

March 19, 2023

**Announcements**  
Kevin Shackelford

**Song Leader**  
Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**  
Britt Lindley

**Opening Prayer**  
Terry Chapman (A.M.)  
John Hopper (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**  
Ricky Cissom (A.M.)  
Mickey Chandler (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**  
Tommy Wade

**Count and Usher**  
Michiel Criswell & Bryan Davis

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**  
Logan Yancey (03/22/23)

**OUR RECORD**

**March 12, 2023**

Sunday Bible Study: 83  
Sunday Morning Worship: 96  
Sunday Evening Worship 82  
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 83

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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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**ELDERS:** Terry Chapman, Brad McAlister,  
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade

**DEACONS:** Bryan Davis, John Hopper,  
Rickey Loveless, Chris Moore, Kevin  
Shackelford, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

Chapman Church of Christ

**Invites You  
To Come**

**GOSPEL  
MEETING**

**March  
19th-22nd**

**10:00 a.m. Sunday  
Bible Study**

**10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship:  
Fellowship Meal To Follow**

**1:30 p.m. Sunday Evening**

**7:00 p.m. Monday-  
Wednesday Evening**

**Speakers:**

**Sunday: Billy Bland**

**Monday: Ken Forrest**

**Tuesday: Tony Brown**

**Wednesday: Tim Dooley**

## DOES ABSOLUTE TRUTH EXIST?

By Mark Lindley

I remember years ago watching an old game show on television called, "To Tell the Truth." I suppose the name of that show would be distasteful to our culture because many have little appreciation for the term "truth." In fact, many deny that there is such a thing as absolute truth.

The idea that absolute truth does not exist is associated with the philosophy of relativism. Relativism is defined as "the doctrine that knowledge, truth, and morality exist in relation to culture, society, or historical context, and are not absolute." According to this philosophy, what was true fifty years ago concerning morals, ethics, marriage, rearing children and other things may not be true today. This is because truth is "relative." It changes with time, culture, and historical context.

This doctrine is dangerous because it leaves the younger generation with no solid foundation for morality and ethics, and when there is no absolute standard to guide our lives, moral chaos is the result.

The Bible teaches that in the days of the judges, there was no king in Israel and "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). This is precisely what is happening in our culture: many people have embraced the doctrine of relativism and they are doing what is right "in their own eyes."

The problem with this situation is that relativism is a false doctrine. Truth does not originate with man, but with God. I do not have the right to develop my own standard of morality and do what is right in my own eyes; no one does. Rather, we are to submit to God's standards.

Is there really a universal standard to which all are to submit? Does absolute truth really exist? Consider the words of Jesus: "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Did you notice that twice in that one verse Jesus affirmed that there is a body of knowledge identified as "truth"? Not only did Jesus teach that truth exist, but He also taught that we can "know" the truth, and that the truth "makes us free."

The truth of God's Word is unchanging. By following it, we can have rich, fulfilling lives here and in the hereafter. "For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 117:2).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### GOSPEL MEETING

MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup>

Sunday meal following AM service.

PM Service at 1:30 PM

Monday – Wednesday 7 PM

**BEECH HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**Area Wide Singing Night**  
March 26th at 5:30 PM

### *A Plea For Prayers*

*Please pray for spiritual and numerical growth for the Chapman Congregation in 2023.*

## PROGRAMS OF WORK

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Remember count your blessings, pray for our lost ones, the sick, the world and the broken-hearted.*

**SICK SUNDAY:** Rickey Loveless, Wilma Wood, Patti Hall

**HOSPITAL:** Marty Montgomery, Mavis Clemmer

**SURGERY RECOVERY:** Larry Wood, Angela Bridges, Wayne Vandygriff, Karen Yancey

**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Theo Smith, Joanie Kate Reese, Loxlee Eaton (6-yr old, Chris Lewellen's Granddaughter), Olivia Pounders, Joe Clark, Louise Pannell (Sharon's Mother), Malone Hurt, Junior Derrick, Jane Morrison, George Doss, Thad Berryman, Hannah Perry & Baby, Juanita Michael

**CANCER:** Billy McBryde, George Doss (Kelly Brewer's Father), Deborah Williams (Kim Lindley's Aunt), Ralph Shaw (Janie Chapman's Son-in-law), Eddie Mauney, Haley Loveless, Sidra Davis, Trish Clark, Johnnie Carpenter, Kevin Clifton, Austin Wentz, Steve Barnes (Mickey & Gail Chandler's Son-in-law), Betty Faye Ledbury

**SHUT-INS:** *Tippah County Health & Rehab:* Romia Palmer #204, Jimmy Berryman, Peggy Davis, Gerohn Childs *Resthaven:* Johnnie Carpenter

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