

**January 1, 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Eli Carter

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Terry Chapman (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Blair Chapman (A.M.) Starrett Chapman (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

David Smith, Mason McAlister, Jack Harris

Count and Usher

Ricky Cissom and Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Angelia Bridges and Dala Vandygriff

Wednesday Night Song Leader

John Hopper (01/04/2017)

OUR RECORD

December 25, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 127

Sunday Morning Worship: 144

Sunday Evening Worship: 0

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 104

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,733

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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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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

HAVE YOU DEVELOPED A BUCKET LIST? Mark Lindley

It seems to be popular these days to have a "bucket list." The term gained popularity after a 2007 movie, "The Bucket List." The two main characters of the movie, Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson, both of whom were dying with cancer, put together a "bucket list" of things they would like to do before they died. Then, they set out to do the things on their lists. A bucket list, therefore, is a list of things one hopes to accomplish before he or she dies. As I contemplate the New Year that is approaching, I find myself thinking about the things I planned to accomplish in 2016 and whether I have accomplished the resolutions I set at the beginning of 2016. Some personal goals I set have been accomplished; others, have not.

The beginning of a New Year presents a good opportunity to think about "spiritual" resolutions for the New Year, and also to put together a "bucket list" of long-term spiritual goals to accomplish before we die. Of course, we are not promised another day, much less another year. Life is pictured in Scripture as a "vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (James 4:14). Certainly, spiritual goals we set should take priority over any temporal, mundane goals such as seeing the Grand Canyon or going skydiving. If one dies without seeing the Grand Canyon, there will be no lasting consequences after death. However, there are some things which must be on every person's spiritual bucket list:

First, becoming a Christian is one thing that should be a priority on every person's bucket list. Every responsible person must be a follower of Christ in order to go to heaven (John 14:6). The following verses teach what one must do to become a Christian (Romans 10:17; John 8:24; Acts 17:30; Romans 10:10; Acts 2:38). Please consider these passages and make becoming a Christian the top item on your bucket list.

Second, remain faithful to the Lord. Jesus said, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). Some begin the Christian life with great enthusiasm, but in time, the zeal one once had may fade until one becomes unfaithful. Jesus will one day say to some, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy Lord" (Matthew 25:21). Each one should desire to be among the "faithful" on the day of Judgement. A third item on your bucket list should be to attempt to save others. Jesus gave His disciples the commission to go, teach, and to baptize (Mark 16:15-16). Every Christian should use his/her example to influence others for the Lord, and we should seize opportunities to teach others God's Word that is able to save (James 1:21). Family members, friends, and co-workers would be prime candidates of people to lead to Christ.

There are other, more specific things we should add to our spiritual bucket lists, but these are the bare essentials. Have you ever thought about making a "spiritual" bucket list? If not, now would be a great time to do that. Begin with these few thoughts and add others as well. Happy New Year!

Teach Your Children To Be Givers

Brad Harrub

It's no secret that we live in a materialistic society. The mainstream media constantly bombards us with advertisements of products that we "need." My generation has perfected the art of "keeping up with the Joneses." In fact, most individuals my age wanted to start their marriages with the same material possessions that it took our parents thirty years to amass. And so, we purchased it all—on credit.

Is your life about giving or taking?

We are a generation of consumers and takers. Sadly, this selfishness is now being passed on to future generations, as children want more and more. Holidays such as Christmas are no longer about family and memories, but rather they revolve around commercialism and "things."

Here's what I intend on teaching my children about giving versus taking.

Every Christmas morning since you were born your mother and I have set up a video camera to record the events of the morning. It's one of the ways we have recorded you growing up through the years, as you went from crawling over presents and playing with empty boxes, to running into the room trying to guess exactly what was in each box. One of our joys as parents has been watching you tear open the wrapping paper and seeing your eyes light up as you see what was contained in each package.

Having been reared in the United States, you are extremely blessed. You have never experienced poverty or not had something you need. In fact, most of the time you get things you want. But your mother and I worry about what we are teaching you regarding giving versus taking. One of my greatest hopes is that during your lifetime you will learn the joy of giving. Undoubtedly, you will grow up around individuals who surround themselves with "things." But remember, things won't buy happiness. Remember that those "things" can never fill the void in your life as He can. And never forget ultimately Who owns everything.

There are literally thousands of individuals who have abandoned the Faith in favor of material possessions. These people are selfish takers. They never learned the art of giving. In the book of Acts, Paul reminded the people of the words Jesus Christ who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). Never forget this admonition from the Son of God. I pray that as you grow older you will constantly be on the lookout for ways to give to others. The feeling you get inside is like none other. Practice random acts of kindness. Never forget—people are much more valuable than things.

When your mom and I were in Russia, we had the opportunity to visit the "flat" (apartment) of one of the local Christians. They lived a beautiful life, but it was obvious they did not own nearly the material possessions we did. They worked hard just to get by. During our visit, we complimented a picture she had hanging on the wall, and she literally went over and took it off the wall and gave it to us. We tried desperately to tell her no, but she insisted. In the years since, I have forgotten her name but we still have the picture. Her act of kindness has remained in my memory for years. She truly was a giver.

As you mature, you will meet people who place an inordinate amount of attention on material possessions. Their identity is shaped not by who they really are, but rather by what they own. Many people spend years climbing the corporate ladder so that they can buy more "things." These individuals remind us of the Rich Young Ruler who asked Jesus what he needed to do to have eternal life. "Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come and follow me'" (Matthew 19:21 Open in Logos Bible Software (if available)). Rather than him ruling his possessions, his possessions ruled him. The Bible tells us he went away sorrowful because he had many possessions.

Be thankful for what God has blessed you with, but never let your material possessions separate you from Jehovah God. Look for ways to share your possessions. Be a giver, not a taker!



January 1, 2017

Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM

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Visitation Group:

Will NOT meet Sunday Night after services

LADS TO LEADERS

Registration for Lads To Leaders is completed. Please review your events and make sure it is correct. List is posted on bulletin board by teacher supply room.

If your event is not correct or missing an event - write corrections by your name. If you have any questions, please see Karen Yancey. **Deadline for any changes is January 15th.**

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Thursday, January 19, 2017 - 6:30PM

5th Sunday - January 29th

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service. Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by Chapman young men.

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Grady Chandler (Mickey's Father).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Dawn Stroupe, Juan Stroupe, Josephine Chapman, Tommy Wade

•**HOSPITAL:** Buddy Gross (TCH)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Trevor Shinall, Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. Old (leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

Sandra Hopper, Courtney Cissom, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Lyle Bullock, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Don Allen Riggs (19, student at FU from El Paso, TX), has stage 3 cancer. Cards may be sent to Target House 1, 1811 Poplar Ave, Apt. 211, Memphis, TN 38104), Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, 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 Daily, Christine Chapman (*Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663*).