

# Preparing The Highway Of Our Heart

By Mike Riley

In ancient times, conquering kings gained access to newly acquired territories through elaborate highways built for their troops. The prophet Isaiah had this in mind when he declared:

“Make straight in the desert a highway for our God” (Isaiah 40:3).

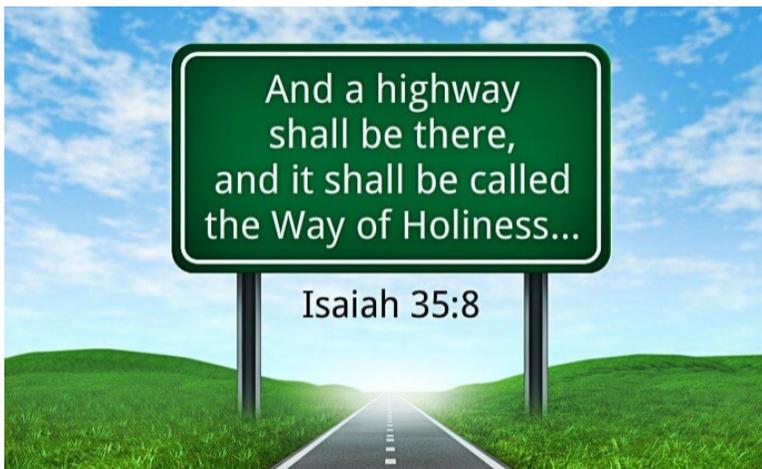
The mission of John the Baptist was to call people to repentance in order to “prepare the way” into their hearts for the arrival of King Jesus (Matthew 3:3; cf. Luke 1:57-80).

The question we need to ask ourselves from time to time is:

“What preparation needs to be done to allow Jesus unhindered access to the highway of our heart?”

Do we harbor any bitterness in our heart that needs the elixir of forgiveness? (1 John 1:9). Are there valleys of complaining that need to be filled with contentment? (1 Timothy 6:6).

We can't afford to neglect these deficiencies — let us begin preparing the highway of our heart for the King today! (2 Corinthians 6:1-2).



## 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!

### Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

### Deacons:

Wayne Fowler David Garris  
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

### Preacher:

Don Delukie

## Those to Serve

### Today

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

### December 26th

**Announcements-** Wayne Fowler **Lord's Table-** Don Delukie  
**Opening prayer-** Wes Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

• 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:

David Reppond, 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 Carlton Silmon, Kaleb Hamby, Linda Bibby.

## 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"/> 3John	<input type="checkbox"/> Deut. 29-31	<input type="checkbox"/> Esther 1-5	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 146-148	<input type="checkbox"/> Song 5-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Rev 12-17	<input type="checkbox"/> Acts 25-26



### 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

