

# Who Determines What's Right?

By Mike Riley

Folks who reject absolute standards of right and wrong are often inconsistent. When they think they are being treated unfairly, they appeal to a standard of justice that they expect everyone to adhere to.

The story is told of a philosophy professor who began each new term by asking his class, "Do you believe it can be shown that there are absolute values like justice?" The modern free-thinking students all argued that everything is relative and no single law can be applied universally.

Before the end of the semester, the professor devoted one class period to debate the issue. At the end, he concluded, "Regardless of what you think, I want you to know that absolute values can be demonstrated. And if you don't accept what I say, I will flunk you!" One angry student got up and insisted, "That's not fair!"

"You've just proved my point," replied the professor. "You've appealed to a higher standard of fairness."

God has given everyone a conscience to tell right from wrong (Romans 2:14-15; cf. Acts 23:; Acts 24:16; Acts 26:9). God's moral standards are all recorded in the Bible (i.e., Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28). In fact, every time we use the words "good" and "bad," we imply a standard by which we make such judgments (cf. Isaiah 5:20). Biblical values are true for any age, because they originate with eternal principles (i.e., Gal. 6:7) from an eternal, unchanging God (Malachi 3:6; cf. Numbers 23:19 ESV; James 1:17).



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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!

### Elders:

Todd Chapman  
Paul Simpson

### Deacons:

Wayne Fowler  
Billy Granger

### Preacher:

David Garris  
Buddy Hollis

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Travis Rogers **Opening Prayer-** Jerry McDonald  
**Communion-** Lyle Russell      **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

### July 30th

**Announcements-**Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Todd Chapman  
**Communion-** Jerry McDonald      **Closing Prayer-** Paul Simpson

## 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.



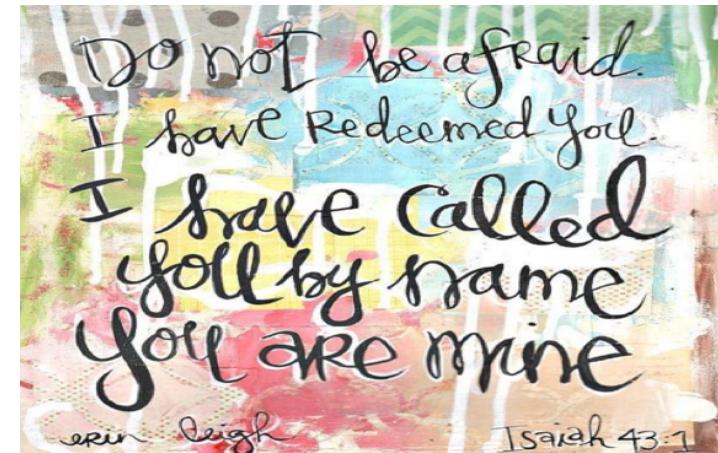
## Please Pray For:

Todd Chapman, Tyler & Baby boy Gillikin, Rick Whittle, Carolyn Jones's granddaughter Emma, Steve Torres, Cathy Allen, Chris Switzer, Billy Granger, Laverne Driver, Dwain Flowers, John McDaniel, Dan Ross, Gena Granger.

**Bereaved:** Families of Renee Gee, Charlie McDaniel Jr., Waymon Swain, Emma Morgan.

## Continue to Pray For:

Susie McGough, 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.



### 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

