

**November 30, 2014**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Randell Koon

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

Evan Yancey

**Opening Prayer**

Junior Derrick (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Tom Wade (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Rickey Loveless (Presiding),

Bobby Bridges, David Smith, Jack Harris

**Count and Usher**

Ricky Cissom & Eric Melton

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Barrett Chapman (12/03/14)

**OUR RECORD**

**November 23, 2014**

Sunday Bible Study: 112

Sunday Morning Worship: 131

Sunday Evening Worship: 104

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 93

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,627

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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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Rickey Loveless, Brad McAlister,  
Joel Moore, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood  
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

## Adult Language by B. B. Bristow

Some TV programs that are filled with sin are prefaced with these words: Warning: program contains adult language. Viewers discretion advised." What are they really saying? What is adult language? In their thinking, it is all right for adults to hear and use all kinds of filthy language, but this warning is to protect the children until they are old enough to do the same! Isn't the devil shrewd in his approach to sin?

After we have reached adulthood, we should still be mature enough to use language that is pure, meaningful, and edifying.

We should be old enough to know that we should not use the name of God in vain since He is our Creator, sustainer, and the One who will judge our final destiny (Acts 17:31).

It is wondered just how many adults (who call themselves Christians) use such language? Paul wrote: "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one" (Colossians 4:6).

This is the kind of adult language that the Lord approves. Therefore, if you want to be involved in real adult language, be involved in character, forgiveness, commitment, sacrifice, moral values, and determination. When we do this, we will know that our children will grow up to use the same kind of language that is good and pure.

Why do people enjoy evil "adult language?" Because they think on evil things! Christians who think on good things want to speak good words. Paul mentions things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, and of good report. Then he says: "if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

"A careless word may kindle strife, / A cruel word may wreck a life; / A bitter word may hate instill, / A brutal word may smite and kill; / A gracious word may smooth the way / A joyous word may light the day; / A timely word may lessen stress, / A loving word may heal and bless."

Is your adult language FOR  
or  
AGAINST the Lord?

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## Are You Absolutely Sure?

Dan Jenkins

Our world is so strange in that it no longer believes there are truths which are unchangeable and absolutely true. Have you ever considered the paradox when many say that there is nothing which is absolutely true? Can you see the absurdity in a statement which affirms an absolute truth? How can one be absolutely sure that nothing is absolute!

Failure to believe in absolute truth impacts our nation. Our nation was founded on the principles that our forefathers described as truths that are self-evident. They affirmed that all men are created equally and are endowed by the Creator with unalienable rights like life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It was on this basis that God blessed America and exalted it above all nations. The foundation of our nation was a self-evident, absolute truth—we exist because the Creator created us equally. Now remove the absolute truth that God is and we have been created by Him, and the results are schools where it is forbidden to acknowledge Him in prayers, to teach the moral precepts from the Book given by the Creator and the abortion of nearly 57,000,000 citizens. God is! You can be absolutely sure of this!

Failure to believe in absolute truth impacts our religious world. Our religious world is filled with the concept that what might be truth for one might not be truth to another. There are very few who view the Bible as the basis of absolute unchangeable truth. Look at the maze of denominationalism and you see the fruit of this view of truth. It makes no difference how you worship, what names you wear religiously, what you view about marriage and divorce, what you believe about homosexuality or how you determine what is moral. How strange this view would seem to the early church who steadfastly followed the apostles' teachings. How strange it looks to the Creator who gave us the Book of absolute truth.

Failure to believe in absolute truth impacts our homes. The homes of many Christians are being devastated because some have forgotten the absolute truth about God hating divorce, Biblical teaching about divorce and remarriage, the role of husbands and wives in the home and the parents' role in molding and shaping the lives of children. God has spoken. The failure to see His words as absolute and to apply them in our homes is killing us!

God has spoken. Jesus declared that the only way of life is to live by every word which comes from God's mouth. God has spoken. His words are eternal. His words are understandable. His words are sovereign. His words are unchangeable. His words are truth. His words are absolute truth!

## Dying By Degrees

Mike Riley

In an experimental laboratory, a frog was placed in a container of water. The water was heated at the rate of 0.036 of a degree per second. The frog did not notice the change. When the water finally reached 140 degrees, the frog died. But, he had not been aware of any change in temperature. The frog died by degrees.

In the above story, by an unknown author, a spiritual principle is taught that we as Christians should give heed to. Like a lot of church members, the poor frog never did realize he was dying. He could have jumped out at any time if he had known the danger. Members of the Lord's church can (and often do) stray far from God, but they never reach this unfaithful state in one night. It takes place by degrees. A Christian begins to miss services occasionally and then a little more often, then soon he or she is completely out of duty and lost. Even then, they sometimes do not realize they are dead while they yet live (cf. 1 Timothy 5:6). Maybe others still attend services, but their lives lack that inner devotion and fervor they once had. How did they get into such a condition? Little by little they omitted prayer, Bible study, meditation, and personal consecration until finally there remains only a shell of a once faithful Christian.

The Devil doesn't lure us into committing sin overnight, but tempts us by degrees. Therefore, let us listen intently to the Hebrew writer's warning to, "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you and evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened though the deceitfulness of sin" (Hebrews 3:12-13). Living a life of faithfulness can overcome any temptation the devil throws at us (1 Corinthians 10:13).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Ladies Holiday Baskets

*Thanks to all the Chapman Ladies who helped with the holiday baskets. You are greatly appreciated in this wonderful work.*

### CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY: November 30th

Fellowship meal (soups & sandwiches)  
after morning services.

*Food sign up list in foyer.*

Evening Services at 1:30 p.m conducted by  
Chapman young men.

### SCAVENGER HUNT November 30th

**3:30PM - Meet in Fellowship Hall**

**4:00-6:00PM - Hunt**

**6:30PM - Devotional by Adam Miller**

**7:00PM - Eat & View Slideshow**

Sign up sheet in the foyer.

*Please bring canned drinks and desserts.*

### Pinevale Christmas Child

Girl - 18 years old

If you would like to help,  
please see Karen Yancey.

**December 13th - Pinevale Holiday Party**

Foot Street Church of Christ at 11 AM

*Please sign list in the foyer if you plan to go.*

*They need to know how many tables to prepare.*

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

### The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

### Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

### Correspondence Course

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Jack Harris, Mike Criswell, Ali Mann, Robin Chapman, Molly Moore, Erik and Cassandra Longoria

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Tony Morrison (Heart Surgery/Tupelo), Ola Wade (Corinth)

•**REHAB:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman/ Tupelo). Bonnie Chapman (TCH), Gerald Walden (TCH)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Audrey Box, Wayne Vandygriff (Back Surgery), Juan Stroupe (Knee Replacement Surgery), J C Newby

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Lance Mauney (Brother of Mildred Shackelford), Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Glen Moore (Joel's Brother), Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman.

•**CANCER:** Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, David Barkley (Kelly Brewer's Uncle), Yater Shinall (Dawn Jackson's Father), Brenda Wallace, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Beth Kuykendall, William Thrasher, Donna Daniel (Clint Stroupe's Mother), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Rhonda Shannon, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, Danny Edmonds, Dean McNutt, John Reno, Ruth Greer

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

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