

How Deep Are Our Roots?

By Mike Riley

If a tree puts on a lot of top growth and few roots, it is liable to be weak-wooded and short-lived. If a tree puts down a great deal of roots and adds shoots more slowly, however, it is liable to be long-lived and more resistant to stress and strain.

People and organizations can be like trees. The rise to prominence is exhilarating, but anything that puts up shoots faster than it puts down roots is fragile and in danger of breaking, falling, or dying.

Jesus used a similar analogy in His parable of the sower. People who hear the Word and receive it joyfully are like seed sown on stony places; they spring up quickly but endure only a short time because they have no roots (Matthew 13:6 – NKJV; Matthew 13:20-21 – NKJV).

Good spiritual roots are the source of our strength. If our roots go deep in the knowledge of God (Colossians 1:9-10 – NKJV) and our lives are “hidden with Christ in God” (Colossians 3:3 – NKJV), we’ll be strong, resistant to the blight of the world (Romans 12:2 – NKJV), and thus more likely to survive the storms of adversity (Psalm 1:1-3 – 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.

9/25/22

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- Paul Simpson **Lord's Table-** Lyle Russell
Opening prayer- Wayne Fowler **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

October 2nd

Announcements- Travis Rodgers **Lord's Table-** Wayne Fowler
Opening prayer- Rick Cook **Closing Prayer-** Ronnie Hayes

Announcements

—**Question & Answer Series:** Next Sunday PM 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 kids classes are collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection baskets are by the nursery. The list of needed items is in the foyer. Please help our kids help others!



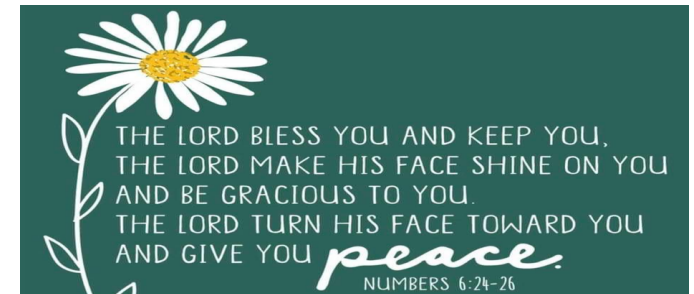
Please Pray For:

Nan Tally, Benny Freeman, Tommy Wells, Caroline Jones, Leigh Ann Armstrong, Adrain Barnes, Bobby Simmons, John McDaniel, Theresa Moody, Billy Granger, Joanna Quincy, Renita Thomas.

Bereaved: Families of Brenda Thomas, Charlie White, Donald Pennington, Eloise Smith, Johnny Keen, Andy McBroom.

Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, Roosevelt Rogers, Cindy Eaton, Tricia Muse, Donna Head, Debra Mike, Virginia Royal, Elizabeth Hollis, Cyndi Powell, Heath Ray, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross, Charlie McDaniel Jr, Lewis Bedele, Adam White.



September Birthdays

1 - Todd Chapman
9 - Carlon Hollis
17 - Sherry Miller
18 - Wanda Simpson
19 - Linda Herlong
22 - Jodie Chisley
27 - Shirley Goodwin

September Anniversaries

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

October birthdays

2 - Rick Van Loon
7 - Joyce McDonald
11 - Luke Chapman
12 - Barbara Wheeler
14 - Kathy Manning

16 - Rex Albright
22 - Wyatt Chapman
24 - Jean Delukie
25 - Lorene Johnson
27 - Charles Fricke
31 - Bobby Barker

October anniversaries

17 - Todd and Nelia Chapman