

Pursuing Our True Needs

By Mike Riley

As human beings, we have few truly essential needs. For example, we would perish without oxygen in just a few minutes. Regarding our bodies, we must have food and water to sustain us as well as rest when we are tired. We must protect ourselves from the sometimes harsh elements in inclement weather. Even though we are creatures of need — our basic needs are few (cf. Matthew 6:25).

However, when it comes to our wants, there seems to be no limit (cf. Proverbs 27:20; Ecclesiastes 1:8). Indeed, the entire advertising industry is devoted to expanding our so-called “needs” in this regard.

But what about our basic needs that we sometimes overlook? For instance, what about our need for the Bread of Life and the living water of God’s truth? (John 7:38; cf. John 4:14; Proverbs 18:4; Isaiah 12:3; Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28-29; Acts 2:17-18). What about our need for spiritual fellowship that gives strength, hope, peace, and comfort? (Hebrews 10:25; cf. Acts 2:42; Acts 2:44; Acts 4:32).

The sometimes intense dissatisfaction that so many people experience in their lives usually stems from spiritual malnutrition and thirst (Hosea 4:6; Amos 8:11; cf. Ezekiel 7:23-27).

Jesus once told a Samaritan woman about water that would become “a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life” (John 4:14). He possessed what she truly needed — what Peter later called “the words of eternal life” (John 6:68).

Have we been ignoring the words of Jesus when He said, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”? (Matthew 4:4). Have we been failing to nourish the spiritual needs of our soul while pursuing our wants?

Let’s remember what our Lord said: “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33).



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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- Todd Chapman **Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Charles Fricke

July 2nd

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening Prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

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.



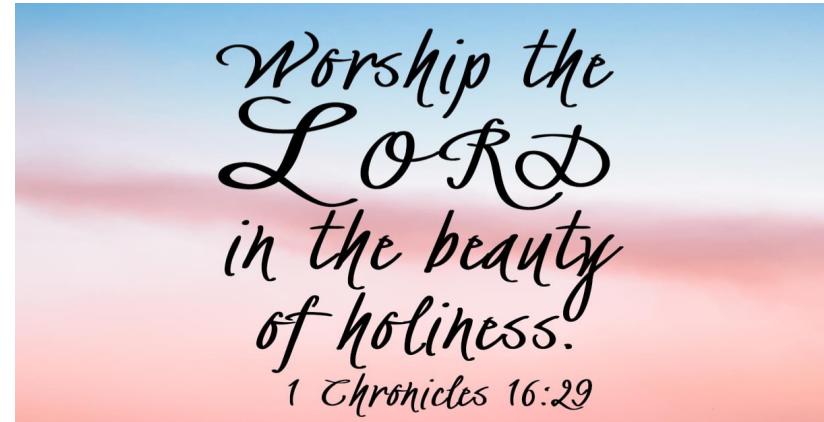
Please Pray For:

Mina & Mae Fricke, Cathy Allen, Chris Switzer, Billy Granger, Laverne Driver, Dwain Flowers, John McDaniel, Dan Ross, Joanne Randolph, Gena Granger, Lorrie McDonald Edwards, Peggy Johnson, Waymon Swain, Ben Aaron, Roy McDonald.

Bereaved: Families of Emma Morgan, Max Aubel, Darlene Henry, Deb McInturff, Betty Jo Franklin.

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.



July birthdays

- 3 - Carol Granger
- 4 - Jansen Chisley
- 5 - Lilly Delaney
- 6 - Paul Simpson
- 6 - Mary Wyatt
- 9 - David Reppond
- 12 - Oddie Cameron
- 16 - Angelec Brannon
- 19 - Debbie Cook
- 20 - Ronnie Hayes
- 22 - Ethel Ross
- 23 - Randy Manning
- 27 - Donna Binford
- 31 - Whitney Chapman

July anniversaries

- 21 - Billy & Carol Granger
- 28 - Wayne & Dana Fowler
- 30 - Don & Jean Delukie

