

# What Are We Truly Happy Without?

By Mike Riley

The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates (469-399 BC) believed that if an individual was truly wise, he would not be obsessed with possessions. Practicing to an extreme what he preached, he even refused to wear shoes.

However, Socrates loved to visit the marketplace and gaze with admiration at the great abundance of products on display. When a friend asked why he was so allured, he replied, "I love to go there and discover how many things I am perfectly happy without."

That type of attitude runs exactly opposite to the commercial messages that continually bombard our eyes and ears. Advertisers spend millions to tell us about all the latest products that we can't be happy without.

The apostle Paul advised his spiritual son Timothy, "Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content" (1 Timothy 6:6-8 NKJV). If we become enamored with things, Paul warned, we may wander from the faith and be pierced with the pangs of frustrated desire (1 Timothy 6:9-10 NKJV).

Let's ask ourselves, "What am I truly happy without?" The answer will reveal much about our relationship with the Lord and our contentment with Him.

Contentment comes not from great wealth, but from few wants (Philippians 4:11 NKJV).



## 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.

8/15/21

# 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-** Charles Fricke    **Lord's Table-** Larry Randolph  
**Opening prayer-** Paul Simpson    **Closing Prayer -**David Reppond

August 22nd

**Announcements-** Gary Harris    **Lord's Table-** Todd Chapman  
**Opening prayer-** Don Delukie    **Closing Prayer -** Paul Simpson

- 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.

## Announcements

—**August Potluck Canceled:** The Potluck originally scheduled for Today has been canceled due to COVID concerns.

—**New Church Website:** Check out our new church website at [www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com](http://www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com)



# Dates to Remember

**September 5** - Birthday & Anniversary Celebration  
**September 19** - Potluck after AM Services

## Please Pray For:

Sandra Nappier, Gary Guice, Brenda Thomas, Perry & Judy Smith, Will May, Steve Shockey, Don & Jean DeLukie, Joyce Moses, Kelli Granger, Sybil Binford, Carlton Silmon, Clyde Wilson, Jimmy Binford, Jordan Hendrix.

**Bereaved:** Families of Dewy Roberson, Marshall Sanders, Robert Steed, Elizabeth O'Connor, Ronnie Dennis.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Dinky Douglas, Cyndi Powell, Betsy Culp, 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"/> 1Tim 1-3	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 1-4	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 5-9	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 96-98	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 17-18	<input type="checkbox"/> Dan 7-12	<input type="checkbox"/> John 5-6



### 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

