

An Authentic Beauty

By Mike Riley

As I wait at our local grocery store checkout stand, I sometimes scan the covers of the magazines displayed there. It seems that if they aren't about the sexual escapades of the rich and famous, they're about diet, fitness, health, and outward beauty.

The sad thing is, there's nothing available in the above magazines for the soul.

The problem is that people read the wrong magazines — those that are full of lies that fixate on the beauty of face and form as though that's all there is. This can lead to comparison with others more beautiful than ourselves, many times causing great despair (2 Corinthians 10:12).

A few years ago, while working with a young fellow employee, I one day gave her a compliment by saying, "You are a very self-confident lady. "Can you tell me why?" She answered, "Yes, it's because I'm so pretty and I can motivate most men to do exactly what I want them to do."

I responded by saying, "I feel sorry for you." "Why?" she asked in surprise. "Because," I replied, "You may not always be pretty." "One of these days, your skin will be old and wrinkled, and those men you influenced to do what you wanted them to do, will no longer be influenced by your beauty."

Solomon tells us that "Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting" (Proverbs 31:30 NIV). Physical beauty all too quickly fades away; and all one's efforts to keep it are doomed to fail.

However, there is an inward beauty — an authentic beauty that will endure forever — in the one "who fears the Lord" (Proverbs 31:30; cf. 1 Peter 3:1-5).



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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**- Charles Fricke

Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer**- Paul Simpson

Sermon- Don DeLukie

October 8th

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Communion- Travis Rogers **Closing Prayer**- Phillip Simmons

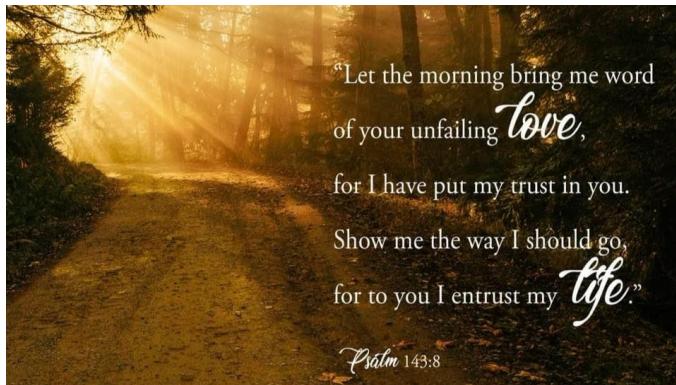
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Wednesday Evening Bible Class: Charles Fricke is now teaching a Wednesday PM Bible Class series utilizing the book "Making the Most of Life from A -Z". Class starts at 6 PM.

—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.

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



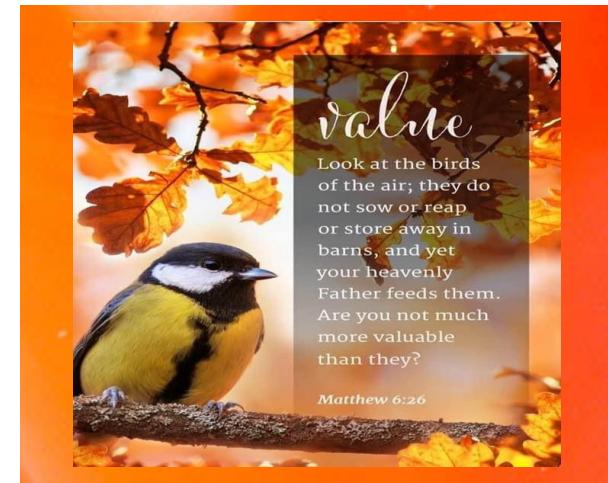
Please Pray For:

Brad Farrington, Mike Wiggins, Bettye Flowers, John McDaniel, Marilyn Hemler, Carolyn Tobia, Cindy Smith, Phillip Simmons, Tommy Franklin, John White, Ronnie White, Donna Llewellyn, Gena Granger.

Bereaved: Families of Carolyn Moy, Frank McDaniel, Florence Matthews, Judy Strickland.

Continue to Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, Dwain Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Renee Gee, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



October birthdays

- 2 - Rick VanLoon
- 7 - Joyce McDonald
- 11 - Luke Chapman
- 12 - Barbara Wheeler
- 14 - Kathy Manning
- 18 - Randal Freeman

October anniversaries

- 22 - Wyatt Chapman
- 24 - Jean Delukie
- 25 - Lorene Johnson
- 27 - Charles Fricke
- 31 - Bobby Barker

