

July 28, 2019
ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford
Song Leader
Chris Moore
Scripture Reading
Britt Lindley
Opening Prayer
Logan Yancey(A.M.)
David Smith (P.M.)
Closing Prayer
Rickey Loveless(A.M.)
Barrett Chapman (P.M.)
Lord's Table
Jarvene Shackelford (Presiding),
Jeff Roberson, Larry Wood, Gene Yancey
Count and Usher
Chase Chapman
Brock Lindley
Prepare Communion
Shawna & Christy Jones
Wednesday Night Song Leader
John Hopper (07/31/19)

OUR RECORD

July 21, 2019

Sunday Bible Study: 114
Sunday Morning Worship: 133
Sunday Evening Worship: 116
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 81
Budget: \$3,500
Contribution this week: 3,694

BULLETIN BY E-MAIL:

Receive bulletin by e-mail notify us:
chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net
Also can view on our website:
chapmanchurch.com

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).



CHAPMAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
250 COUNTY ROAD 550
RIPLEY, MS 38663

THE CHAPMAN CHALLENGER

Published Weekly by
Chapman Church of Christ
Ripley, Mississippi
(662) 837-7012
chapmanchurch.com

ELDERS: Barrett Chapman, Terry Chapman,
Jarvene Shackelford, Tommy Wade
DEACONS: Bryan Davis, Rickey Loveless,
Brad McAlister, Wayne Vandygriff, Larry Wood
PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Chapman Church of Christ

LECTURESHIP

July 28-31, 2019

**“MODERN ISSUES
CONFRONTING
THE CHURCH”**

• **Sunday Morning Bible Study...10:00 a.m.**
The Sin of Homosexuality
Wendell Fikes

• **Sunday Morning Worship...10:45 a.m. •**
Why We Are Losing Our Young People –
Wendell Fikes
• Fellowship meal will follow.

• **Sunday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m. •**
Pornography
Jeff Scott

• **Monday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m. •**
Dealing with Discouragement
Shawn Weaver

• **Tuesday Evening Worship...7:00 p.m. •**
Too Busy for God
Jim Estes

• **Wednesday Evening Worship...7:00
p.m. •**
The Misuse of Social Media
Ty Rhymes

I WANT A CHURCH THAT MEETS MY NEEDS

William Woodson, deceased

The statement made in the title is not only the desire of many in the religious world, but is becoming the philosophy of many Christians, because many of us are seeking a religion that "meets our needs." The phrase itself has virtually become a new religious term. Many persons praise or blame a particular congregation because it is or is not "meeting my needs."

Let me hasten to say that if the phrase means that we need to satisfy spiritual hunger, then it is a good expression, for surely everyone ought to be in a Christian community where his/her deepest spiritual longings are being addressed. The voice of God needs to be heard through spiritual teaching, and we need opportunities to serve, love and be called to repentance.

But being a part of the church to some means reaching for goals of "self-actualization." So if the church doesn't fulfill certain expectations, wants and preferences, they must move on to another emotional department store with different merchandise more appealing to their "tastes."

Sadly, and probably without realizing it, many congregations have gotten into thinking that "we have to do all these things and plan all the activities to meet people's needs so they won't leave." Consequently, well-meaning leaders have turned God's church into a merchandising institution. So we promote this program and that program for this group and that group.

But, in my judgment, the system has become turned upside down from the way God intended it to be. Whatever happened to the attitude in a Christian's heart of "I'd like to be a part of this congregation because of what I can do to meet its needs?" When are we most fulfilled? When our needs are met, or when we meet the needs of God's church on this earth? We ought to be a part of a congregation not so our needs can be met, but rather so we may best meet the needs of God's work.

Christians need to recall the Truth of the scriptures that personal fulfillment is a great spiritual paradox. We are most filled when we empty ourselves and be filled serving others. Jesus taught us, "...whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (servant)...even as the son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister (serve)" (Matthew 20:26-28).

Paul said of his own heart, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). And again, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service" (Romans 12:1). "Reasonable service" is not being served (having your needs met) but serving (meeting the needs of others). We need to relearn the axiom, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

Let's not demand that God's church be a place where people (leadership or membership) cater to our desires and preferences. Let's turn it right side up again and be a part of a congregation, not for what it can do for us, but for what we can do for it!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHAPMAN LECTURESHIP

July 28th – July 31st

“MODERN ISSUES CONFRONTING THE CHURCH”

Remember:

After Sunday Morning Service:

Fellowship meal will follow.

*Sunday Evening Service will be at 7:00 PM
for our Lectureship.*

PROGRAMS OF WORK

Website: chapmanchurch.com

Articles • Sermons (Audio) • Chapman
Challengers

The Bible Broadcast

Sunday Mornings at 8 AM • WKZU radio 104.9 FM

Southern Sentinel Article

Every other Wednesday

Correspondence Course

Study the Bible in your home, at your convenience,
by enrolling in a free Bible correspondence course.

To enroll: call (837-7012), write (250 CR 550,
Ripley, MS 38663) or e-mail
(chapmansecretary@ripleycable.net

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

•**SICK SUNDAY:** Ola Wade, Johnny Cissom

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Ashley Dees Wilson, Pat Waide, Joanie Kate Reese, Linda Chapman, Nina Morrison, Jo Chapman, Louise Pannell, Roger Bryant (ALS), Tony Morrison, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Hermie Henry (Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Gary Michaels, Kay Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott, Jimmy Smith, Rhonda Horton, Lanny Yancey (Treatments), Danny Yancey, Diane Hodges, Sandra Jones, Dianne Graves, Betty Faye Ledbury, Cutah Newby, Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, 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: **Lorene Daily, Christine Chapman** (Mailing: Tippah County Nursing Home, 1005 City Avenue North, Ripley, MS 38663).

New Address:

Ms. Sonia Derrick
213 Tate Street
Senatobia, MS 38668