

# True Faith Is An Active Faith

By Mike Riley

The story is told of a tight-rope walker in a circus who once asked his audience this question: “How many of you believe that I can walk backwards?” Everyone in the audience raised their hand. He then walked backwards on the rope and asked, “How many of you believe that I can ride a bicycle across the rope?” Again, every hand was raised. He rode the bicycle across the rope and then asked, “How many of you believe that I can push a wheelbarrow across the rope?” The same response was given. Finally, he asked, “Who will volunteer to ride in the wheelbarrow?” Not a hand was raised!

Folks, it’s relatively easy to “say” we believe something (cf. James 2:19-NKJV), but to demonstrate our faith, is sometimes a different story.

The apostle Paul admonishes us to:

“walk in the steps of the faith which our father Abraham had while still uncircumcised” (Romans 4:12-NKJV).

**Abraham’s faith was characterized by the following two qualities:**

**He accepted God’s word without doubt or hesitation** (Hebrews 11:8-NKJV; cf. Genesis 12:1-NKJV; Acts 7:2-4-NKJV). Also see James 1:5-8-NKJV).

**He was motivated to obey God irrespective of the hardships and apparent sorrows involved** (Hebrews 11:9-NKJV; cf. Genesis 12:8-NKJV). Also see Hebrews 5:5-9-NKJV; 1 Peter 1:22-NKJV).

As God’s people, let us never forget that “in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love” (Gal. 5:6-ESV – emphasis mine).

**True faith is an active faith** (James 2:14-26-NKJV).



## 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.

12/12/21

# 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-** Todd Chapman **Lord's Table-** Charles Fricke  
**Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Travis Rogers

## December 19th

**Announcements-** Travis Rodgers **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

- 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](http://www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com).

# Announcements

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



# Please Pray For:

Melannie White, Brenda Purdy, Carolyn Jones, Linda Garris, Ed Haltom, Alaine Sawyer Cardinal, Sharon Sawyer Morris, David Davis, Brenda Fricke, Debbie Walker, Gracie Aaron, Randy Fallin.

**Bereaved:** Families of Linda Bibby, Sue Simpson, Jesse Dawson Jr, Don Talley.

# Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, 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

Epistles (Sunday)	The Law (Monday)	History (Tuesday)	Psalms (Wednesday)	Poetry (Thursday)	Prophecy (Friday)	Gospels (Saturday)
<input type="checkbox"/> 2John	<input type="checkbox"/> Deut. 26-28	<input type="checkbox"/> Neh. 10-13	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 143-145	<input type="checkbox"/> Song 3-4	<input type="checkbox"/> Rev 7-11	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 23-24



## December Birthdays

5 - Joanie Franklin  
14 - Wayne Fowler  
15 - Jonah Scharf  
22 - Brad Farrington  
26 - Matt Scharf  
27 - Rick Cook  
30 - Dwain Flowers

## December anniversaries

5 - Dan and Ethel Ross  
10 - Rick and Sandy Van Loon  
18 - Gary and Sharon Harris  
27 - Leo and Shirley Goodwin  
28 - Tommy and Joanie Franklin

