

**July 17, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Tommy Wade

**Song Leader**

Brad McAlister

**Scripture Reading**

Britt Lindley

**Opening Prayer**

Tom Wade (A.M.) Randell Koon (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Rickey Loveless (A.M.) Jack Harris (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Larry Wood (Presiding),

Starrett Chapman, Danny Shackelford, David Smith

**Count and Usher**

Andy Reese

J C Newby

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Ross Shackelford (07/20/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**July 10, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 105**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 122**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 84**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 96**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,611**

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

**JOIN US ON**

**THE VOYAGE**  
TO DISCOVER THE TREASURES OF JESUS

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 17th - 20th**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**

## RACISM, PREJUDICE, AND THE BIBLE Mark Lindley

Most Americans are somewhat familiar with the Declaration of Independence. Perhaps, the lines we remember best are the following: “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

In view of recent, tragic killings in our nation—all the killings—one might wonder if some have forgotten that “all are created equal.” We need to be reminded.

God’s Word teaches that we all have common origins. The first man was Adam (I Corinthians 15:45); the first woman was named Eve because she would be the “mother of all living” (Genesis 3:20). All people have descended from the first man and woman. Paul stated that God made of “one blood” all nations of men to dwell on the earth (Acts 17:26). That we are all of “one blood” indicates that we have common origins.

It was not until the time of Genesis chapter 11 that different languages and nationalities developed (Genesis 11:1-9). God caused the people of that day to be scattered upon the earth, and He confused their language. However, it was never God’s intention for men to begin discriminating against one another. Rather, God commanded His people to love their neighbors as themselves (Leviticus 19:18).

Not only does the Bible teach that we have common origins, but also that we have a common fall. Scripture reveals that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Red, yellow, black or white, all have sinned and need the forgiveness of God.

The Bible makes it clear that God loves all and sent His Son to die for all (John 3:16). Therefore, there is equal opportunity for all to be saved. Paul wrote: “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus...There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26-28). This text shows what is taught throughout the Bible: that God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34-35). Since God does not show partiality, neither should we.

Racism and prejudice are ugly and sinful before God. James set the record straight when he wrote, “But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors” (James 2:9). Yes, prejudice is a “sin!”

Let us resolve to love and respect all people everywhere, recognizing that each has been created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Further, God’s people everywhere should pray for our country that we might turn to God before it is too late.

**EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

- When in sorrow.....Call John 14
- When men fail you.....Call Psalm 27
- If you want to be fruitful.....Call John 15
- When you sin.....Call Psalm 51
- When you worry.....Call Matt. 6: 19-34
- When you are in danger.....Call Psalm 91
- When God seems far away.....Call Psalm 139
- When your faith needs stirring.....Call Hebrews 11
- When you are lonely and fearful.....Call Psalm 23
- When you grow bitter and critical.....Call 1 Cor. 13
- For Paul's secret to happiness.....Call Col. 3:12-17
- For understanding of Christianity.....Call 2 Cor. 5:15-19
- When you feel down and out.....Call Romans 8:31
- When you want peace and rest....Call Matt. 11:25-30
- When the world seems bigger than God...Call Psalm 90
- When you want Christian assurance...Call Romans 8:1-30
- When you leave home for labor or travel. ..Call Psalm 121
- When you leave home for labor or travel.....Call Psalm 67
- When your prayers grow narrow or selfish.....Call Psalm 67
- For a great invention/opportunity.....Call Isaiah 55
- When you want courage for a task.....Call Joshua 1
- For how to get along with fellow people....Call Romans 12
- When you think of investments and returns...Call Mark 10
- If you are depressed.....Call Psalm 27
- If your pocketbook is empty.....Call Psalm 37
- If you are losing confidence in people...Call 1 Cor. 13
- If people seem unkind.....Call John 15
- If discouraged about your work.....Call Psalm 126
- If you find the world growing small and yourself great.....Call Psalm 19
- Alternate numbers Dealing with fear....Call Psalm 34:7
- For security.....Call Psalm 121:3
- For assurance.....Call Mark 8:35
- For re-assurance.....Call Psalm 145:18

Emergency numbers may be dialed direct. No operator assistance is necessary. All lines to Heaven are open 24/7.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Chapman VBS**  
**July 17<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00-8:30 PM**

Join us on  
**THE VOYAGE**  
**TO DISCOVER THE TREASURES OF JESUS**  
**Prize for boy & girl who brings the**  
**most visitors!**

**Start inviting!**

Flyers are available in foyer.

**Ladies, please bring cookies or**  
**finger foods for VBS snacks.**

**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. VBS will start immediately following worship services.**

**CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP**  
**JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> – AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup>**

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of: Martha Reaves, Hollis Flowers, Jeter Cunningham, Dr. Horton Taylor & Clifton (Scooter) Vandygriff.

•**HOME SICK:** Lynn Beard, Juan & Guy Stroupe, Tony Morrison

•**HOME RECOVERING:** Audrey Box, Deborah Gullick, Pat Morgan (Robin Criswell’s Mother), Blair Chapman, Janie Chapman

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Doss (Kelly Brewer’s Father), Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, 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:** Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa,, Kenneth Rainey, 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*).