

**March 26 2017
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Randell Koon

Song Leader

Chris Moore

Scripture Reading

John Hopper

Opening Prayer

Terry Chapman (A.M.) Tommy Wade (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Larry Wood (A.M.) David Smith (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Gene Yancey (Presiding),

Logan Yancey, Keith Newby, Joel Moore

Count and Usher

Rickey Loveless & Tom Wade

Prepare Communion

Rita Smith & Lauren Carter

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Ross Shackelford (03/29/17)

OUR RECORD

March 19, 2017

Sunday Bible Study: 136

Sunday Morning Worship: 161

Sunday Evening Worship: 165

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 102

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Contribution this week: \$3,891

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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).



THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Loveless, Brad McAlister, Joel Moore,
Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

PREACHER: Mark Lindley

BAPTISM SAVES US Mark Lindley

The title of this article may seem startling to some. It may cause some to shake their heads in unbelief. The question is, does the bible teach that "baptism saves us?"

I know that many preachers preach that baptism is the "first act of obedience" after one has been saved, but "baptism has nothing to do with your salvation." However, according to the Bible, baptism comes "before" salvation. It is something that one does to be saved, not something one does because he is saved already.

It is clearly a contradiction to say that "baptism saves us," and to affirm that baptism "does not save us." Either both statements are false, or perhaps one of the statements is false and the other is true. But both cannot be true. The statements clearly contradict one another.

Suppose I could produce a verse from the Bible that teaches "baptism saves us," would you believe it? I would like to think that those reading this article would trust the teachings of the Bible. Consider the following statement made by the Lord's apostle, Peter: "Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water. The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ"

(1 Peter 3:20-21). Did you notice those six words of verse 21? "Baptism doth also now save us!"

The analogy Peter gives is this: In Noah's day, eight souls were "saved by water," just as water baptism also now "saves us." Answer the following question please: according to Peter, an inspired man of God, what does baptism "do?" It does something. What is it? It "saves" us! That means that baptism comes before one is saved from sin. This fits perfectly with the rest of what the Bible teaches about baptism: baptism is "for the remission of sins" (Acts 2:38); baptism is the point when one's sins are washed away (Acts 22:16), et al.

Please do not allow someone to prejudice your mind against this clear teaching of Scripture by "twisting" it. Also, be aware that some would charge that people who believe such teaching about baptism believe in "water salvation." That is just an attempt to prevent you from accepting what the Bible actually says about baptism.

I have been a member of the church of Christ for thirty-six years and have never heard anyone preach that the power to save is in water. The power is in the blood (Ephesians 1:7), but it is in baptism that a sinner receives the benefits of the blood and is saved (Romans 6:3-4). Please consider these matters with an open mind and an open Bible.

How Much Do We Need God? Gary Hutchens

Just how much do we need God? Most people, even the most dedicated, probably do not really think much on a daily basis about how much they truly need God. If asked the question, most of us would quickly affirm that we need God every step of the way, every day, but probably do not live like it. We get caught up in all the busyness of daily living. Well, do we really need God?

Ask that question of a single mother who's been deserted by the father of her children. She has no money, no job, no real skills and she may be pregnant again. She's lived a hard life in the relatively short time she's been alive. Her natural beauty, so apparent not long ago, has faded greatly. She's reduced to the meager subsistence she can gain through government aid and charity. Do we really need God?

Ask a man in his fifty's who's worked hard his whole life, over twenty five years with the same company. He does his job well, the only job he really knows. He owes another ten years on his home and four more on that car he and his wife bought last year. He has two children in college. It's not been easy, but he and his wife have managed fairly well. Before long he can begin to save for retirement. But when he goes into work today he receives a letter from the company. The company's been sold to a bigger company that makes the same product his company makes. His company will be closed at the end of the month. He will receive two weeks severance pay. The old and new owners are sorry for any inconvenience or hardship. Do we really need God?

Ask a woman who's just heard the doctor say the dreaded word: "Cancer!" What are her prospects, what can be done, is the prognosis good, did they catch it in time? Will she, die? The doctor makes no promises. He tries to offer hope, encouragement. Radiation is often effective. Chemotherapy has shown promise. Surgery is not an option in this case. Only time will tell... She leaves the doctor, her mind filled with questions, confusion, sheer terror. Tears stream down her face. She must go home and fix dinner, and tell her family! Do we really need God?

Ask people trapped in a state of depression so intense that they just cannot seem to function. They'd rather sleep than face life. They eat just enough to drive away the hunger pangs. They don't talk much, they have nothing to say. Their faces show little expression, except a sense of hopeless despair. People keep telling them to "snap out of it," people who don't understand the crushing weight pressing down on them that they cannot budge by themselves. Their constant wish is to be able to care again, to feel joy again, to live. Do we really need God?

And what of the hundred other situations that bring us face to face with the frailty of our physical existence? A stroke victim? A drug addict? An alcoholic? An elderly person living out his/her final years in a nursing home? A patient lying on a gurney waiting to be wheeled into the operating room for major surgery? Do we really need God?

Yes, we really need God. But not just when things go bad. We need God when things are good. We need to walk with him when we're young and vigorous, when we feel strong, happy, healthy. Walking with God when things are good equips us to face some staggering reality that might come our way later.

Don't take God for granted. Look to Him for strength and direction every day. Thank Him for His blessings, and use those blessings in His service and to His glory. You really need God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Thanks to all that helped make our Gospel Meeting great. **Thanks** to everyone who went door knocking, attended, invited and prepared food. Gospel Meeting Sermon Audio is available on our website:
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April 14th-16th
LADS TO LEADERS CONVENTION
Memphis, TN

Good Luck to all of our participants!

CHAPMAN LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Thursday, April 20th at 6:30

CHAPMAN
SPRING BRING
Sunday, April 23rd

We will have a fellowship meal (potluck) followed by services at 1:30 p.m.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT:

Born March 20, 2017 at 12:58 PM

Sailor Reese Fitzgerald
5 pound, 14 ounces, 19 inches

Sadie Louise Fitzgerald
5 pound, 6 ounces, 18 inches

Proud Mother: Kirstin **Big Brother:** Tavin

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Dale Staggs (Jeff Stagg's Uncle) and Faye Montgomery (Mildred Shackelford's Sister - Graveside services will be Saturday, March 25th at Chapman Cemetery).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony & Jane Morrison, Joan Berryman

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Susan Yancey

•**HOSPITAL:** Kirstin, Sailor & Sadie Fitzgerald (Baptist East Women's Hospital, Babies- NICU)

•**TEST:** Tracey Gross

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

•**CANCER:** Dwight Ward, Betty Faye Ledbury, Chester Smith, Lana Waldon, Cutah Newby, 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), 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).