

**August 30, 2015  
ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**Announcements**

Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**

Larry Wood

**Scripture Reading**

Junior Derrick

**Opening Prayer**

Brad McAlister (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Joel Moore (A.M.) Young Men (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),  
Tom Wade, Gene Yancey, Jack Harris

**Count and Usher**

David Smith

Rickey Loveless

**Prepare Communion**

Robin Chapman & Molly Moore

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Blair Chapman (09/02/15)

**OUR RECORD**

**August 23, 2015**

Sunday Bible Study: 105

Sunday Morning Worship: 126

Sunday Evening Worship: 113

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 100

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,501

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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

## Where Does the Bible Condemn Gambling?

by Wayne Jackson

Occasionally someone will ask, "Where does the Bible condemn gambling?" They would like a book, chapter, and verse that specifically mentions the practice.

Like many other sins, gambling is not directly named in Scripture. It is nonetheless, condemned in principle numerous times.

## Gambling is a violation of faithful stewardship.

The Bible teaches that what we have belongs to the Lord and that it is entrusted to us for our stewardship.

Imagine leaving money to care for your children with a relative while you were away on a trip. How would you feel if your relative put the whole wad on Powerball Lotto tickets? The flippant person will say, "Great if he won!" But the reality is gambling empires are built on people losing, not winning.

To put at risk of loss our Father's money on games of chance is poor stewardship. 1 Cor. 4:2; Lk. 12:42; 1 Pet. 4:10

## Gambling ignores the welfare of your neighbor.

Gambling ignores the law of love for one's neighbor. It is a zero-sum game. It is stealing by deception, because the loser, even though he grants permission never anticipates losing.

Love for other people means acting in their best interest even when they do not. Matt. 22:39; Rom. 13:10; 1 Cor. 10:24

## Gambling is dishonest.

Gambling violates the principle of doing honest work for one's bread. It places your prosperity in the hands of Lady Luck, rather than a fair exchange of value for value. Lady Luck owes you nothing! 2 Thes. 3:10

## Gambling enslaves.

Gambling is highly addictive. According to the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, 15 to 20 million adults and adolescents have either problem or pathological gambling addictions, which is about 5-7 percent of the U.S. population.

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Tony Morrison, Connie Koon, Wilma Wood, Sonia Derrick, Ina Ruth Harris, Pat Wade, Johnny Cissom, Jimmy Berryman

•**IN HOSPITAL:** Mildred Shackelford, Connie Mauney(Tupelo), Geneva Oliver (Red Bay, AL - Rehab. - Car Accident - Brent Townsend's Grandmother), Jimmy Dale Downs (Tupelo), Bettye Melton (Tippah County Nursing Home Rehab.)

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Shelby Cissom, Erik Longoria, Randall Hancock (Liver & Kidney Transplant - Dawn Stroupe's Father), Taylor Crawford, Genice Collette (Mildred Shackelford's Sister), Tony Morrison, Terry Jumper (myasthenia gravis), Renae Koon, Brandon King, Jane Bates, Lylah McGauhy, Fagin and Johnnie Carpenter, Sandra & Niles Jones, Thad Berryman. •**CANCER:** Deborah Gullick (Mother of Stephanie McAlister, Bo & Brian Chapman), Don Allen Riggs, Sam Camp, Sam Warrington (cystic fibrosis & leukemia), Rodney Hilliard, Eva Crawford, Elaine Mauney, Bob Shelton, Sue Mauney, Wade Hodges, Jennifer Pannell (Niece of Sharon Pannell), Grey Roberson, Merida Bane (Barrett & Starrett Chapman's Sister), Katherine Finley, Kane Pannell, Ann Bennett, John Tiesney, 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 Willis, Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman, Pauline McBryde (Rita Smith's Grandmother) (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN 5TH SUNDAY: August 30th

Fellowship meal (potluck) after morning services. Evening Services at 1:30 p.m conducted by Chapman young men.

Youth Skating - 4:00 to 6:00PM

### September 6, 2015

Chapman Singing:  
Tippah County Hospital  
Nursing Home at 2 PM  
&  
Visitation Group:  
Will NOT meet Sunday Night

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## How Do I Keep from Doing a Sin That I Want to Do?

David Sproule

In a Bible class that was discussing the topic of homosexuality, a 13-year-old girl asked, "What about someone who really doesn't want to have *those feelings* but can't seem to stop them?" That is such a great question, for there are many who are struggling with homosexual desires but they don't want to be. How can they stop? What can they do?

**First, the first step in stopping sinful desires is to have a desire to stop.** The Bible calls that "repentance." To repent, as defined in the Bible, is to change one's mind which then leads to a change of conduct. One must truly want to stop sinning, if he is going to overcome the desires and thoughts. Genuine change of life will not follow where genuine change of heart and mind does not first lead.

**Second, one must disassociate with friends and acquaintances who do not share the same godly drive.** If one truly wants to stop sinful desires but he continues to hang around those who are given to (or approve of) those sinful desires, then those associations will weaken the resolve and eventually quell the determination. Our friends have a tremendous influence on us (1 Cor. 15:33), and some of them will keep us from making meaningful changes in our lives.

**Third, deliberately associate with those who do share the same godly drive.** As we disassociate with ungodly influences, we must build relationships with faithful Christians, who will help to "sharpen" us as Christians and help us deepen our resolve to live holy lives for God (Prov. 27:17).

**Fourth, abstain from tempting situations and people.** We all know that we are especially weak and susceptible when we are in certain situations, around certain stimuli. God's solution is clear-cut, "Abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Pet. 2:11). Get away. Stay away.

**Fifth, pray about it.** The power of prayer is beyond our ability to comprehend. "You do not have because you do not ask" (Jas. 4:2). In detailing the Christian armor, precisely suited to fight the devil and his temptations, the final piece of armor is "praying always" (Eph. 6:18). Ask. Seek. Knock. All the time!

**Sixth, write the word of God on your heart.** We all need to be able to say, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!" (Psa. 119:11). When "the law of his God is in his heart, his steps do not slip" (Psa. 37:31). God's word has amazing power to work in our lives!

**Seventh, remember that being tempted is not a sin.** Jesus was tempted but never sinned. Fleshly lusts are hard to overcome, but with God's help we can resist giving in to those sinful urges. Each victory over temptation will help you to win another victory down the road. Trust in God. Lean on Him!

"If you take 15 million people and place them in average-sized NFL Football stadiums that hold about 70,000 people, you could fill approximately 214 stadiums to capacity with problem and pathological gamblers in the U.S. alone!" (CitizenLink.com)1 Cor. 6:12; Gal. 5:23

### Gambling sets an evil example.

How many parents who truly love their children would want them to experience the negative consequences of gambling addiction? Your influence on others either makes this world a better place, or it leads your friends and neighbors farther away from Christ. Rom. 12:17;1 Tim. 4:12 ; 5:14; 2 Pet. 2:2.

### Gambling is often a gateway to crime.

Gambling is the frequent companion with other vices, e.g., stealing, drugs, prostitution.

### Gambling destroys families.

Gambling is the destroyer of numerous homes. It takes food, clothing, and medical care from wives and children. 1 Tim. 5:8

### Gambling destroys the soul.

Gambling is the enemy of mental peace. It brings fear and anxiety. It creates an obsession with money that consumes the gambler. The suicide rate among gamblers is very high.

Let every person who wishes to honor God and respect his neighbor avoid this noxious habit altogether.