

# God's Word — Like A Firewall

By Mike Riley

In performing our day-to-day tasks, there are days our computers help us to “fly like an eagle.” Other times, they bog us down like quicksand. On “eagle days” we’re grateful for our computers, but there are those “quicksand days” when we probably rue the day we ever bought one.

At one time or another, we’ve all had to contend with various viruses that invade our computers. One of the ways a virus can invade our computer, is by our opening up seemingly innocent e-mails. Many times, those viruses are created maliciously. There are obviously many bright and intelligent folks out there in the world who seemingly live just to make other people’s lives miserable.

Sin is similar to a computer virus. As Christians, one of the ways Satan seeks to destroy us, is by infecting our computer-like minds. This is why the apostle Paul urged the Christians at Corinth to bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:5). This is why he admonished the Philippian brethren to “think on these things” (Philippians 4:8 KJV).

Just as we allow viruses into our computers, we also allow the darkness of sin [viruses] into our minds when we open ourselves unthinkingly to the godless messages that permeate our culture.

When we stop allowing the inspired thoughts of God’s Word to permeate our thinking processes (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 119:11), we let down our guard and hardly notice the sin [virus] that infects our minds.

However, by daily confessing our sins, studying God’s Word, and praying (1 John 1:9; 2 Timothy 2:15), we build a firewall (or barrier) for the safeguarding of our minds. With the help of the Holy Spirit’s teachings, we’ll keep our minds [computers] from becoming unwitting hosts for unwanted viruses [sin].



## 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-** Todd Chapman    **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes    **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

### March 20th

**Announcements-** Charles Fricke    **Lord's Table-** Travis Rodgers  
**Opening prayer-** Rick Cook    **Closing Prayer-** Larry Randolph

• 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: April 3rd** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address [SCOC2006@att.net](mailto:SCOC2006@att.net) or to Don.

—**Men's Retreat:** The Naff Avenue Church of Christ is hosting a Men's Retreat on March 18-20. Please see the flyer in the Lobby for more details.



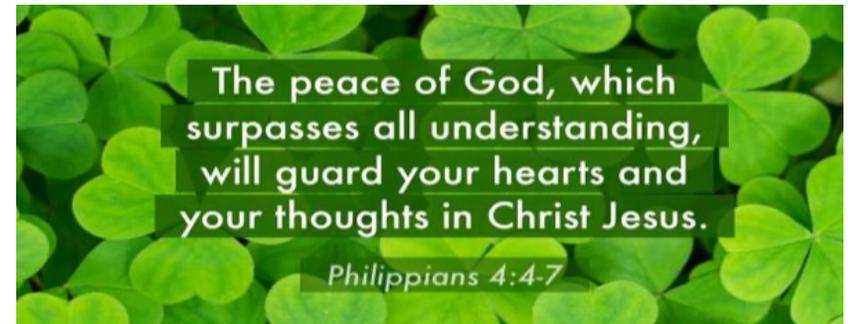
## Please Pray For:

Ronnie Hayes, Mary Kathrine Manning, James Johnson, Billy Granger, Bettye Flowers, Leah & Tracy DeWitt, Deb McInturff, Joanne Randolph, John McDaniel, Dustin Jordan, Lori McDonald.

**Bereaved:** Families of Jordan North, John DeHart, Clyde Wilson.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Debra Mike, 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.



### March Birthdays

8 - Miriam Russell  
18 - Billy Granger  
18 - Lyle Russell  
21 - Sadie Kate Scharf  
25 - Ashley Dalrymple  
25 - Nelia Chapman  
29 - Sharon White-Ross  
29 - Chellie Wells

### March anniversaries

9 - Tommy & Glenda Wells

