

**March 20, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Brad McAlister

Scripture Reading

Chance Criswell

Opening Prayer

J C Newby (A.M. Michiel Criswell (P.M.))

Closing Prayer

Johnny Cissom (A.M.) Rickey Cissom (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Andy Reese (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Gene Yancey, Larry Wood

Count and Usher

Bobby Bridges

Rickey Loveless

Prepare Communion

Rita Smith & Lauren Carter

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Mason McAlister (03/23/16)

OUR RECORD

March 13, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 109

Sunday Morning Worship: 129

Sunday Evening Worship: 112

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 95

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,517

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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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**CHAPMAN
GOSPEL MEETING**
March 20th – 23rd, 2016
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

The Passing Pleasures of Sin
by Dave Miller, Ph.D.

“But, honestly now, how can we possibly expect married people who are living in adultery to break up their marriage?” This is a question over which every sincere student of God’s Word has agonized. When we consider the tears, the heartache, the children, the finances, the physical and emotional trauma—we cannot help but wish it could be otherwise! Surely, God does not expect adulterous marriages to be dissolved!

But then we reconsider the biblical perspective. We find that, more often than not, living righteously before God entails tremendous hardship and deprivation. We find that the peace, joy, and genuine happiness that characterizes the Christian life is achieved through (i.e., in the midst of) suffering—not through an absence of hardship. Remember Moses (Hebrews 11:23--27)? Moses literally grew up in Pharaoh’s own household. Imagine the tender affection which he received at the hands of Pharaoh’s daughter. She literally “nurtured him as her own son” (Acts 7:21, NASB). Imagine the deep emotional and psychological bonds that were formed between Moses and his adopted family! Imagine the intellectual influence exerted on Moses’ mind, since his educational basis was derived via the Egyptian world view (Acts 7:22). Visualize the irresistible attraction and allurements of the riches and power that were his. For 40 long years, Moses sank the roots of his very being deeper and deeper into a maze of human relationships and strong emotional ties.

But in God's sight, this relationship could not last. When Moses realized this, he was forced to amputate the ties of a strong physical, psychological, and emotional relationship in deference to an obedient relationship with God. His choice to forego momentary pleasures meant hardship, suffering and ill-treatment (Hebrews 11:25). Listen to the inspired writer: "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin (Hebrews 11:24-25, emp. added).

We, too, must come face to face with the same dilemma. It may be the decision to subdue an insatiable desire for alcohol; it may involve the severance of a financially productive business relationship; and yes, it may entail foregoing a marital relationship. In short, living the Christian life may mean the radical and total disruption of social and family existence (study carefully Matthew 10:34-36; Luke 12:51-53).

The real tragedy is, most are unwilling to make such essential decisions. The sacrifices are simply too great. In Moses' case, he considered "the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt; for he was looking to the reward" (Hebrews 11:26). Each of us must decide. Are we willing to launch out and take the necessary steps to please God?

Even Jesus Had A Temper
by Kyle Butt

In most circumstances, Jesus chose to use gentle words and peaceful measures to take care of the Father's business. But on at least one occasion, aggressive action ruled the day.

From the time of Moses, whenever Jewish men presented themselves to the Lord at the Temple, they were instructed to offer a half-shekel of silver. Exodus 30:13 records: "This is what everyone among those who are numbered shall give: half a shekel according to the shekel of the sanctuary." When Moses issued this decree, the Israelites were a single, cohesive unit that traded with the same form of money. However, that changed as the years passed and the Jews found themselves dispersed into other countries (such as Babylon, Assyria, and Phrygia). Naturally, those Jews who lived in foreign nations began to use as legal tender the money of the country in which they dwelt.

This posed a problem for them when they wanted to present themselves to the Lord at the Temple, because the Law said that they were to present a half-shekel of silver. The priest of the Temple would accept no foreign currency into the sacred treasury. Therefore, greedy moneychangers posted themselves in the court of the temple in order to offer their services. They would exchange foreign currency for a Jewish half-shekel, but in doing so they routinely exacted an exorbitant "commission" on the deal. What was a foreign Jew to do? Where else could he obtain a Jewish half-shekel except in Jerusalem? The moneychangers had a virtual monopoly. Basically, nobody could come to God unless he first went through the moneychangers.

As if that were not bad enough, the moneychangers and Temple brokers also had a monopoly on the sale of livestock suitable for offering to the Lord. Since many of the worshipers who visited the Temple lived so far away, they would purchase livestock at or near the Temple, rather than trying to bring animals on the trip with them. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they were in for a rude awakening because the acceptable livestock was priced outrageously high. They had no choice but to pay the prices, however, since returning home without sacrificing to God was not an option. Once again, the moneychangers and traders came between God and His worshipers.

Upon this scene of fraud and abuse, the Lion of Judah came roaring. In John 2:14-17, the story is told of Jesus experiencing righteous indignation. He formed a whip of cords and reeked havoc on the moneychangers, overturning their tables, pouring out their money, and driving them and their livestock out of the Temple.

Anger and wrath enter the lives of every one of us. But let us learn from Jesus to be "swift to hear, slow to speak, and slow to wrath" (James 1:19). Let us also learn that there is a time for righteous indignation. When there are those who stand between God and the true worship that is due Him—whether it be through false doctrine, hypocrisy, or any other vice—let us remember the example of the Lord and "be angry, yet sin not" (Ephesians 4:26).

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*Ladies: Bring Chips/Dip, Desserts or Drinks. Pizza will be served.

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March 25th-27th
LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION
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Good Luck to all of our participants!

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSION TRIP: Mallory Chapman and Winston Smith

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Gene Yancey, Taylor Staggs

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Lester Wommack (Tupelo / pneumonia), Deborah Gullick (Tupelo/ Rehab), Amy Chapman (168– Tupelo/ Rehab), Audrey Box (Send Card: Memphis Jewish Home & Rehab., 36 Bazeberry Road, Cordova, TN 38018), Terry Jumper (Heart – Tupelo), Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis), Cullen Loveless (Tupelo)

•**SURGERY:** Robin Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler's Father), Ed James Pannell, 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:** Lester Wommack, 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*).