

# The Undenominational Church

By Mike Riley

Throughout the world, there are congregations of Christians who have obeyed the commands of our Lord with regard to salvation. These Christians are organized into local congregations (Titus 1:5), with no central government or earthly headquarters (John 18:35-36). Each congregation is independent, taking the New Testament as its sole authority in religion (1 Cor 2:1-5; Gal. 1:6-12; Eph 3:1-11).

The members of the Lord's church in the twenty-first century believe the exact same things that first-century Christians believed, and by doing the same things they did, they become the same thing — Christians (Acts 11:26; cf. Isa 62:2).

The Lord's church was established on Pentecost day, 33 A.D. And as we read in Acts 2, every saved person was added to the church by the Lord Himself (Acts 2:47). Thus the church is composed of folks who have obeyed from the heart the Lord's plan of salvation (Rom 6:17-18; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:1-8; Eph 5:23).

God's word is similar to a seed planted (Luke 8:11). This seed produced Christians in the first century and will produce Christians in the twenty-first century (1 Pet 1:13-25; James 1:18; cf. 1 Cor 4:15).

Twenty centuries have passed since the beginning of the church, but we still have the same truth (John 17:17-NKJV) that will judge us on that last day (John 12:48). We still have the same church unchanged in name (Matt 16:18), doctrine, organization, faith, and practice.

The Lord's church does not use any creed other than the inspired New Testament (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 John 9), nor does it add any doctrine or commandment of man (Matt 15:9; cf. Col 2:18-23; Rev 22:18-19).

The only plea of the Lord's church is the plea for unity — not unity in diversity — but for unity based on the standard revealed in God's Word (John 17; Eph 4:1-6). The Lord's church pleads the merit of no man — only the merit of Christ's shed blood and of His holy Word (Rom 5:6-9; Eph 1:3-7; Heb 9:11-14; 1 John 1:7).



## STERLINGTON 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  
Paul Simpson

### Deacons:

Wayne Fowler  
Billy Granger

### Preacher:

David Garris  
Buddy Hollis

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Travis Rogers **Opening Prayer-** Charles Fricke

**Communion-** Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Matthew Fricke

**June 18th**

**Announcements-** Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Jerry McDonald

**Communion-** Wes Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Wayne Fowler

## Announcements

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

**—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.



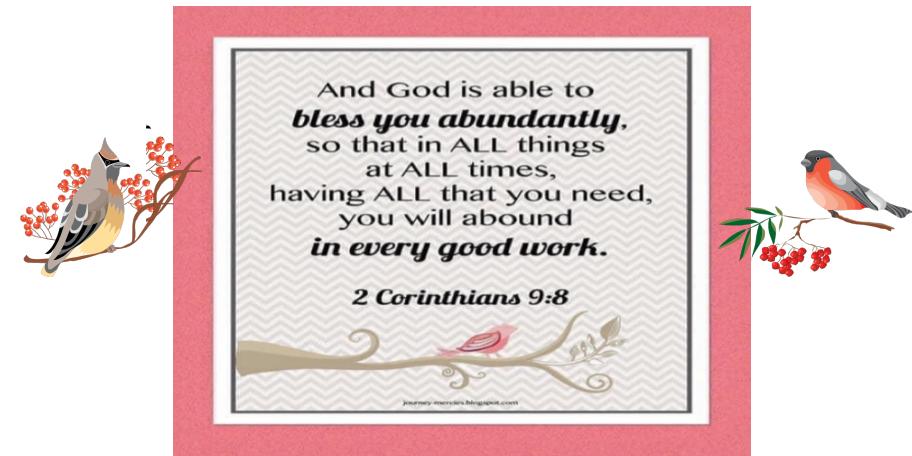
## Please Pray For:

John McDaniel, Dan Ross, Joanne Randolph, Gena Granger, Lorrie McDonald Edwards, Peggy Johnson, Waymon Swain, Ben Aaron, Roy McDonald, Buster Guice, Charles Reeves, Keith Bailey, Ronnie White, Emma Morgan.

**Bereaved:** Families of Max Aubel, Darlene Henry, Deb McInturff, Betty Jo Franklin, Rita Walthall, Hershel Bearden.

## Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, and Charlie McDaniel Jr.



### June birthdays

- 10 - Sharon Harris
- 12 - Rachel Rogers
- 16 - Victor Binford
- 16 - Janice Hayes
- 20 - Debbie Grice
- 21 - Ashton Richardson
- 22 - Damien Miller
- 25 - Don Delukie

### June Anniversaries

- 28 - Arthur and Cybil Binford
- 28 - Keith and Cheryl Brister

