

Our Open Communication With God

By Mike Riley

It seems that the days when a real live person greets you on the other end of the phone line are history. Whenever we try to “reach out and touch someone” today, the only “someone” we reach is usually a computerized voice.

Aren’t we thankful this isn’t true of our heavenly Father? He’s always there to listen to His children (Deuteronomy 5:27-28 – NKJV). There are no voice-mail boxes with Him — no “press 2 for grace and forgiveness” and no “call waiting” interruptions. No more “All lines are now busy — your call is important to me — please stay on the line” business.

In contrast, our Lord says:

“Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know” (Jeremiah 33:3 – NKJV).

Communication with God is a two-way street. He speaks to us when we come attentively before Him in prayer and through the clear teachings of the Bible (Philippians 4:6 – NKJV; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 – NKJV). He paid a great price to keep the lines of communication open so that we can hear Him and experience the joy of being still long enough to know that He is God (Psalm 85:8 – NKJV; Psalm 46:10 – NKJV).

As the words of the inspiring old hymn “In the Garden” tell us:

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known — C. Austin Miles



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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.

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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 David Garris
Billy Granger Buddy Hollis

Preacher:

Don Delukie

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Lyle Russell **Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers
Communion- Charles Fricke **Closing Prayer-** David Reppond

April 2nd

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Communion- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

Announcements

—**Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt: April 2nd** will be our next Potluck after AM services followed by an Easter Egg hunt for the kids. There will be no PM services that evening.

—**SCOC Ladies Day:** Our congregation is hosting a Ladies Day on **May 6th**. Save the date! More details will be announced soon.

—**Fish Fry:** There will be a Fish Fry on Saturday, **June 3rd** at 5 PM. Everyone is invited!

—**Question & Answer Series:** There will be no Question & Answer Series in April. **May 7th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or 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:

Dwain Flowers, Carolyn Jones, Chris Reppond, John Alred, Steve Torres, Steve Perry, Terry Wagner-Matthews, Nyle Field, Joyce Moses, Julie Strickland.

Bereaved: Families of Teresa Moody, Lois Hogan.

Continue to Pray For:

Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, James & Lorene Johnson, Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Gail Sewell, Malea Zuber, Bobby Simmons, Max Aubel, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Elizabeth Hollis, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr.



March birthdays

8 - Miriam Russell
18 - Debra Dehart
18 - Billy Granger
18 - Lyle Russell
21 - Sadie Kate Scharf
25 - Nelia Chapman
29 - Sharon Ross White
29 - Chellie Wells

March anniversaries

9 - Tommy and Glenda Wells

