

The Beauty Of Lovingkindness

By Mike Riley

In Psalm 103:1,4-5, David declared, *“Bless the LORD, O my soul...who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfieth thy mouth with good things.”*

The term is one of the most important in the vocabulary of Old Testament theology and ethics. In general, one may identify three basic meanings of the word, which always interact: “strength,” “steadfastness,” and “love.” Any understanding of the word that fails to suggest all three inevitably loses some of its richness.

Biblical usage frequently speaks of someone “doing,” “showing,” or “keeping” lovingkindness. The concrete content of the word is especially evident when it is used in the plural. God’s “mercies,” “kindnesses”, or “faithfulnesses” are His specific, concrete acts of redemption in fulfillment of His promise.

Lovingkindness Illustrated

A teacher once asked her pupils to tell the meaning of lovingkindness. A little boy jumped up and said, “Well, if I was hungry and someone gave me a piece of bread that would be kindness. But if they were to put a little jam on it, that would be loving-kindness.”

Conclusion

Love is always the “icing” that transforms the ordinary into the truly delightful! Won’t you please add a “big dose” of lovingkindness (steadfast love) to whatever you do today and with whom you come in contact with! The Psalmist did (Psalm 89:1; Psalm 92:1-2) and the Lord did (Jeremiah 32:18; cf. Exodus 20:6; Exodus 34:7; Deuteronomy 5:10; Deuteronomy 7:9; Daniel 9:4).



STERLINGTON

Church of Christ



P.O. Box 82
1095 Highway 2
Sterlington, Louisiana 71280
www.sterlingtoncoc.com

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.

1/16/22

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!

Elders:

Todd Chapman
Paul Simpson

Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Paul Simpson **Lord's Table-** Travis Rodgers
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-** Todd Chapman

January 23rd

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Lord's Table-** Charles Fricke
Opening prayer- Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Travis Rodgers

- 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 or online at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com.

Announcements

—**Chili Lunch:** On Sunday February 13th we will be having a Chili Lunch after AM Services. There will be no PM service that evening.

—**Question & Answer Series:** The first Sunday evening of February Don will be continuing the Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**2022 Calendars:** The new 2022 calendars are available in the lobby. Pick yours up today!



Please Pray For:

Ronnie Hayes, Alex Townsend, Chapman Family, Ashley Simpson, Ed Haltom, Brenda Fricke, Bart & Kelly Greenwood, Karan Albritton, Billy Granger, Gerald Kilpatrick, David Reppond, Melannie White.

Bereaved: Families of Bryan Russell, Harold King, Carlton Silmon.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Trey Jennings, Debbie Walker, Virginia Royal, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



January Birthdays

- 1 - John Chisley
- 6 - Carolyn Jones
- 15 - Tommy Franklin
- 21 - Gary Harris
- 22 - Gracie Aaron
- 25 - Kenny Kimball
- 26 - Arthur Binford
- 30 - Wes Chapman

January Anniversaries

- 6 - Debbie and Rick Cook
- 7 - Charles and Brenda Fricke

