

# We Will Be Saved “If” We Endure To The End

By Mike Riley

How do we feel about someone who starts a job but never gets around to completing it? What do we think when a member of the church promises us something, but doesn't fulfill his or her promise? How do we expect to win the prize, if we quit and fail to cross the finish line?

For some reason, some understand this truth as it applies to our physical world, but seem to think that it does not apply to the eternal realm.

We will not receive the crown of life unless we are willing to “endure to the end” (Matthew 24:13) – even in the face of death (Revelation 2:10 NIV).

Paul was confident of his spiritual state when he said, ***“For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing”*** (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

The victory crown does not adorn the head of the weak, the indifferent, the worldly minded, or the negligent. It was the Hebrew writer's prayer, that ***“we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises”*** (Hebrews 6:11-12 KJV).

Starting the “course” is the easy part – it's the finishing of that course, the grinding it out when it hurts, the bearing up under sometimes severe trials and tribulations (2 Thessalonians 1:3-4; 1 Peter 1:5-7), the enduring when it seems there is no end in sight – that's the hard part.

Some folks start walking the narrow way (Matthew 7:14), but when that way becomes too difficult, like the shallow soil, they quickly fall away (Matthew 13:5-6; Matthew 13:21). There is no depth in their commitment to doing the Lord's will (Matthew 7:21).

Brethren, let's remember that if we do not faithfully “endure to the end,” we will not be saved.



## STERLINGTON

Church of Christ



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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# Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshipping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

<b>Elders:</b>	<b>Deacons:</b>	<b>Preacher:</b>
Todd Chapman	Wayne Fowler David Garris	Don Delukie
Paul Simpson	Billy Granger Buddy Hollis	

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Wayne Fowler    **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers    **Closing Prayer -** Jerry McDonald

### August 8th

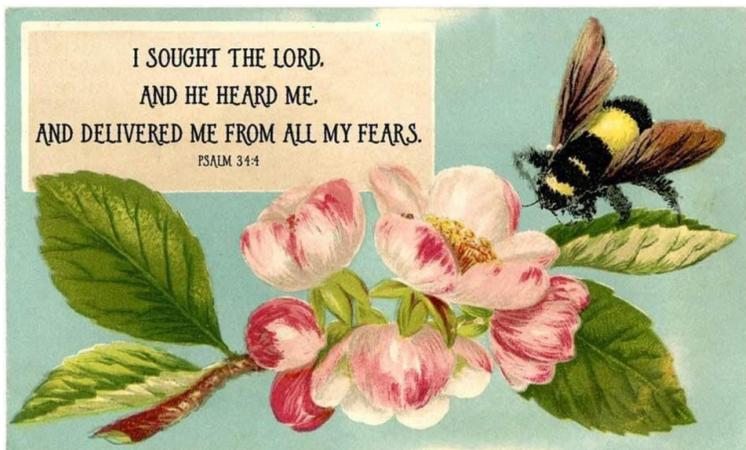
**Announcements-** Paul Simpson    **Lord's Table-** Charles Fricke  
**Opening prayer-** Rick Cook    **Closing Prayer -** Gary Harris

• Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**

• Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer.

## Announcements

—**New Church Website:** Check out our new church website at [www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com)



# Dates to Remember

**Tonight** - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration after PM Services

**August 15** - Potluck after AM services

## Please Pray For:

Will May, Steve Shockey, Kaitlin Simpson, Don & Jean DeLukie, Joyce Moses, Kelli Granger, Sybil Binford, Joanne Randolph, Carlton Silmon, Clyde Wilson, Jimmy Binford, Jordan Hendrix, Trey Jennings, Bobby Fletcher.

**Bereaved:** Families of Marshall Sanders, Robert Steed, Elizabeth O'Connor, Ronnie Dennis, Shirley Traylor.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Dinky Douglas, Cyndi Powell, Betsy Culp, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Cindy Jenny, Gay Black, Adam White.

## Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Epistles (Sunday)	The Law (Monday)	History (Tuesday)	Psalms (Wednesday)	Poetry (Thursday)	Prophecy (Friday)	Gospels (Saturday)
<input type="checkbox"/> 1Thes 4-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Lev 22-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Ki 21-25	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 90-92	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 14-15	<input type="checkbox"/> Ezek. 43-48	<input type="checkbox"/> John 1-2



### August birthdays

- 2 – Larry Silmon
- 4 - Brenda Fricke
- 6 - Sandy Van Loon
- 8 - Travis Rodgers
- 20 - Leo Goodwin
- 30 - David Garris

### August anniversaries

- 3 - Paul and Wanda Simpson
- 13 - Jerry and Joyce McDonald
- 14 - James and Lorene Johnson
- 20 - Wes and Whitney Chapman

