

The Power Of Our Silent Influence

By Mike Riley

On a recent beautiful warm Saturday morning, a Christian friend and I were having breakfast at a local restaurant. At a nearby table, we noticed a young woman sitting quietly reading her Bible. She was absorbed in the text, occasionally looking up to consider what she had read. She never said a word, but her heart and priorities were visible to everyone in that restaurant. It was a gentle, positive, and silent influence.

She was not ashamed of Christ nor of His New Testament (Hebrews 9:11-15 KJV). She neither preached a sermon nor sang a song. She was willing to be identified with the Savior, yet she did not need to announce that allegiance.

In our attempts to share the message of Jesus, we must eventually use words, because ultimately words are needed to present the gospel (John 14:23; Acts 2:14 KJV; Acts 11:11-14 KJV; Acts 16:14 ESV; 2 Peter 3:1-2 KJV; Jude 1:17 KJV). But we can also learn from the example of this woman.

There are times when the quietness of our everyday actions speak louder than our words, revealing our love for the Lord (Philippians 1:21-27). In our desire to share Christ with a sinful world, let's not ignore the power of our silent influence (cf. 1 Thessalonians 1:5-8).



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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 worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Don DeLukie **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** John Chisley
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Arthur Binford
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—**Gospel Meetings and Ladies Days:** Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events, Ladies Days, and Gospel Meetings happening in our area. There is a sign-up sheet in kitchen.

—**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:

Megan Penna, Rynlea Freeman, Billy Granger, Thomas Few, Devante and Jasmine Sanders, Rhonda Rogers, Katie Harris, John McDaniel, Vee Boren, Becky Baker, Luella Jacobs, Oddie Cameron, Glenda Wells, James Mardis.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Carolyn Jones, Pam Few.



January Birthdays

1 - John Chisley
15 - Tommy Franklin
21 - Gary Harris
24 - Buck Raus
26 - Arthur Binford

January Anniversaries

6 - Debbie and Rick Cook
7 - Charles and Brenda Fricke

