

“When I Am Old And Grayheaded”

By Mike Riley

Many of the younger generation believe that getting older means becoming obsolete. However, it can mean serving, growing, and maturing in the Lord’s service to the end of our days (cf. Philippians 3:12-15; 2 Timothy 4:7). T.S. Eliot once stated: “Old men ought to be explorers,” to which this writer is in complete agreement.

Contemplating the idling away of our last years, is to rob God and ourselves of what could be the best years of our lives and to deprive the church of talents God has given to enrich it (Matthew 25:14-15; cf. Romans 12:4-8; Ephesians 4:11-15). Brethren, there is still service to be rendered and there are victories yet to be won (cf. Joshua 14:5-15).

Some older folks may not have the energy or inclination for leadership, but they are an invaluable asset to the next generation of leaders. An elderly, but dedicated and involved Christian, was once asked what he would do if he knew he had only a short time to live. He responded:

“I’ll be teaching others the saving gospel of Christ till the moment that I am called to yield my spirit back to Him that gave it.” (cf. Ecclesiastes 12:1-7).

What a great attitude and Christian commitment! (1 Thessalonians 2:1-4 KJV; cf. 1 Timothy 6:20 KJV; Titus 1:1-3 KJV)

The Psalmist also desired to pass along his understanding of the Lord to others, and he prayed:

“When I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation” (Psalm 71:18).

In our later years, we too should remain open to being used by God for enriching the spiritual lives of future generations through the teaching of His word (Psalm 78:1-7; cf. 2 Timothy 2:1-2; Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16).

***The longer we live, the more that we know,
Old age is the time for wisdom to show;
Who knows how much good some word we might say
Could do for the leaders of some future day. —Bosch***



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.

9/19/21

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- Travis Rogers **Lord's Table-** Todd Chapman
Opening prayer- Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer-** Larry Randolph

September 26th

Announcements- Todd Chapman **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

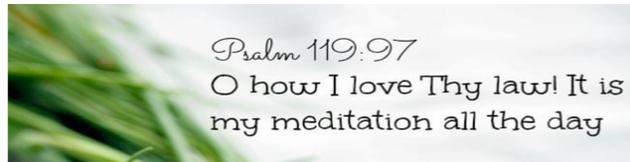
- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer.

Announcements

—**Ruston Church of Christ Gospel Meeting:** Ruston Church of Christ is hosting a Gospel Meeting September 19-22. See the flyer posted in the foyer for all the details.

—**Jackson Street Church Of Christ Ladies Day:** You are invited to attend a Ladies Day hosted by Jackson St. Church of Christ on September 25th at Kiroli Lodge. Call Kari Miller to register/questions (318) 450-8438. More information is posted in the lobby.

—**New Church Website:** Check out our new church website at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com



Dates to Remember

—Due to COVID concerns there will be no Birthday/ Anniversary Celebration or potluck in October.

Please Pray For:

Jonah Scharf, Jerry Ketchin, Elizabeth Johnson, Kathryn Thomas, Billy Granger, Susie McGough, Melvin Tuggle, Elizabeth Hollis, Marla Lindsey MacIntire, Sandra Nappier.

Bereaved: Families of Larry Keene, Randy Hall, Gavin Simmons, Dewy Roberson, Marshall Sanders.

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)
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September birthdays

September anniversaries

- 1 - Todd Chapman
- 9 - Carlton Hollis
- 17 - Sherry Miller
- 18 - Wanda Simpson
- 22 - Eloise Smith
- 22 - Jodie Chisley
- 27 - Shirley Goodwin

- 5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
- 25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

