When Is A Man A Man?

By Mike Riley

When he [man] can look over the rivers, the hills, and the far horizon with a profound sense of his own littleness in the vast scheme of things (2 Corinthians 12:11; Ephesians 3:6-8; 1 Timothy 1:15), and yet have faith, hope, and courage — which is the root of every virtue (2 Peter 1:1-8; cf. Hebrews 11).

When he knows that down in his heart, every man is as noble, as vile, as divine, as diabolic, and as lonely as himself, and seeks to know, to forgive, and to love his fellow man (2 Corinthians 2:1-11; 2 Timothy 1:1-4).

When he knows how to sympathize with men in their sorrows, yea, even in their sins — (Philippians 2:25-27; Romans 12:15; Gal. 6:1-2), knowing that each man fights a hard fight against many odds (2 Corinthians 4:1-13; Ephesians 6:11-12).

When he has learned how to make friends (Proverbs 17:17; cf. Deuteronomy 15:7-11; 1 John 3:14-18), and to keep them, and above all, how to keep friends with himself (Matthew 22:39).

When he loves flowers, can hunt birds without a gun, and feels the thrill of an old forgotten joy when he hears the laughter of a little child. When he can be happy amid the meaner drudgeries of life (2 Corinthians 7:4; Philippians 2:17; Colossians 1:24).

When the star crowned trees, and the glint of sunlight on flowing waters, subdue him like the thought of one much loved and gone home. When no voice of distress reaches his ears in vain, and no hand seeks his aid without response (Proverbs 3:27-28; cf. Genesis 47:13-27).

When he can look into a wayside puddle and see something beyond mud, and into the face of the most forlorn fellow mortal and see something beyond sin (Romans 10:1; 1 Corinthians 9:22). When he knows how to pray, how to love, how to hope (Matthew 6:9-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Matthew 5:44; Romans 12:20; 1 Thessalonians 2:19).

When he has kept faith with himself, with his fellowman, with his God (Acts 20:17-27; 2 Timothy 4:5-7); in his hand a sword for evil (Ephesians 6:17), in his heart, a bit of song (Acts 16:25) — glad to live, but not afraid to die! (Gal. 2:20; Philippians 1:20-23; 2 Timothy 4:6).



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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.

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!

Elders: Todd Chapman <u>Deacons:</u>
Wayne Fowler David Garris

Preacher:
Don Delukie

Paul Simpson

Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Todd Chapman Lord's Table- Paul Simpson Opening prayer- Ronnie Hayes Closing Prayer- Damien Miller

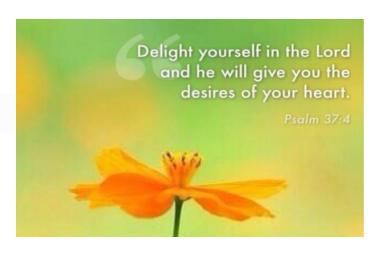
November 21st

Announcements- Charles Fricke Lord's Table- Travis Rodgers
Opening prayer- Rick Cook Closing Prayer-Larry Randolph

- 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



Please Pray For:

Abram Simpson, Linda Garris, Vee Boren, Ed Haltom, Larry Randolph, Alaine Sawyer Cardinal, Sharon Sawyer Morris, David Davis, Brian Fisher, Larry Smith, Brenda Fricke, Debbie Walker, Jean Delukie, Gracie Aaron, Randy Fallin, Donald Reeves, Dan Bryan, Clyde Wilson, Jerry Madden, Melannie White.

Bereaved: Families of Sue Simpson, Jesse Dawson Jr, Don Talley, Larry Whitehead, Levi Buckley, Jason Blondin.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Dinky Douglas, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Cindy Jenny, Gay Black, Adam White.

Weekly Bible Reading Plan

Epistles	The Law	History	Psalms	Poetry	Prophecy	Gospels
(Sunday)	(Monday)	(Tuesday)	(Wednesday)	(Thursday)	(Friday)	(Saturday)
□ 1Pet 4-5	□ Deut. 13-15	□ Ezra 1-5	□ Ps 131-133	□ Eccl 7-8	□ Zechariah 1-7	□ Acts 15-16



November birthdays

- 3 Elaine Reppond
- 5 Glenda Wells
- 6 Sandra Nappier
- 8 Brad Smith
- 10 Bo Dalrymple
- 11- Carlton Silmon
- 11 Tommy Wells
- 13 Susie McGough
- 20 Dana Fowler
- 25 Dan Ross Jr.
- 26 Brock Dalrymple
- 28 Dena White
- 30 Ayden Richardson

November anniversaries

- 3 Ronnie and Dena White
- 17 Buddy and Carlon Hollis
- 18 Randy and Kathy Manning
- 21 Travis and Rhonda Rogers
- 26 Dwain and Bettye Flowers

