

May 24, 2026

**Announcements**

Dale Vandygriff

**Song Leader**

Chris Moore

**Scripture Reading**

Mason McAlister

**Opening Prayer**

Ross Shackelford ( A.M.)

Tommy Wade (P.M.)

**Closing Prayer**

Tim McMillin (A.M.)

Wayne Vandygriff (P.M.)

**Lord's Table**

Jarvene Shackelford

**Count and Usher**

Bobby Bridges & Brandon Dees

**Wednesday Night Song Leader**

Ross Shackelford (05/27/26)

**OUR RECORD**

May 17, 2026

Sunday Bible Study: 92

Sunday Morning Worship: 108

Sunday Evening Worship: 92

Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81

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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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Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood

**PREACHER:** Mark Lindley

## **RUNNING THE RACE WITHOUT WEIGHTS**

**Mark Lindley**

The writer of Hebrews compares the Christian life to running a race. “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience **the race** that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

To run the Christian race successfully, one must “lay aside every weight” (verse 1). Can you imagine trying to compete in a race with a twenty-pound weight tied around your leg? It is strenuous enough to run in a race, let alone running with a weight tied around your leg.

The word translated *weight* is used only this one time in the Bible. It means “burden.” So, the writer instructs us to lay aside any burden, anything that would hinder our running the race.

Even good things can become “weights.” Getting an education can become a weight when a young person becomes so occupied with pursuing an education that he loses focus of the race set before him. Professions can become weights when parents put their jobs before the Lord and His church. Recreation can become a weight when a man neglects his family or God for golfing, fishing, or hunting.

In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus warned about becoming too “weighted.” He said, “And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful” (Mark 4:19).

Are there “cares of this world” that have become weights to you? If there are, won’t you lay them aside today. Only by “finishing your course” can you cross your heavenly finish line. Lay aside those weights, and keep on running the race!

## LESSONS LEARNED FROM A RICH MAN James Pilgrim

Luke 16:19-31 records the deaths of “a certain rich man” and “a certain beggar named Lazarus.” We learn a number of things from these two, especially from the rich man. The context shows us that Jesus is discussing riches. (Luke 16:1-18). He uses an unjust steward (Verses 1 and 8) to teach His lesson, which He began in verse 1. Jesus then again taught the disciples (Verse 1, 19-31) about the failure to use one’s riches properly.

There are additional lessons to be learned from the rich man. First, the rich man was not condemned because he was rich, because he “was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day.” He was in good company; Abram was very rich in cattle, silver, and gold. (Genesis 13:2). Job was rich. (Job 1:3; 42:10). Many others had riches. Misuse of one’s wealth is where sin lies. (Proverbs 11:28; 22:16; Failure to obey James 1:27). Second, the rich man could have fed Lazarus, without missing it. Being rich, he had the means, “good things.” (Luke 16:19, 25). The beggar was not asking for much, only “desiring the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table.” (Luke 16:21). Are there those around us that we might help? (Galatians 6:10). Cf. 2 Corinthians 13:5; 1 John 4:1ff.

Third, in the torment of Hades, the disobedient rich man remembered that he had five (5) brothers on earth. Did he really know this? Remember once one dies, one has no knowledge of things under the sun, nor is one remembered. (Ecclesiastes 9:5). Could they have died immediately after he did? Did he but remember how it was at the time of his death? We have heard people with all good intentions trying to get people to obey the gospel, say, “Your dear saved loved ones are grieving over your disobedience, praying for your obedience to Jesus.”

Fourth, we need to actively teach and convert our relatives and friends while we are alive. (2 Timothy 2:24; Mark 16:15, 16).

Fifth, after death, this rich man’s body was buried, but he was being tormented in a flame in the Hadean world. (Luke 16:22-24). He was conscious, as Luke says, “and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.” (Verse 23). Can an unconscious person see anyone, much less two (2) people?

Sixth, remembering that water aids in cooling, this tormented rich man asks Abraham for “mercy”, to send Lazarus, one he had refused to feed, “that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue, for I am tormented in this flame.” (Verse 24).

Seventh, Jesus had told His apostles that they would be persecuted of all for His name sake, but they would be blessed in the end. (Matthew 5:10-12). The tables have now turned. The rich man stuffed himself, and turned a blind eye to the beggar, but now the wealthy man is begging, **unsuccessfully**. Abraham reminds the selfish rich man of this fact. (Verse 25).

Eighth, Abraham told the rich man that there was no escape. (Verse 26). He may have been accustomed to bribery to get his way, but in hell (Greek, Hades) this will not be an option. Not one on either side will be able to cross to the other side (Verse 26), although one cannot fathom the idea of one in Abraham’s bosom wanting to leave, and go to the other side.

Ninth, any and all who desire the salvation of anyone, whether relative, friend, or other, should seek to get them to study the word of God. (Acts 4:12; 2 Timothy 2:15).

Tenth, beloved, you and I will be in Hades, maybe before we know it. May we so live that we will be in Paradise, in Abraham’s bosom, apart from the rich man and his kind.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CHAPMAN YOUTH

May 24, 2026

OUT OF SCHOOL CELEBRATION  
After Evening Service  
Booneville Park

### FIFTH SUNDAY

May 31, 2026

10 AM: Bible Study  
10:45 AM: AM Worship  
**12 Noon: Fellowship Meal**  
1:30 PM: Evening Service

### LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Monday, June 1st - 6:30 PM

At South Main Events  
102 South Main Street, Ripley

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 14-17

### UPON THIS ROCK The Life of Peter

Lesson 1 – FROM FISHERMAN TO FOLLOWER  
Lesson 2 – FROM FOLLOWER TO FAITHFUL  
Lesson 3 – FROM FALTERING TO FORGIVEN  
Lesson 4 – FROM FORTIFIED TO FEARLESS  
Lesson 5 – FROM EVER –FAITHFUL TO FOCUSED

**10 AM Bible Study**  
**10:45 AM Worship**  
**2 PM Evening Service**  
(VBS after Evening Service)  
Mon-Wed 6 PM to 7:30 PM

Prize for the boy & girl who bring the most visitors!

*Dessert Sign-Up Forms in foyer.*

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

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

❖ Great to have Susan Stevens back with us. We missed her.

❖ **EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Juan Stroupe, Kathy Ratliff (Stroke), Jerry South, Caleb McAlister, Garrison Coats, Thad Berryman, John Walker Perry

❖ **CANCER:** Dennis Hopper, (John’s Father), Billy McBryde (Rita Smith’s Father), Dewayne Morgan, Teresa Rhea, Rosie Marie Greer (Jane Morrison’s Sister), Belinda Lucy (Jane Morrison’s Niece)

❖ **SHUT-INS: Home:** Janie Chapman, Juanita Michael **Tippah County Health & Rehab:** Romia Palmer, Mike Stroupe

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