

On Speaking The Truth

By Mike Riley

We live in a world where people speak constantly with little regard for whether what they say is true. In fact, we become so inundated with insincerity in every facet of life that when we see or hear plain, honest speech or behavior, it leaps out at us as something completely outside the norm.

Years ago, we would often hear the maxim: "Honesty is the best policy." However, the actions of most people today demonstrate how little credence they give to it. People are generally convinced that lying is self-preservation. They will bend or even break the truth if they suppose it will get them out of some trouble, or give them some advantage. However, once the lie is found out, the preservation or advantage evaporates (cf. Numbers 32:23).

When Samuel the prophet came to Saul to indict him for his wrongdoing, Saul sought to hide behind a falsehood. He solemnly stated: "I have performed the commandment of the Lord" (1 Samuel 15:13). Samuel then showed Saul that the evidence against him was overwhelming: "What then is this bleating of sheep in my ears, and the lowing of oxen which I hear?" (1 Samuel 15:14). Such blatant disobedience led to the kingdom being taken from Saul, and given to David.

Concerning Satan, Jesus once said:

"He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it" (John 8:44).

Those who engage in lying will have the opportunity to spend eternity with Satan (Revelation 21:8).

When we speak, we should speak as if we are uttering the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11), as His word is truth (John 17:17). Paul tells us: "Let everyone speak truth with his neighbor" (Ephesians 4:25) because "The truthful lip shall be established forever, but a lying tongue is but for a moment" (Proverbs 12:19).



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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 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-** Paul Simpson
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Jacob Freeman
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Grief Seminar: Next Sunday**, Sterlington will be hosting a Grief Seminar on **August 16th from 2:00-4:00 PM** here at the building. Our guest speaker will be John Dobb.

—**Veteran's Home Program:** Our next Veteran's Home event will be held on **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.

—**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.

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

—**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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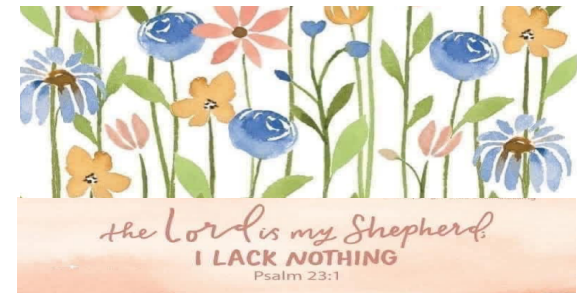
Please Pray For:

Shirley Taylor, Bernard Dardar, Debbie Grice, Louella Jackobs, Brian Clewell, Lynn Lewellen, Gordon James, Jan Keene, Jerry Ginn, Adrian Barnes, Tuscany Martin, Kaitlin Simpson, Gordon James, Phillip Simmons, David & Elaine Repond.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

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 Neil Carter, Hugh Gower, Peggy Knox, Bobby Barker, 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

