

Would You Be Missed?

By Mike Riley

After many years as a journalist, Arthur Brisbane was offered six months of paid vacation by William Randolph Hearst, publisher of the San Francisco Examiner. Brisbane refused to accept the kind offer for two reasons. He said, "If I quit writing my newspaper column for six months, it might affect the circulation of the newspaper. The second reason is that it might not affect the circulation of the newspaper."

Mr. Brisbane's answer was profound. In view of his answer, let's ask ourselves, "If I dropped out of sight for six months and did absolutely nothing for the Lord, would I be missed?" Would the Lord's work suffer or would there be no difference whatsoever? As members of the Lord's church, we each have a responsibility in doing the Lord's work and building up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:11-16; cf. 1 Corinthians 14:26; 2 Corinthians 12:19; Ephesians 4:12). We cannot hire someone else to fulfill our responsibility to the Lord (Gal. 6:4-5; cf. Romans 2:6; 1 Corinthians 3:8). We are individually accountable to God for what we do with the time He has blessed us with. Let us hear the inspired writer, Paul, as he wrote to the Ephesian brethren, "Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:15-16 – ESV).

Brethren, let us resolve, from this day forward, to become more involved in the Lord's work: "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds" (Hebrews 10:24 – NIV). God has so richly blessed us with time, talent, vision, and financial means. Let's be willing to put these gifts to work for the Lord and His cause, "while it is yet day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4).



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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.

8/23/26

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- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Rick Cook
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Paul Simpson
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Veteran's Home Program:** Our next Veteran's Home event will be held **This Tuesday, August 25th, at 1:30 PM**, and will be held on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 1:30 PM. If you would like to be part of this amazing program, please see Sandy VanLoon or Kari Johnstone.

—**Sterlington Gospel Meeting:** Our next Gospel Meeting here at Sterlington is scheduled for **September 17-20**. Mark your calendars!

—**Check the Bulletin Board:** There are several Gospel Meetings and Ladies Days happening in our area. Please see the bulletin board in the foyer 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.

Scan the QR code to
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our website.



And whatever you do,
do it heartily,
as to the Lord,
and not to men.
Colossians 3 :23

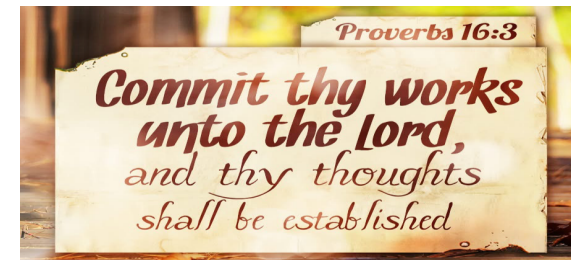
Please Pray For:

Joanie Franklin, Kaleb Johnson, Don DeLukie, George Johnson, Lillian Smart, Mary Jo Burns, Shayna Smith, Carlton Hollis, Marilyn Thomas, Candress Lockharte, Charley Buckley, Don Williams, Adrian Barnes, Bernard Dardar, Debbie Grice, Louella Jackobs.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

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

Bereaved: Families of Jessica Simms, Larry Brooks, Gordon James, Michael Silmon, Neil Carter, Tommy Franklin.



August Birthdays

2 - Larry Silmon
3 - Branson Wells
4 - Brenda Fricke
6 - Jo Ginn
6 - Sandy Van Loon
8 - Kaylen Hill
8 - Mandy Magee
8 - Travis Rodgers
20 - Leo Goodwin
26 - Brandon Rogers
30 - David Garris

August Anniversaries

3 - Paul and Wanda Simpson
13 - Jerry and Joyce McDonald

