

Making “Today” Your Own!

By Mike Riley

How do you spend the blessed currency of time? Do you have a “pocketful” of day or have you “spent” your day already? “Today” is the most important time for each one of us because it is all we have been given! We are not promised next year, next month, next week, or even tomorrow. Today is important because it is when we can make the “choice” to obey, to encourage a brother or sister, to take the first step in living a life for Christ; to find one’s life in losing it (Luke 9:24).

James says that our lives are as a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away (James 4:14). Life is like a vapor, which is but for a moment. Like the morning fog, it vanishes in the heat of the sun. A day in your earthly life is a valuable and precious gift because it is soon over.

Sin may deceive us by telling us, “You’ve got time”. Therefore, the inspired writer of the book of Hebrews tells us to “exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13).

The saying, “The road to hell is paved with good intentions” means that intending to take care of important duties at a future time is the pathway to eternal ruin. Though we plan to do something good (study the Bible, obey the gospel, teach the lost, call a discouraged brother or sister, visit the sick, minister to the needy) our hectic schedules crowd out our good intentions. We may forget that there will not always be a “tomorrow”.

We are not promised tomorrow. “Today” is all we have. James gives us instructions on what our attitude should be concerning “Tomorrow”: “For that you ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live and do this or that. But now ye rejoice in your boastings: all such rejoicing is evil. Therefore, to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin” (James 4:15-17 – KJV). We must, like the five wise virgins, make preparations for the Lord’s second coming. Will Jesus find us “watching” and “waiting”? (Matthew 25:13).

Brethren, regarding the “day”, let us imitate the saints of the first century of whom it is said, “And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ” (Acts 5:42 – ASV).



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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.

5/15/22

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- Wayne Fowler **Lord's Table-** Wes Chapman
Opening prayer- Gary Harris **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

May 22nd

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Lord's Table-** Rick Cook
Opening prayer- David Reppond **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

- Communion will utilize self-contained, sealed cups available in the foyer. **Please pick one up upon arrival.**
- Giving is available at a central collection container in the foyer or online at www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com.

Announcements

—**Fish Fry:** There is a Fish Fry scheduled for **May 21st at 4PM**. Please put your name on the list in the kitchen if you are coming so there is an accurate headcount.

—**Question & Answer Series:** **June 5th** will be our next Question and Answer Series. Please submit your questions via the church email address SCOC2006@att.net or to Don.



Please Pray For:

Billy Granger, Jeff Wright, Candy Ellington, Cindy Eaton, Barge Elmore, Connie Grenfell, Kase Summerhill, Leroy Russell, Roosevelt Rogers, Arlene Sumner, Bettye Flowers.

Bereaved: Families of May Miller, Billy George McKinnie, Bobby Fletcher.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Tricia Muse, Max Aubel, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Trey Jennings, Debbie Walker, Virginia Royal, Renita Thomas, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Ann Bolden, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



May Birthdays

5 - Larry Randolph
10 - Bettye Flowers
12 - Cheryl Brister
15 - Jerry McDonald
19 - Virginia Cook
19 - Buddy Hollis
24 - Linda Garris
30 - Walker Chapman
31 - Danielle Scharf

May Anniversaries

21 - David and Elaine Reppond
26 - John and Jodie Chisley
29 - Dave and Linda Garris

