

# A Heartfelt Desire To Worship The Lord

By Mike Riley

The author of Psalm 84 (one of the sons of Korah) had an undying love to worship in God's house. Some commentators have speculated that for a time, this temple singer was unable to go to the temple, either because of sickness or circumstances. So as he wrote this Psalm, his soul was especially longing and crying out to be in "the courts of the Lord" (Psalm 84:2 – NKJV).

He believed that one day of worship in God's house gave more satisfaction than a thousand days spent anywhere else (Psalm 84:10 – NKJV). He also stated that he would rather be a simple doorkeeper in God's house than to dwell in an environment of wickedness.

There's something special about praising God together with His people, and we should take every opportunity to do so (Hebrews 10:25 – NKJV). Like the Psalmist, we should take advantage of the opportunity to express our love for the living God and our longing to know and trust Him (Psalm 84:2 – NKJV; Psalm 84:12 – NKJV).

When the desire of our heart is to be in His presence and in the presence of His people, our Lord is pleased and we'll be richly blessed (Psalm 84:4-5 – NKJV).

O Lord, thou art my God;  
I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name;  
for thou hast done wonderful things;  
thy counsels of old  
are faithfulness and truth.

**Isaiah 25:1**



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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!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements**- Lyle Russell    **Opening prayer**- Arthur Binford

**Communion**- Travis Rogers    **Closing Prayer**- Gary Harris

**Sermon**- Don DeLukie

September 15th

**Announcements**- Charles Fricke    **Opening prayer**- Ronnie Hayes

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

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## Announcements

### —Sterlington Church of Christ 80th Anniversary Celebration:

On October 13th we will celebrate our 80th anniversary as a congregation after AM services. All are invited!

**—Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. 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:

Brenda Fricke, Teresa Smith, Arthur Binford, Eli Simmons, Sammy Crawford, Carolyn Jones, Kerry Clewell, David Reppond, Ellisha Peyton, Rick Cook, Belinda Boykin, Virginia Cook, Joyce Moses, Rick Cook, Angelica Ross.

**Bereaved:** Families of Ronnie Tatum.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Tommy Franklin, 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.



### September birthdays

- 9 - Carlon Hollis
- 17 - Sherry Miller
- 18 - Wanda Simpson
- 19 - Linda Herlong
- 22 - Jodie Chisley
- 23 - Maddie Magee
- 27 - Shirley Goodwin

### September Anniversaries

- 5 - Matt and Danielle Scharf
- 25 - Lyle and Miriam Russell

