

Just Our Being There

By Mike Riley

When we read the book of Job, we usually disparage Job's three friends for their incorrect response as to why Job was suffering (cf. Job 4-5,8,15,18,20,22,25). Yet when they came to Job, they sat in silence beside him for 7 days before speaking (Job 2:11-13). As it turned out, those were the most eloquent moments they spent with him.

There's questions we have regarding people who are in pain and on beds of affliction. For example, how can we know whether they want to talk about their condition or not? Do they want to be consoled, or cheered up? What good can my bodily presence possibly do?

More often than not, those who suffer, remember the quiet and unassuming person who comes to visit them. Someone who was there when they needed them, who just simply listened — who didn't keep glancing at a watch — who simply hugged, touched, cried, and prayed.

In short, someone who was available and came on the sufferer's terms — not their own.

Quite often, the best comfort we can offer is just our being there.

Let's think about it!



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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.

1/9/22

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- Charles Fricke **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson
Opening prayer- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Davidd Reppond

January 16th

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

- 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

—**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:

Brenda Fricke, Bart & Kelly Greenwood, Karan Albritton, Buddy & Carlon Hollis, Billy Granger, Gerald Kilpatrick, Jerry Cain, David Reppond, Melannie White, Brenda Purdy, Carolyn Jones, Linda Garris, Ed Haltom.

Bereaved: Families of Carlton Silmon, Kaleb Hamby.

Continue to Pray For:

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

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

—A 2022 Daily Bible Reading guide is available in the lobby. Pick one up today.



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

