

# An Urgency, A Desire, And A Hunger For God

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When we look at the Old Testament, it's interesting to note that David and the other writers somehow managed to make God the center of their lives so that everything was related to God. To them, worship was the central activity in their life, not just something to "get through" until secular activities could be resumed.

The process of letting God in on every detail of our lives is sorely needed.

A study of the Psalms should become a step in the process of our recognizing that God's true place is at the center of our lives (Matthew 6:33).

As we read the Psalms, we see the psalmists having an urgency, a desire, and a hunger for God that makes most of our spiritual efforts look anemic by contrast.

For example, the imagery used tells us that they "panted" for God with their tongues hanging out, as an exhausted deer pants for water (Psalm 42:1). They thirst for God — so much so, that they ask, "When shall I come and appear before God?" (Psalm 42:2).

Their thirst for God causes them to "long" for God as in a "dry and thirsty land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1).

They lay awake at night dreaming of "the beauty of the Lord" (Psalm 27:4). They would rather spend one day in God's presence than a thousand years elsewhere (Psalm 84:10).

Do we have this kind of thirst and hunger for God?



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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 worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Lyle Russell    **Opening prayer-** Tyrese McFarland  
**Communion-** Rick Cook            **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond  
**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

### Next Sunday

**Announcements-** Travis Rogers    **Opening prayer-** Phillip Simmons  
**Communion-** Wayne Fowler        **Closing Prayer-** Arthur Binford  
**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

## Announcements

—**Veteran's Home Program:** SCOC will be restarting our Veteran's Program. It will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM, beginning **May 26th**. If you would like to be part of this amazing program, please see Sandy VanLoon or Kari Johnstone.

—**Mark Your Calendars:** June 7th, we will be hosting a **One-Day Lectureship** here at Sterlington. More details will be coming soon.

—**Art Camp:** Art Camp will be held here at Sterlington Church of Christ on June 15-18th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby for more details.

—**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.

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## Please Pray For:

Randal Freeman, Christine Looney, Joyce Frith, Barbara Wheeler, David Reppond, BJ Carlon, Bill Schooley, Derrick & Katherine Simmons.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Billy Granger, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

**Bereaved:** Families of Tiffany Tennessee, Jerry Atwood, Joyce Moses.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### May Birthdays

3 - Carol Fletcher	10 - Bettye Flowers	19 - Buddy Hollis
5 - Larry Randolph	11 - Jerry Ginn	20 - Jacob Freeman
9 - Rynlea Freeman	15 - Jerry McDonald	22 - Jeanette Henderson
9 - Eli Simmons	19 - Virginia Cook	24 - Linda Garris
		31 - Danielle Scharf

### May anniversaries

21 - David and Elaine Reppond  
26 - John and Jodie Chisley  
26 - Victor and Donna Binford  
29 - Dave and Linda Garris

