

“Lord, Prop Us Up On Our Leanin' Side”

By Mike Riley

The following story by an unknown author illustrates our need as Christians to lean upon the Lord for strength in helping us get through the difficult times of life:

Whenever I am asked to pray, I think of the old deacon who always prayed, “Lord, prop us up on our leanin’ side.”

After hearing that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed so fervently.

He answered, “Well sir, you see, it’s like this I got an old barn out back. It’s been there a long time, it’s withstood a lot of weather, it’s gone through a lot of storms, and it’s stood for many years. It’s still standing, but one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn’t fall.

Then I got to thinking ‘bout that and how much I was like that old barn. I’ve been around a long time, I’ve withstood a lot of life’s storms, I’ve withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I’ve withstood a lot of hard times, and I’m still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, ‘cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning, at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn’t, so we need to pray, “Lord, prop us up on our leanin’ side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify You, in Jesus’ name, Amen.”



STERLINGTON
Church of Christ



P.O. Box 82
1095 Highway 2
Sterlington, Louisiana 71280
www.sterlingtoncoc.com

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!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** John Chisley

Communion- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

Sermon- Don DeLukie

August 18th

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Arthur Binford

Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Gary Harris

Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Potluck: We will have a potluck August 25th following the morning services. There will be no PM services that evening.

—Back to School Bowling Party: All children and their families are invited to a Back to School Bowling Party, (Sunday, August 25th) after the Potluck.

—Question & Answer Series: Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

—Children's Home Collection: The items our congregation is collecting for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR **will be picked up tomorrow.** Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



Please Pray For:

Brenda Fricke, Kerry Clewell, David Reppond, Ellisha Peyton, Rick Cook, Belinda Boykin, Virginia Cook, Joyce Moses, Rick Cook, Angelica Ross, Charlotte Martin, Kathy Gilbert, Tommy Franklin.

Bereaved: Families of Ronnie Tatum, David Reed.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Brigg DeLukie, Carol Granger, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Ronnie & Dena White, Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James Johnson, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Renee Gee, Bobby Simmons, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.



August birthdays

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

August Anniversaries

3 - Paul & Wanda Simpson
13 - Jerry & Joyce McDonald

