

“Go With The Flow”

By Mike Riley

We've all heard the popular saying, "Go with the flow." To some people that saying means behaving as most other people do without trying to swim against the current of the culture. To others, it speaks of being more accepting of circumstances without trying to control everything that happens.

But for followers of Jesus, there's another dimension of "going with the flow."

Jesus said:

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water" (John 7:37-38 – NKJV; cf. John 4:13-14 – NKJV; Isaiah 12:1-6 – NKJV; Isaiah 44:1-6 – NKJV).

Christ spoke of the Holy Spirit (John 7:39 – NKJV), who would make His home in every child of God (Romans 8:9-11 – NKJV; cf. Romans 5:5 – NKJV; Gal. 4:6 – NKJV).

In a very real sense, when we are obedient to Christ, we find the "flow" of living water that the Holy Spirit gives us – through the saving gospel of Christ (for both the Jew – Acts 2; and the Gentile – Acts 10). Also see Gal. 3:22-29 – NKJV which includes both Jew and Gentile in God's saving plan).

From then on, we are recipients and conduits of "living water" – the eternal source of thirst-quenching satisfaction for our souls. The indwelling Spirit then carries us along by a power and purpose greater than ourselves.

As channels of God's living water, let us "go with the flow" – sharing that "flow" with others along life's way (Matthew 28:19-20 – NKJV; Mark 16:15-16 – NKJV).



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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- Don DeLukie **Opening Prayer-** Wayne Fowler
Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

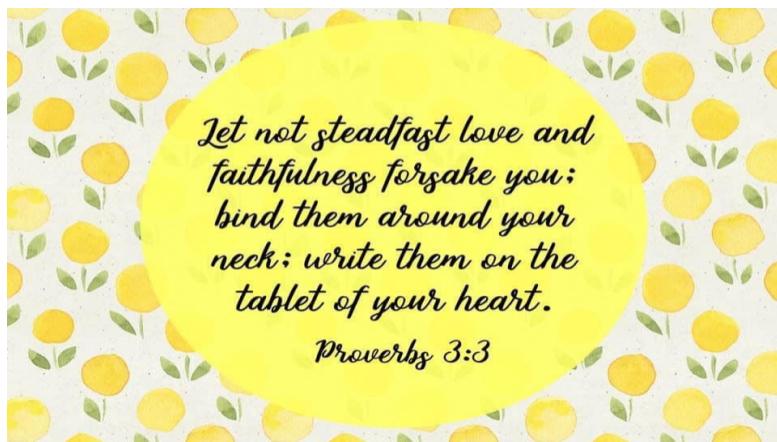
August 13th

Announcements-Paul Simpson **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Wes Chapman **Closing Prayer-** David Repond

Announcements

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question and Answer Series will be tonight. Give any additional 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. **The next pick-up is scheduled for Sept 30th.**



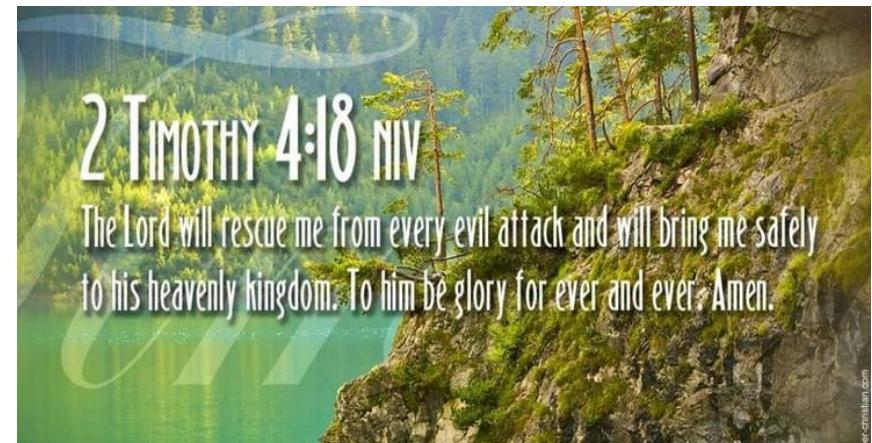
Please Pray For:

Joanne Randolph, John McDaniel, Gena Granger, Brax Williams, Jim Rhodes, Luckie Nappier, Kate Heavener, Rick Whittle, Carolyn Jones's granddaughter Emma, Steve Torres, Cathy Allen, Billy Granger, Laverne Driver.

Bereaved: Families of Chris Switzer, Renee Gee, Charlie McDaniel Jr., Waymon Swain.

Continue to Pray For:

Dwain Flowers, Susie McGough, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Tricia Muse, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



August birthdays

- 2 - Lisa Guice
- 2 - Larry Silmon
- 4 - Brenda Fricke
- 6 - Sandy Van Loon
- 8 - Mandy Magee
- 8 - Travis Rodgers
- 20 - Leo Goodwin
- 26 - Brandon Rogers
- 30 - David Garris

August anniversaries

- 3 - Paul and Wanda Simpson
- 13 - Jerry and Joyce McDonald
- 14 - James and Lorene Johnson
- 20 - Wes and Whitney Chapman

