

# The Game Called “Learning”

By Mike Riley

While substituting in a local middle school library a few years ago, a young female student came into the library, set down at one of several computers, and asked me, “Are there any games on these computers?” To which I replied, “To my knowledge, there is only one game on these computers.” The young lady asked, “Which game would that be?” To which I responded, “The game called learning.”

When she heard that, she immediately stood up from her chair, turned around toward the entrance to the library, and walked out never to return that day. She was more interested in playing computer games than she was in learning anything that would possibly benefit her later in life.

Christians who very rarely study their Bibles (2 Timothy 2:15 KJV), are like the young student in the above true story. They would rather “play” at being a Christian rather than make the necessary sacrifices required to learn at the feet of the Master Teacher (Luke 10:38-39; Matthew 22:16; John 3:1-2) and grow as a Christian (1 Peter 2:1-2; 2 Peter 3:18; cf. Ephesians 4:11-15).

As in the library, the Master Teacher has only one game that will help us grow into the kind of mature Christian that will give honor and glory to Him, and that game is the game called “learning” (Matthew 9:10-13 – see commentary). Unfortunately, the hypocritical Pharisees of Jesus’ day were not willing to play that game and humbly “learn” at Jesus’ feet.

What game are we playing today?



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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 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-** Todd Chapman    **Lord's Table-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes    **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

## October 3rd

**Announcements-** Paul Simpson    **Lord's Table-** Rick Cook  
**Opening prayer-** Todd Chapman    **Closing Prayer-** Rick Cook

- 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)



# Please Pray For:

Melannie White, Mary Wyatt, Brenda Thomas, Joanne Randolph, Sydney Scharf, Ernie Verse, Jerry Ketchin, Elizabeth Johnson, Kathryn Thomas, Billy Granger, Susie McGough, Melvin Tuggle, Elizabeth Hollis, Marla Lindsey MacIntire, Sandra Nappier.

**Bereaved:** Families of Jason Blondin, 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)
☐ Heb. 1-4	☐ Num. 25-28	☐ 2Chr 6-10	☐ Ps 114-116	☐ Prov. 26-27	☐ Obadiah	☐ Acts 1-2



## September birthdays

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

## September anniversaries

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

## October anniversaries

- 17 - Todd and Nelia Chapman

## October birthdays

- 2 - Rick Van Loon
- 7 - Joyce McDonald
- 11 - Luke Chapman
- 12 - Barbara Wheeler
- 14 - Kathy Manning
- 16 - Rex Albright
- 22 - Wyatt Chapman
- 24 - Jean Delukie
- 25 - Lorene Johnson
- 27 - Charles Fricke
- 31 - Bobby Barker