

**May 1, 2016
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

Announcements

Danny Shackelford

Song Leader

Jodie Criswell

Scripture Reading

Blair Chapman

Opening Prayer

Jeff Brewer (A.M.) Bo Chapman(P.M.)

Closing Prayer

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

Lord's Table

Britt Lindley(Presiding),

Bobby Bridges, Jeff Staggs, Michiel Criswell

Count and Usher

David Smith

Andy Reese

Prepare Communion

Romia Palmer & Janette Rickles

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Chance Criswell (05/04/16)

OUR RECORD

April 24, 2016

Sunday Bible Study: 120

Sunday Morning Worship:138

Sunday Evening Worship: 97

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 101

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,547

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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

Servants vs. Volunteers by David Shannon

Volunteers usually serve with less commitment than servants. They often need to fit their volunteer hours around other priorities in their lives. Volunteers generally view their work as a “gift” to the organization. Rarely do they not feel that appreciation is due them, after all, they have given all their time instead of being compensated. Volunteers usually have lower expectations placed on them, because they are free to go at anytime. And if you listen to their reasoning on why they give their time, it is often because it makes them “feel good about themselves.” Notice, God doesn’t call us to volunteer, but to serve. Consider that servants are committed–totally committed.

By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 3:16
Servants don’t just place God first on the list, then follow with number 2, 3, 4 and so on. Servants make sure God is first in all areas of their life! God is first. Then He is first in the 2nd area, He is first in the 3rd area and so on. “And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24
Servants do not see their work as a gift that deserves gratitude, but instead they understand it is their duty.
Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, “We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.” Luke 17:9-10
Instead of expecting appreciation, servants are thankful for the opportunity recognizing it as a part of God’s grace. That is correct, the opportunity to serve God is a gracious opportunity we don’t deserve. Paul understood it when he said,
“And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry.” 1 Timothy 1:12
A servant’s service isn’t motivated by self promotion or glory. A servant’s service is accomplished through obedience to the Master who knows our purpose and has work for us to do.
“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.” Jeremiah 29:11-13
Don’t Volunteer, Serve! It is Your Duty!

**The Purpose of Life...
Chad Ramsey**

Life is a precious gift from God. It is God who “forms the spirit of man within him” (Zechariah 12:1), and it is to God that our spirits return after death (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Consequently, it would seem that men ought to use their lives to please God. But rather than striving to “seek the Lord” (Acts 17:27), men often expend their energies in other ventures.

Some, for example, act as if their purpose in life is to gain physical wealth. And to that end they focus all of their efforts. Those who struggle in this area should be reminded of several basic Biblical truths: 1) “One’s life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses” (Luke 12:15); 2) Christians ought to “lay up for [themselves] treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal” (Matthew 6:20); and 3) “The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil” (1 Timothy 6:10). Life’s purpose is not to amass earthly wealth.

Others act as if their purpose in life is to maintain their physical health. While it should be granted that our bodies are important to God (1 Corinthians 6:19), and that “bodily exercise profits a little” (1 Timothy 4:8), it must be remembered that at the longest, our lives are but brief (James 4:14). For this reason, we must make sure that we do not become so consumed with caring for our bodies that we lose focus upon God.

Still others act as if the purpose of life is to experience pleasure. This, too, misses the point of our existence. Our purpose is to “Fear God and keep His commandments. For this is man’s all” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 1, 2016

Chapman Singing

Tippah County Hospital Nursing Home
at 2 PM

MAY 1, 2016

LADS TO LEADERS

AWARDS NIGHT & KICK OFF

After evening services in fellowship hall.
Please make plans to come and help honor
our 2016 Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes
participants.

Sign up sheets will be available for students
and adults for 2017!

*Hamburgers & Hotdogs will be served.
Ladies please bring chips/dip, desserts or 2 liter drinks.*

May 15, 2016

Wedding Shower

Kelsey Hefner and Jordan Staggs

2 to 3:30PM

Fellowship Hall

Registered at Walmart.

May 22, 2016

SENIOR NIGHT

After evening services in fellowship hall.
Congratulations to our 2016 graduating high
school senior:

Kristen Bridges McVey.

Please make plans to join us in wishing her well
in her future endeavors.

Ladies please bring finger foods, desserts or 2 liter drinks.

May 29, 2016

Fifth Sunday

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning service.

Evening service at 1:30 PM conducted by
Chapman young men.

2016 Lads To Leaders/ Leaderettes Participants

Doss Brewer

Lily Brewer

Eli Carter

Lauren Carter

Mikayla Chapman

Tavin Fitzgerald

Jack Harris

Kyson Harris

Christy Jones

Ruby Jones

Brice Lindley

Hannah Loveless

Ali Mann

Emily Mann

Mason McAlister

Parker McAlister

Ella Shackelford

Reed Shackelford

Jamison Staggs

Taylor Staggs

Tristan Wood

Sydney Yancey

Tripp Yancey

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Hank Willis (Amy Stagg’s Cousin).

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Jane & Tony Morrison, Randall Koon, Haley & Trip Yancey, Mikayla Chapman

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Rhett Sanderson (Newborn, Memphis)

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Robin Chapman, Audrey Box, Joan Berryman, Deborah Gullick, Amy Chapman, Anna Palmer

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Hollis Fowler (Frankie Fowler’s Father), Ed James Pannell, Connie Mauney, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe’s Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford’s Sister), Tony Morrison, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Marilyn Harrell, Janice Willingham, Wayne Crabb, 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, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman’s Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, 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*).