

# “What Have They Seen In Your House?”

By Mike Riley

King Hezekiah was a good man, but a man who made a terrible error in judgment. When the king of Babylon sent messengers to congratulate Hezekiah on his recovery from a near-death illness, Hezekiah treated them like honored guests. He welcomed them into his house and showed them all the treasures which had been accumulated over the centuries by the kings of Judah (2 Kings 20:13). Hearing of this, the prophet Isaiah came to Hezekiah with this searching question: “What have they seen in your house?” (2 Kings 20:15).

Hezekiah was warned that the day would come when Judah would be overthrown. Hezekiah’s own children and grandchildren would become captives in chains (2 Kings 20:16-18; cf. 2 Chron 33:11). By a prideful display of his possessions, Hezekiah had sown the seeds which would eventually bring down his house.

The question, “What have they seen in your house?” is one many fathers might ponder today. Like Hezekiah, they are allowing things to be seen which will lead to eternal tragedy, and the treasures they are in danger of losing our spiritual ones of eternal value!

Let’s consider the following thoughts:

1) The friends and neighbors we invite into our homes, know what we deem valuable by what we have on display. It is vital that they see evidence of Christ’s influence. Christian principles must be given priority in our home. The Bible encourages us to have this mindset, encouraging us to: “Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds, and glorify God on the day of visitation” (1 Pet 2:12 ESV).

2) Young children in our homes see much and forget little. The things they witness in our homes may mark them for all eternity. What do they see? Do they see ungodly magazines and videos? Do they see alcohol and drug abuse? Do they see violence taking place?

3) Every day of our life is lived in the presence of God (Ps 139:7-12). We may hide what goes on in our house from the eyes of our friends, neighbors — and to some extent, from our children. But we cannot hide them from God (Heb 4:12-13). Some day, we will be judged in righteousness on the basis of what God has seen in our homes (Acts 17:31; Ecc 12:14).

Dear reader, what about God, our friends, our neighbors, and our children? “What have they seen in our house?” The answer we give will matter for all eternity.



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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-** Wayne Fowler **Opening Prayer-** Jerry McDonald  
**Communion-** Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Matthew Fricke

### March 26th

**Announcements-** Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers  
**Communion-** Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

## Announcements

—**Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt: April 2nd** will be our next Potluck after AM services followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. There will be no PM services that evening.

—**SCOC Ladies Day:** Our congregation is hosting a Ladies Day on May 6th. Save the date! More details will be announced soon.

—**Fish Fry:** There will be a Fish Fry on Saturday, **June 3rd** at 5 PM. Everyone is invited!

—**Question & Answer Series: There will be no Question & Answer Series in April.** May 7th will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

## Please Pray For:

Chris Reppond, John Alred, Steve Torres, Steve Perry, Terry Wagner-Matthews, Nyle Field, Debbie Grice, Joyce Moses, Brad Farrington, Julie Strickland, Carolyn Jones, Gracie Aaron.

**Bereaved:** Families of Teresa Moody, Lois Hogan, Roosevelt Rogers.

## Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



### March birthdays

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

### March anniversaries

9 - Tommy and Glenda Wells

