

# A Story Of Abundant Generosity

By Mike Riley

A couple of years ago, I read a news story of a lady bartender in Kansas who had been waiting on one of her steady customers. He had always tipped her well, sometimes leaving as much as half the tab. But one day, he gave her a \$10,000 tip for a \$26 meal.

Can we even imagine it? What a terrific display of abundant generosity from this customer!

Paul gave Timothy a charge to encourage the more wealthy members of the Lord's church in his area, to display an abundant generosity mindset as well (1 Timothy 6:17-18). It was obvious these members didn't fully understand their responsibility to the kingdom of God with regard to their money and possessions (2 Corinthians 8:1-5), so Paul challenged Timothy to remind them that along with great wealth comes great responsibility (cf. see spiritual principle in Luke 12:48).

This responsibility included being humble, finding their security in God — not in riches, and using their money to do good (1 Timothy 6:17-18; cf. Gal. 6:10).

They needed to know that “how” they handled their money and possessions, was a revealing factor in indicating the spiritual condition of their heart (cf. Acts 5:1-11).

Brethren, even if we're not wealthy, money wise, God has still called us to have an abundant generosity mindset.

We can share what we do have (i.e., time, talents, opportunity, etc.) and be rich in good deeds (1 Timothy 6:18; cf. Proverbs 3:27; Gal. 6:10).

If we have a generous attitude about our money, we are much more likely to be generous in other matters concerning the Lord's people and His work.

Let's think about it!



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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.

8/22/21

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

### August 29nd

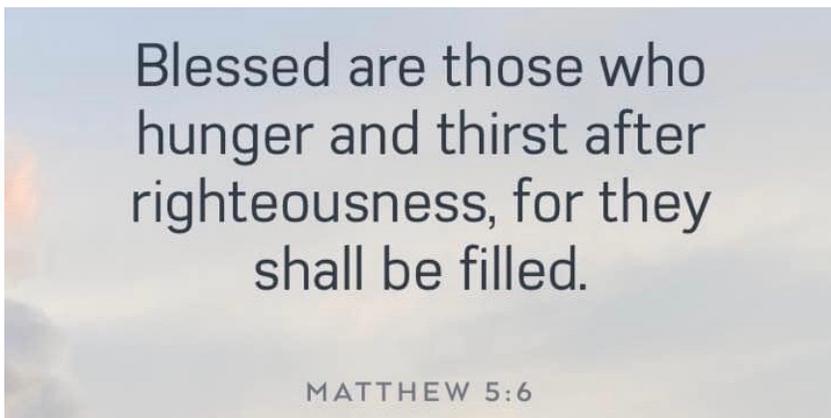
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• Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**

• Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer.

## Announcements

—**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 12** - Presentation of webpage after PM Services  
**September 19** - Potluck after AM Services

## Please Pray For:

Jeremy & Gena Granger, Joanne Randolph, Brenda Fricke, Marla Lindsey MacIntire, Sandra Nappier, Gary Guice, Brenda Thomas, Perry & Judy Smith, Will May, Steve Shockey, Don & Jean DeLukie, Joyce Moses, Kelli Granger.

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

## 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 4-6	<input type="checkbox"/> Num. 5-8	<input type="checkbox"/> 1Chr 10-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Ps 99-101	<input type="checkbox"/> Prov. 19	<input type="checkbox"/> Hosea 1-7	<input type="checkbox"/> John 7-9



### 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

