

**February 28, 2016**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Larry Wood

**Song Leader**

Johnny Cissom

**Scripture Reading**

Danny Shackelford

**Opening Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Tom Wade (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Randell Koon (A.M.) David Smith (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Tommy Wade (Presiding),

Brock Lindley, Evan Yancey, Ross Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Chase Chapman

Michiel Criswell

**Prepare Communion**

Connie & Bryana Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Johnny Cissom (03/02/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**February 21, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study:** 101

**Sunday Morning Worship:** 125

**Sunday Evening Worship:** 132

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** 102

**Budget:** \$3,500

**Contribution this week:** \$3,488

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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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Shackelford, Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Terry Chapman, Bryan Davis,  
Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## SOME BASIC FACTS ABOUT THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH Mark Lindley

The term "church" is a term that has many different meanings today. Some may use the word "church" to refer to a building. For example, "I'll meet you at the church," which means I will meet you at the church "building." Another may use the term to refer to a specific denomination. A person might say, "In my church, we believe in having women preachers." The word church, in this sense, would obviously refer to one of the denominations which have women preachers (cf. I Timothy 2:8-13).

It would be helpful for all of us to go to the Bible and consider how the word church is used in the Scriptures.

1. Church refers to the universal body of believers who have obeyed the Gospel: "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Jesus was not referring to brick, mortar, or wood. Rather, He was referring to the universal body of believers. Paul used "church" in this same sense when he penned: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25). Christ loved the universal church, all believers everywhere.

2. Church refers to local congregations: "Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied" (Acts 9:31). Notice that the "churches" had rest. The reason was that Saul of Tarsus was no longer persecuting those congregations. The term "churches" here refers to the different congregations of the Lord's one universal church. Paul also used the term in this way: "Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth (I Corinthians 1:1-2). Notice that the "church" to which Paul referred was the local congregation of believers which met in the city of Corinth.

However, the term church, in the Bible, never refers to a Protestant denomination. Look at pages in newspapers where the names of churches are listed. See if you can find in your Bible the list of denominational church names that you see in the newspaper. You will not find them.

The reason denominations are not mentioned in the Bible is that protestant denominations were started by men long after Jesus built His church in the first century (see Acts 2:1-47). Any church which started after Acts chapter 2 is too late to be the church of Christ. "Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you" (Romans 16:16). The Lord loves you and so do we!

## Showing Everyday Faith by: Edd Sterchi

\* The respect you show God and His Word on Sundays says a lot about your faith in Him.

\* The attitude you show the world on Mondays says a lot about your faith in God.

\* How much time you spend reading your Bible and in prayer on Tuesdays says a lot about your faith in God.

\* The number of brethren you visit with on Wednesdays says a lot about your faith in God.

\* The opportunities and resources you utilize in helping the needy on Thursdays says a lot about your faith in God.

\* The amount of energy and frequency you use teaching/telling others about Jesus on Fridays says a lot about your faith in God.

\* Where you go and what you do on Saturdays says a lot about your faith in God.

Now, I realize that all of these pertain to every aspect of our Christianity every day. I just thought it would be a way to help us realize that we are to take up our cross daily and follow Jesus (Luke 9:23). Do you sacrifice for Christ daily as Paul did (1 Cor. 15:31)?

### If It's Not Fed, It Won't Grow by: Lance Cordle

Consider the following hypothetical situations:

A man selects a site on his property for a garden. He does not till the soil. He just scatters the seed and walks away. No fertilizer is placed with the seed; no watering is done. The man, however, expects a large crop of vegetables. Question: Is he being realistic? Answer: No. Principle: If it's not fed (cultivated, nourished), it won't grow (flourish).

A young man hears about a party his friends are having. He accepts an invitation and shows up—only to find that it is a poker party. Since celebrities are playing poker and it is on so many TV channels, it must be a cool way to have fun and "make a quick buck," right? The young man, however, knows that it is gambling, and is well aware of the tragic consequences of gambling addiction. He walks away from the party, resolving not to gamble, even if it means his friends will be disappointed. He believes the risk of addiction is too great. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man has been married for several years. He loves his wife and believes their marriage is good, but he is a little bored. At work, he spends a lot of time around a single young woman. She is attractive and personable. Most of their contact is work-related and, so far, he has kept it that way. He knows, however that she would "see him" outside of work, if he would but ask. After thinking it over, he resolves to work on his relationship with his wife, to be more attentive, and to liven up their marriage with better communication and more romance. He resists the urge to build a deeper relationship with the woman at work. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A young man and woman in their early twenties have dated for several months and are "serious" about each other. There is a real possibility that they will get married. They love each other and express it in verbal and non-verbal ways. However, they are Christians and have resolved to avoid fornication and save themselves sexually for marriage. Thus, they have set definite limits on their physical displays of affection. They could give into lust, like so many have chosen to do, but they don't. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

A man is offended by a lifelong friend. He thinks about the situation, but decides to act in good faith and talk to his friend about the problem. The friend understands, and he too, wants to do what is right. Resentment, though contemplated, does not really even begin. —If it's not fed, it won't grow.

Is there something you are feeding that shouldn't be fed?

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6, 2016

### Chapman Singing:

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home at 2 PM  
&

### Visitation Group:

Will meet Sunday Night after services  
in the Fellowship Hall.  
Bring finger food or desserts

### Special Thanks:

Chapman's Area-Wide Lads To Leaders Bible Bowl  
Practice last Sunday:  
All participates did GREAT!  
We are so proud of them.  
Thanks to everyone you helped.

## CHAPMAN GOSPEL MEETING March 20th – 23rd, 2106

Sam Jones,  
Freed-Hardeman University

10:00 a.m. Sunday Bible Study

10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:  
Fellowship Meal to Follow

7:00 p.m. Sunday Evening:

### “AREA-WIDE YOUTH NIGHT”

Mr. Jones will focus on our youth &  
Fellowship Meal to Follow

7:00 p.m. Monday-Wednesday Evening

### PROGRAMS OF WORK

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Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

### Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•SICK SUNDAY: Joan Berryman, Tony Morrison, Doss Brewer

•IN HOSPITAL: Amy Chapman (ICU – Tupelo), Buddy Gross (Ripley/Rehab), Audrey Box (Send Card: Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab., 36 Bazeberry Road, Cordova, TN 38018), Terry Jumper (Heart - Tupelo)

•HAVING TEST: Robin Newby, Robin Chapman

•SURGERY: Deborah Gullick (Memphis)

\*Glad to have Juan Stroupe back with us from her recent surgery.

•EXTENDED ILLNESS: Connie Mauney, 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), Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•CANCER: Grady Chandler, Lorie Christian, Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), 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, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, 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 Daily, Christine Chapman (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).