July 13, 2014 **ORDER OF WORSHIP** Announcements Tommy Wade Song Leader Dalton Beard Scripture Reading Britt Lindley **Opening Praver** Bryan Davis (A.M.) Johnny Cissom (P.M.) **Closing Prayer** Chris Moore (A.M.) Jodie Criswell (P.M.) Lord's Table Kevin Shackelford (Presiding), Keith Newby, Ross Shackelford, Starrett Chapman **Count and Usher** Tom Wade & Jack Harris **Prepare Communion** Kathy Moore & Kelly Brewer Wednesday Night Song Leader Ross Shackelford (07/16/14)

OUR RECORD

July 2, 2014 Sunday Bible Study: 119 Sunday Morning Worship: 124 Sunday Evening Worship: 97 Wednesday Night Bible Study: 98 Budget: \$3,500 Contribution this week: \$3,537

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What Must I Do To Be Saved?

Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:13-17).
 Believe the Gospel (Acts 15:7;Mark 16:15, 16).
 Repent of Sins (Acts 3:19).
 Confess Faith in Christ (Acts 8:37).
 Be Baptized for Remission of Sins(Acts 2:38).
 De Faithful (Boundation 2:10).

6. Be Faithful (Revelation 2:10).

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THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

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Promised Land or BUSSI Wilderness Road Adventures Wilderness Road Adventures ULLY 13-16 TOD pm - 8:30 pm Join us

This year's Vacation Bible School is set as a road trip from Grumble to Humble. We will learn from the Israelites that God is willing to lead those who humble themselves to His plans and directions. Grumbling and complaining only make the travels more difficult. Are You Overdoing it? Ed Thomason

Have you ever been accused of "over doing it" or "going overboard" when it comes to working for the Lord? Most of us might reply, "Not often!" Others of us might think we "overdo" sometimes, but we probably don't. Still, being an "overachiever" and "go-getter" when it comes to church work is something that we as Christians should be known for.

The apostle Paul reminded the church at Corinth that they were to become "over-doers" or "second milers" when it came to working for the Lord. He wrote it this way, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (I Cor. 15:58).

Did you notice the word "abounding" in that passage? It means "overflowing in abundance, exceeding expectations, doing more than what is required." Did you also notice what Paul specifically exhorts brethren to "overflow in abundance" doing? That's right.... "The work of the Lord."

When it comes to the Lord's work, do others find us being timid or even reluctant to be more involved? Shouldn't each of us be known as "over achievers," with a volunteer spirit and willingness to do far more than what is expected or what might be considered our "duty?"

Of course Paul was writing to twenty year old Christians who have endless amounts of energy to "abound" with. Right? Wrong! Did you also notice the word "always?" It means "consistently throughout our lives." There is no age specification in this passage. Each of us should do more than our share of the work. We are taught and expected by God to "abound in the work of the Lord over our entire lifetimes."

How about you? Is your schedule full and overflowing when it comes to the Lord's work?

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Church Attendance (Hebrews 10:25) by: Perry Sexton

"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." This verse is not too complicated to understand. If we can understand Genesis 2:17, we should also be able to understand Hebrews 10:25.

Please consider: (Gen. 2:17) "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die." Note, "thou shalt not eat of it." How many times could they eat of that tree and still be pleasing to God (Cp. Gen. 3:6ff)? One command for us is: "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching" (Heb. 10:25). How many times can we forsake "the assembling of ourselves together" and still be pleasing to God?

Let us consider some definitions: "not" (web.) means "in no manner; to no degree: ... affirmation of the opposite." "Not" is word #3756 in Strong's Complete Concordance, and means "the absolute negative; (adv.) no or not." "Forsaking the assembling" is something that we are not to do (cp. Exodus 20:4, 5, 7, 13-17; I Cor. 6:9, 10). To do that which we are not to do is sin (I Jno. 3:4). The word "forsake" (#1459) means to "desert, leave, abandon." We are not to forsake any "assembling" of the church. The same word is used in Matthew 27:46, "... My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" It is important to remember that the Father did not forsake Jesus forever, but it is said of this one occurrence. The Greek word for "assembling" is episunagoge (#1997) and means " a

complete collection; specially a church meeting (for worship):--assembling (gathering) together." It is only used in one other verse, II Thessalonians 2:1. There it is used twice and is translated "gathering together." In Hebrews 10:25 it is used twice and is translated "assembling" and "together." The "assembling" is the gathering together of the church for a religious service (ex. I Cor. 11:20, etc.). This is what one is not to forsake: "the assembling of ourselves together." So if one willingly absence himself from a church service, he has forsaken "the assembling" and has broken a commandment of God.

There is a difference between "missing" and "forsaking." To "miss" is to be absent unwillingly. To "forsake" is to be absent willingly. The bottom line is, we do what we want to do (that is the key to it). It is a matter of where our treasure is (Matt. 6:19-21). If our heart's desire is to be with the saints in the presence of God to worship Him, we will be there if at all possible. Where is our affection (cp. Col. 3:1,2)? What is first in our lives (Matt. 6:33)? Do we truly love God as we should (John 14:15, 23)? Are we living acceptable lives unto God (Rom. 12:1)? Or are we numbered with the "lukewarm" (Rev. 3:15, 16), and the "foolish" virgins (Matt. 25:1ff)?

Hebrews 10:25 will meet us in the judgment (Rev. 20:12). We must obey God if we expect Heaven to be our eternal home (Heb. 5:9; Matt. 7:21). It will help us to remember all that Jesus has done for us and suffered for us (II Cor. 5:14,15).



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN VBS July 13th - 16th 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm PROMISED LAND OR BUST! Wilderness Road Adventures

No food or drinks will need to be brought for VBS this year. If you would like to help monetarily, please give to Karen Yancey.

Prize to the boy & girl who brings the most visitors! Start inviting! Flyers are available in foyer.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES:

Due to VBS starting at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday Evening our services have been changed. We will meet for Sunday Evening Worship from 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. then VBS will start immediately following worship services.

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP July 27th - 30th Start inviting! Flyers are available in foyer.

 PROGRAMS OF WORK

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Zak Muzzallo (Erik Longoria's Friend). He was 11 years old - cancer.

•SICK SUNDAY: Thad Berryman, Kasandra Longoria, Allen & Karen Yancey

•SURGERY RECOVERY: Bettye Melton, Brenda Shackelford

•TREATMENTS: Bobbie Nunnally

• **REHAB:** W.M. Chapman (Tippah County Nursing Home)

•EXTENDED ILLNESS: Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Danny Robertson (Amy Stagg's Father), Courtney Cissom (heart), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Hudson Grisham (Brother-in-law of Mildred Shackelford), Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •CANCER: Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuvkendall, William Thrasher. Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Mary Joyce Jeter (Sister of Juanita Michael), Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno. Ruth Greer

•SHUT-INS: <u>Resthaven</u>: Oleta Phillips (Mailing: Resthaven Care Center, 103 Cunningham Drive, Ripley, MS 38663), <u>Tippah</u> <u>County Hospital Nursing Home</u>: Lorene Willis, Geraldine Benefield, Christine Chapman, Billie Floyd (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663)

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