

Exhibiting Wise Behavior

By Mike Riley

In 1 Samuel 18:5, 1 Samuel 18:14-15, and 1 Samuel 18:30, the writer tells us David “behaved wisely.” He behaved “more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name became highly esteemed” (1 Samuel 18:30).

The phrase “highly esteemed” suggests the idea of an unusual respect. David was not only honored by all the people, but more significantly, he was highly respected by those in Saul’s court who were impressed by his noble character.

As Christians come to know Jesus through obedience to His commandments (1 John 2:3-5), they will begin to display qualities of character that set them apart from others, for true wisdom is to live like Christ (1 John 2:6; cf. Gal. 2:20). This wisdom is more than common sense — it is uncommon behavior.

James tells us: “The wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy” (James 3:17).

As followers of Christ, true wisdom can only be acquired “from above” (cf. James 1:5; Proverbs 2:1-6).

God’s promise to David regarding spiritual wisdom is also true for Christians today. He said:

“I will instruct you [cause you to be wise] and teach you in the way you should go” (Psalm 32:8).

The question is, are we learning to exhibit wise behavior? (cf. 1 Peter 2:11-12; Philippians 2:14-16; Matthew 5:16).



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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.

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- Wayne Fowler

Closing Prayer- Jerry McDonald

Sermon- Charles Fricke

Next Sunday

Announcements- Paul Simpson

Opening prayer- John Chisley

Communion- Rick Cook

Closing Prayer- Tyrese McFarland

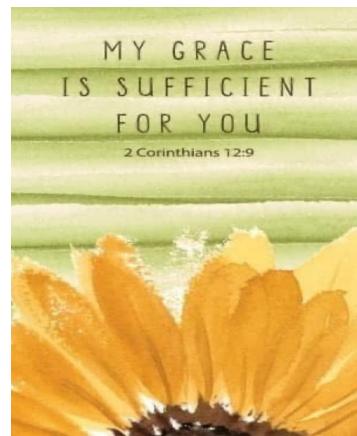
Sermon- Wayne Fowler

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Art Camp: Sterlington Community Art camp will be held here at the building June 16-19th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the foyer for all the 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.



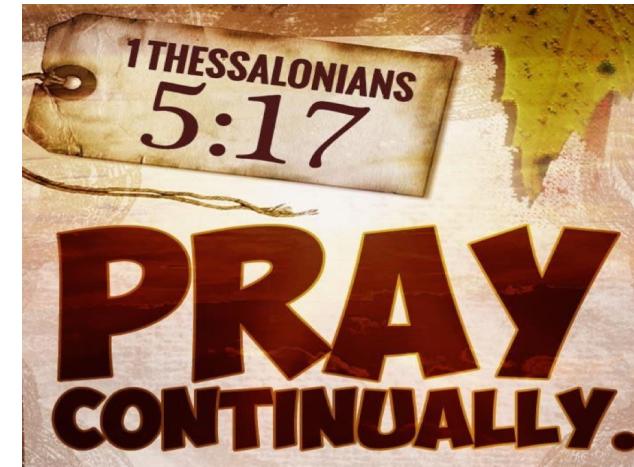
Please Pray For:

Don & Jean DeLukie, Vee Boren, Virginia Cook, Debbie Lewis, Glenda Wells, Dave Garris, Larry Randolph, Jeanette Henderson, Kaylen Hill, Danaya Ross, Shannon Boyer.

Bereaved: Family of Clint Glazer, Larry Greenwood, Carol Jean Martin, Carol Granger.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Lucky Nappier, Melanie Christy, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



May Birthdays

3 Carol Fletcher	19 Virginia Cook
5 Larry Randolph	19 Buddy Hollis
9 Rynlea Freeman	20 Jacob Freeman
9 Eli Simmons	22 Jeanette Henderson
10 Bettye Flowers	24 Linda Garris
15 Jerry McDonald	31 Danielle Scharf

May Anniversaries

21 - David & Elaine Reppond
26 - John & Jodie Chisley
26 - Victor & Donna Binford
29 - Dave & Linda Garris

