

Doing Right Because It Is Right

By Mike Riley

Offering various rewards as an incentive to motivate folks to do something, permeates today's society. We've all seen parents in grocery stores think only in terms of rewarding their children — even rewarding them for bad behavior. When a parent says to their child, "If you will be quit throwing a temper tantrum, I'll buy you this candy bar," the parent is rewarding bad behavior and the child quickly understands how to get what he wants.

Many churches are offering physical rewards for the purpose of gaining more people. It ranges from the "gospel of health and wealth" philosophy that says, "If you give \$100, God will give you \$1,000," to appealing to the fleshly appetites of entertainment to get people to attend their services.

Whatever happened to doing right because it is right? It's true that Jesus offers men rewards, but those incentives have nothing to do with fleshly desires. In fact, He condemns those who follow him only because they are being fed (John 6:26-27). God expects right behavior, because He is holy and we must be like him in order to share in the life to come (1 Peter 1:1-16; 1 John 2:6).

Christians are committed to a way of life that is righteous, because it is the right way to live (1 Peter 1:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12; 1 Peter 3:8-17). Sometimes the righteous life may offer a material advantage, but that isn't why the Christian lives that way. At other times, being righteous may incur a difficult road — the righteous may be mocked and persecuted (Matthew 10:16-24; cf. Matthew 5:11-12). The disciple of the Lord does right when people speak well of him and when they do not — his motivation is doing right, simply because it is the right thing to do.



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.

10/10/21

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-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Travis Rogers **Closing Prayer-** Larry Randolph

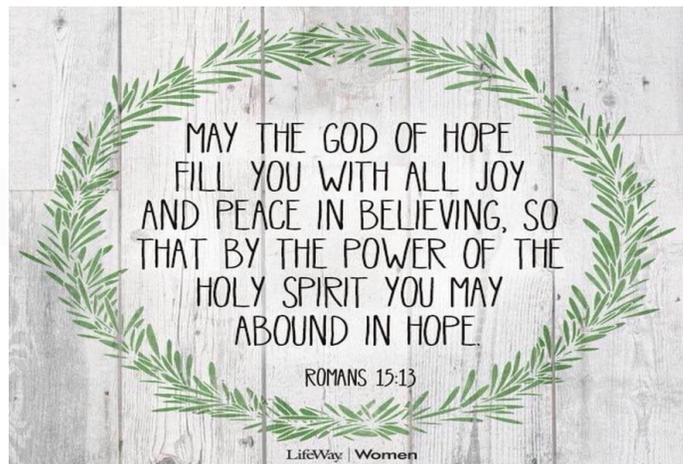
October 17th

Services will be conducted by the Ruston Church of Christ Student Center

- 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



Please Pray For:

Randy Fallin, Donald Reeves, Dan Bryan, Clyde Wilson, Jerry Madden, Melannie White, Mary Wyatt, Brenda Thomas, Joanne Randolph, Sadie Kate & Sydney Scharf, Ernie Verse, Jerry Ketchin, Billy Granger, Susie McGough, Melvin Tuggle, Elizabeth Hollis.

Bereaved: Families of Larry Whitehead, Levi Buckley, Jason Blondin, Larry Keene, Randy Hall, Gavin Simmons.

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"/> Heb. 8-10	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 33-36	<input type="checkbox"/> 2Chr 16-20	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 119	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 29-30	<input type="checkbox"/> Micah	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 5-6



October birthdays

- 2 - Rick Van Loon
- 7 - Joyce McDonald
- 11 - Luke Chapman
- 12 - Barbara Wheeler
- 14 - Kathy Manning
- 16 - Rex Albright
- 22 - Wyatt Chapman
- 24 - Jean Delukie
- 25 - Lorene Johnson
- 27 - Charles Fricke

October anniversaries

- 17 - Todd and Nelia Chapman

