

**September 18, 2016  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

J C Newby

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

Gene Yancey

**Opening Prayer**

Keith Newby (A.M.) Andy Reese (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Chance Criswell (A.M.) Randell Koon (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

David Smith (Presiding),

Eli Carter, Ross Shackelford, Mason McAlister

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Danny Shackelford

**Prepare Communion**

Kathy Moore & Shelia Criswell

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

John Hopper (09/21/16)

**OUR RECORD**

**September 11, 2016**

**Sunday Bible Study: 130**

**Sunday Morning Worship: 138**

**Sunday Evening Worship: 105**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study: 108**

**Budget: \$3,500**

**Contribution this week: \$3,612**

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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

## DON'T FORGET GOD Mark Lindley

“Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day” (Deuteronomy 8:11). These are the words Moses spoke to the children of Israel just before they entered into the land of Canaan.

God knew that when the people entered the land and enjoyed the abundant blessings of Canaan they would be tempted to forget Him and His laws. God knew that the people would begin to believe that the blessings they enjoyed in Canaan were blessings they had obtained by their own power and might. Therefore, it was an appropriate time to issue the warning: “Don't forget God.”

This passage teaches us that in times of prosperity and wealth, there is the danger of forgetting God. This is certainly a potential problem for us today. We live in the most affluent country in the history of the world. We have so many material blessings we have difficulty finding room to store all the “stuff” we have accumulated. Yet, we always seem to want more.

I think we would be deceiving ourselves if we were to deny that, as a nation, we have forgotten the source of our blessings. We all need to be reminded that “every good and perfect gift is from above,” and comes down to us from the heavenly Father (James 1:17). He is the one who gives us “power to get wealth” (Deuteronomy 8:17-18). He gives “life, breath, and all things” (Acts 17:25). Rather than forgetting Him, we should put Him first in all we do and serve Him all the days of our lives.

In view of these thoughts, each one should ask: Do I allow worldly distractions to cause me to forget God? Do I put Him first in all that I do? Do I thank God daily for the blessings He provides?

Just as God had anticipated, the Israelites often forgot Him. Let us all determine that we will never forget God. “O give thanks unto the LORD, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever” (Psalms 107:1).

**The Selfie Generation  
Won't Win Olympic Gold  
Brad Harrub**

I didn't believe it when I first heard the news. A college student was sharing with me how no one in one of her classes could fail. She went on to explain how the school had adopted the new "no zero" policy, and one professor had made it a "no fail" policy. She said if students didn't turn in their work or literally copied their research papers word-for-word from the Internet, the student would receive a C-. I was dumbfounded. I wanted to clarify: "You mean to tell me if you don't do anything, or turn in someone else's paper from the internet word-for-word then you still pass?" She responded, "You got it!" Welcome to the new age, where participation trophies and building up self-esteem is all that really matters.

Narcissism is here! The millennial selfie generation! ME ME ME ME!

We have raised a generation of individuals who definitely have a high self-esteem. But at what cost? These young people are not like Olympians who spend long hours training and working hard. No, these are lazy teens who believe they should be rewarded simply because they exist. They are not willing to put in the time or energy to reach a specific goal. As a result, we are beginning to reap other fruits from this messed up style of parenting. For instance, most modern parents believe their little "angel" is gifted or brilliant—and any problems that arise must be the fault of someone else (i.e., the teacher), not their child.

Add to this the children have bought into the parents' lies, and they have become the most narcissistic generation in the history of man. These are the young people who think nothing of taking 40-60 selfies per day, and believe they are entitled to a life of luxury without having to work hard.

They have grown up believing life is all about being entertained and as a result they show little to no work ethic.

I fully recognize narcissism has always been around—but not to this degree. We hear it in song lyrics and see it emphasized in the media. Young people wear clothing that literally says, "It's all about me!" or "All me all the time." So what happens when you try to share the Gospel with individuals who believe the world literally revolves around them? They don't realize they "need" anything—because after all, it's all about them. Parents please think about this: If you are feeding your child's narcissism then you are directly responsible for teaching them idolatry and you are marching them away from the Almighty Creator. The idol they are now worshipping? Themselves. The inspired psalmist wrote, "The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts" (Psalm 10:4).

One would be hard pressed to find any Scripture that supports narcissism. One of the central themes that the Bible teaches against is pride. In Proverbs 16:18-19 we read, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Jesus routinely espoused the first shall be last and the last shall be first. He went on to declare, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me" (Mark 8:34).

Moms and Dads, you are not doing your children any favors by constantly building them up. You are not training up servants for Christ if they are obsessed with "selfies." You are not helping them grow into faithful Christians if they believe they are entitled to a life of ease and entertainment. Some of the most powerful growth opportunities come from times of failure. It may be during those times of failure that they discover just how much they need Christ.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Campaign for Christ  
September 25th -27th at 7:00 p.m.**

Booneville Church of Christ

**Speaker:** Lonnie Jones

\*\*\*In order for us to travel to the Campaign the elders have moved our **afternoon services to 5:00 p.m.** for Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> only.

**Pine Vale Children's Home**

**Fall Food Drive:**

Items requested:

**Cooking Oil Canned Beef Broth Razors**

Please place items in the kitchen by classrooms.

Will be picked up the first week of October.

### NEW MEMBERS:

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Every other Wednesday

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**IN LOVE AND SYMPATHY:** Our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Mike and Jenny Wallace.

•**HOME SICK:** Tony & Jane Morrison

•**IN REHAB:** Guy Stroupe (Golden Living)

•**TEST/SURGERY:** Juan Stroupe (20<sup>th</sup>)

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Cutah Newby (Corinth), Trevor Shinall( Dawn Jackson's Nephew- 8 yrs. old -LeBonheur/leukemia) Cards may be sent to 507 Cumberland Place, Oxford, MS 38655.

\*Good to have Gerohn Childs back with us Sunday.

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** George Coats, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Guy Stroupe, Willie Jeanes, 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:** Carolyn Medlin, 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).