abiding in "the doctrine of Christ." The apostle Paul also received his doctrine from Christ (cf. Galatians 1:11). He wrote: "the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord" (I Corinthians 14:37). Yes, the early church preached only the doctrine of Christ.

So where do churches today get their doctrines? It is a fact that denominations teach doctrines that originated with men, uninspired men. Consider, for example, the doctrine that sprinkling is an acceptable form of baptism. Did this teaching come from the Scriptures? If so, where is the Scripture that authorizes sprinkling? There is no such verse. Sprinkling is a man-made doctrine that is an addition to the "doctrine of Christ."

Sprinkling is just one example of many doctrines which are additions of man. The truth is that no church should have a set of doctrines which are different from the "apostles' doctrine" (i.e., God's Word). Following the doctrine and commandments of men results in "vain worship" (Matthew 15:9). The Lord warns about adding to His Word (Deuteronomy 4:2; 12:32; Revelation 22:18-19).

If denominations would discard all man-made doctrines contained in disciplines, manuals, and catechisms, followers of Jesus today could be united. If all who seek to please the Lord followed only "Bible doctrines," then denominations, and consequently division, would cease to exist. Bible doctrine unites; the doctrines of man taught in denominations, divide.

**At Your House**  
**By Wendell Winkler**

Will priorities be established in your children when...

- You are early for their ballgame, but late for worship?
- You check on their homework regularly, but never check on their Bible class lessons?
- You won't let them miss school even though they don't want to go, but let them miss church worship services?
- You won't let them stay up late on school nights, but let them stay up late on Saturday night.
- You will serve as room mother at their school or volunteer at school, but will not help with classes, activities, programs which involve spiritual matters?
- You attend open house at their school, but do not visit their class room of Bible school, or even know where their class meets?
- You support, attend, or even participate in their sports activities (baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, etc.) but regularly miss activities involving the church?
- You never (almost never) miss meeting with the civic or social club of which you are a member, but frequently miss worship services?
- You go to work even though you do not feel like it, but stay home on Sunday in the same condition?

**How to Live for Christ**  
**By Robert H. Martin**

- \* Do good to all people no matter what they do to you (Galatians 6:10). Christ is our example of doing good (Acts 10:38). We must follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).
- \* Bless and love your enemies (Matthew 5:44). Christ was hated, mocked, spat upon, beaten...yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). When we do this, we have the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5).
- \* Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the sick (Matthew 25:34-36). Christ went about helping the downhearted (Matthew 9:35). By us doing this (especially to the brethren), it is the same as us doing it to Christ (Matthew 25:40).
- \* Count others better than yourself (Philippians 2:3). This is truly being Christ-like. When we do this, we are serving as Christ did selflessly (John 13:4-5).
- \* Put the kingdom (church) first in all things (Matthew 6:33). Jesus died for the church (Acts 20:28); we need to live for it. Put Christ's body above all earthy things.

**This is Christianity. Do these things with all your might (Ecclesiastes 9:10). Be steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).**

**BIRTHS:**

*Wicky " Wick " Dwight Chapman*  
*Born Wednesday, September 24, 2015*  
*7 pounds and 18 1/2 inches*  
*Parents: Brian & Melissa Chapman*  
*Proud Grandmother: Deborah Gullick*  
*Great-Grandmother: Janie Chapman*

*Maggie Elizabeth Jumper*  
*Born Tuesday, September 23, 2015*  
*7.1 pounds and 19 inches*  
*Parents: Cameron & Jaclyn Jumper*  
*Proud Grandparents:*  
*Janie & Terry Jumper*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Area-Wide Youth Devotional**

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**CHAPMAN THIRD QUARTER BIRTHDAYS (JULY-SEPTEMBER)**

**\*\*\*RESCHEDULED AGAIN!\*\*\***

**Sunday, October 11th - After Evening Services**  
 The Lads to Leaders would like to invite those who have a birthday July - September to stay after church services Sunday Night (October 4th) for cake and ice cream for you and your family in the Fellowship Hall. Please make plans to attend.

**Pine Vale Children's Home**  
**Fall Food Drive:**

Items requested:  
**Pickles      Chili Beans      Deodorant**  
**Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.**  
*Will be picked up the first week of October.*

**PROGRAMS OF WORK**

**Website: chapmanchurch.com**  
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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

- **SICK SUNDAY:** Josephene Chapman, Joan and Jimmy Berryman
- **SURGERY RECOVERY :** Debbie Chapman, Janie Chapman, Starrett Chapman
- **HOSPITAL :** Tony Morrison, James Vandygriff
- **HOME HOSPICE:** Gene Ward
- **IN REHAB:** Connie Mauney (Rest Haven Rehab.)
- **EXTENDED ILLNESS:**, Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, 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:** Lorie Christian, Yater Shinall, 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).