

Sharing The “Better Life” In Christ

By Mike Riley

For many years, we’ve been told through various media that the American dream is to live the “good life.” That “good life” usually consists of having a good job, owning a nice home, driving a new car, and providing our children with the best secular education possible. In later years, the “good life” is a carefree retirement—having sufficient funds to provide ourselves adequate health care, and the ability to travel and see the world.

While there is nothing intrinsically wrong with these goals, they fall quite short of the noble goals set for us in Scripture. In Gal 2:20, the inspired writer Paul provides a more accurate picture of the “better life” in Christ: “I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

Our importance to our family and our peers is not measured by our looks, our monetary success, or our position in life, but in Who “lives” in our life — as Paul acknowledged.

As Christians, we should possess high self-esteem because Christ lives in us. After our conversion to Christ, we experience a shift from selfish ambition to unselfish generosity (2 Cor 8:1-5). In quoting the Lord, Paul in Acts 20:35, makes it clear that the good life is achieved by giving rather than receiving.

As we become aware of our own inadequacies and sinful behaviors, we stop trusting in ourselves and start trusting in the true and living God (1 Tim 4:8-10; 1 Tim 6:17). Pride and its attendant destruction (Prov 16:18) are replaced with faith and its promised blessings (2 Cor 1:19-20).

Brethren, the world will always call us to share with others, the American dream of the “good life” — but let’s also be ready to share with them the “better life” in Christ (Jn 10:10; cf. Rom 5; 2 Pet 1:1-11).



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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-** Todd Chapman
Opening prayer- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Wes Chapman

August 7th

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Opening prayer- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Jerry McDonald

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series: August 7th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.



Please Pray For:

Brian Wilson, Larry Field, Stephanie Judd, Kathrine Hebert, Terry Hebert, Arlene Sumner, Ed Haltom, Eloise Smith, David Singley, Gail Poole, Pam Denton, Ronnie Aaron, Joanne Randolph, Roosevelt Rogers, Barbara Wheeler.

Bereaved: Families of Mary Robertson, Connie Grenfell, Jerry Madden, Jeremy Harris, Barge Elmore, Johnny Coleman.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Tricia Muse, Max Aubel, Donna Head, 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.



August Birthdays

2 – Larry Silmon
4 - Brenda Fricke
6 - Sandy Van Loon
8 - Travis Rodgers
20 - Leo Goodwin
30 - David Garris

August Anniversaries

3 - Paul and Wanda Simpson
13 - Jerry and Joyce McDonald
14 - James and Lorene Johnson
20 - Wes and Whitney Chapman

