

October 14, 2018
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford
Song Leader
J C Newby

Scripture Reading
Logan Yancey

Opening Prayer

Michiel Criswell (A.M.) Jarvene Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer

Gene Yancey (A.M.) Bryan Davis (P.M.)

Lord's Table

Tommy Wade (Presiding),
Brock Lindley, Andy Reese, Bobby Bridges

Count and Usher

Rickey Cissom & Kevin Shackelford

Prepare Communion

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

Wednesday Night Song Leader

Brock Lindley (10/17/18)

OUR RECORD

October 7, 2018

Sunday Bible Study: 101

Sunday Morning Worship: 114

Sunday Evening Worship: 89

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 111

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,528

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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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Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Picking a Fight Steven Higgingbotham

When I was a boy growing up, my mom and dad taught me not to fight. For the most part, I lived in harmony with those instructions. However, I had a neighbor who was always doing “mean” things to me. Yet, because of what my parents taught me, I endured his behavior.

Well, one day, my mom happened to be looking out the window when this boy was tormenting me, and she called me in the house and revised the instruction she gave me about fighting.

She told me that while I was not to “pick fights” with other boys, I did need to stand up for myself. Well, that’s all the encouragement I needed to hear. I promptly went back outside and “beat up” my neighbor.

Looking back, I don’t think I understood exactly what my mom was telling me. Defending myself was one thing, going off, looking for a fight was quite another.

In a similar vein, did you know that God authorizes us to “fight” (1 Timothy 6:12), “wage war” (1 Timothy 1:18), “contend” (Jude 3), and “wrestle” (Ephesians 6:12) for truth’s sake? However, just like the instruction from my mom, God’s instruction is not to be understood as permission to pick a fight and quarrel with others (2 Timothy 2:23-24. Romans 12:18).

The next time you’re tempted to get into a spat with someone, ask yourself if you’re defending the faith or picking a fight. Are you really seeking the good of the kingdom, or seeking an opportunity to “bop” someone? There’s a difference. One is honorable, the other is shameful. Give it some thought.

“It is honorable for a man to stop striving since any fool can start a quarrel” (Proverbs 20:3).

"ONLY THE BIBLE"

by Dalton Key

The Christians of the first century came into Christ's body as they obeyed the gospel. When they "obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine," they then became "the servants of righteousness." (Romans 6:17,18.) Salvation was not (and is not) earned or merited, yet it has always followed obedience to the simple gospel. The vengeance of Christ awaits all those who "obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.) Those honest souls in the New Testament times understood that to be a Christian, one must obey the gospel and the gospel alone. In short, the Bible only produced Christians only.

An honest, searching heart can take the New Testament and nothing else, read, believe and obey it and become a Christian, a member of the church of Christ. No denomination under heaven can claim the same for itself. To become a member of a denomination, one requires the Bible plus something else. The sectarian spirit of denominationalism would encourage the study of party platforms over the individual study of Scripture. The church has nothing to fear from her members studying the Bible. The Bible, and the Bible only, has always been the seed by which children of God have been begotten.

We must never make or devise a creed, written or unwritten, to stand in competition with the inspired scriptures. If one requires something in addition to the New Testament to become one of us, we have ceased to be the simple, New Testament church.

Getting the Most out of Sermons and Bible Lessons By R. W. McAlister

Have you ever left a Bible class or worship service and thought, "I just didn't get much out of that." I daresay we all have at one time or another. Let me offer some suggestions that may help us.

- I know it's not always possible, but come to worship or Bible class well-rested. If you're tired, it's going to be difficult to pay attention and stay awake.
- Before you arrive at the service, prepare yourself to be a good listener and have your mind on God. Some read their Bibles or pray. Others may watch, "A Bible Answer" or "In Search of the Lord's Way" on TV. Whatever helps you get your mind focused, do it.
- Remind yourself of how important it is to hear God's Word proclaimed. There is always something new for us to learn or be reminded of.
- When it comes to Bible class, come prepared to participate. If you have some insight on the topic being discussed, share it so that all can benefit from it.
- Don't be afraid to ask questions in Bible class.
- When it comes to listening to the sermon, have a positive attitude – decide that you're going to hear something that will help you or someone else. Don't focus on the mispronounced words or the unintentional errors. Instead, focus on the overall message and what you can learn from it.
- Follow along with the Scriptures, or, if so many are used that you can't turn to them quickly enough, write the references down and look at them later.
- If taking notes helps you stay focused, then take notes.
- If the lesson being taught reminds of something you need to be doing, do it, because we're not supposed to be just hearers only, but doers of God's Word (Jas. 1:22).

Are you getting as much as you can from the Bible class and the sermons? Let us all be "swift to hear" and "doers of the Word" (Jas. 1:19 & 22).

A Spoken Word By Ron Thomas

Proverbs 10:19 says, "In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise." Many years ago I learned that the value of a word fitly spoken penetrates powerfully. Though I learned this I did not always do what I learned. While I was in the USAF, stationed in Guam, I heard a brother in the Lord answer someone's question about why he spoke so little. He responded, "I'm tired of eating my foot." Those few words said more to me than all the philosophy classes I took in college. What is your impression of a person who seems to always be talking? My impression, sometimes, is that the person doing all or nearly all the talking doesn't have much to say, but it is going to be said anyway. The context, of course, of the circumstances (and words) will determine how this is to be interpreted. The proverb writer does not speak anything profoundly spiritual. He simply utters a truth that any mature adult can understand. I wish, though, that many adults would transfer this understanding of theirs into actions. Someone has said that if you give a man enough rope and he will hang himself. I think I'll carry a short rope!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN'S LADIES BIBLE CLASS
Thursday, October 18th at 6:30

**CHAPMAN'S TRUNK-R-TREAT/
HOTDOG ROAST/HAYRIDE**
Saturday, October 27th at 6PM

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• **HOSPITAL:** Curtis Mauney (Crossroads/Corinth), Jessie Morgan (*Rehab/Robin Criswell's Father*)

• **SURGERY RECOVERY:** Doris Williford (Hip)

• **SURGERY:** Jackie Peak (Patricia Waide's Sister)

• **TEST:** Patricia Waide

• **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Joanie Kate Reese, Carlin Johnson, Mitch Lewellen, Rita Hurt, Faye Jenkins, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Venie Holbrook, Tony Morrison, Bobbie Prather, Sandra Hoppe, Connie Mauney, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Niles Jones, Thad Berryman

• **CANCER:** Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Roxieann Foster, Danny Yancey, Lana Waldon, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Lanny Yancey, Niani Colom-Omotesa, Kenneth Rainey, Janice Willingham, Lester Wommack, Doug Pannell, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno.

• **SHUT-INS:** Resthaven: **Oleta Phillips, Johnnie Carpenter** (*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*).