

# Unless You Are Converted

By Norman Hooten

Conversion is a process of change. Jesus talks about a very real change in our hearts, minds and souls (Matt 18:1-6). In order for this to happen, we must change the one we are trying to please. Self sits on the throne of most hearts today. We try to please the appetites of the flesh and it never satisfies the hungers of our hearts (Ecc 1:8; cf. Prov 27:20). We go about our daily routines and we are still longing for the bread that will truly meet our needs (John 6:35; Matt 4:4).

The body of man dies and his soul lives on for an eternity. Earthly wealth and fame never will meet the true needs of one's soul. There must be a dramatic change inside us that connects us to Him who made us. Jesus described this as becoming as a child. Children trust their parents. This trust will cause them, without question, to follow them. Children are followers. They do not have a personal, selfish agenda. They are innocent.

The drama of what Jesus said when He told His disciples to become as little children, was not lost to them. They did as Jesus commanded in the beginning. Follow Me! (Matt 4:18-19). They followed Him preaching to the lost of the world. Often, their conversion led to prison and death (Rev 2:10). John was the only apostle that escaped a premature death. They, as children, trusted Him who had always submitted to His own Father's will (John 8:29). As children, they followed Him.



**STERLINGTON**  
Church of Christ



P.O. Box 82  
1095 Highway 2  
Sterlington, Louisiana 71280  
[www.sterlingtoncoc.com](http://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.

5/1/22

## 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-** Paul Simpson  
**Opening prayer-** Paul Simpson **Closing Prayer-** Lyle Russell

### May 8th

**Announcements-** Todd Chapman **Lord's Table-** Todd Chapman  
**Opening prayer-** Todd Chapman **Closing Prayer-** Luke Chapman

- 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](http://www.sterlingtonchurchofchrist.com).

## Announcements

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

—**Fish Fry:** There is a Fish Fry scheduled for **May 21st at 4PM**. The list in the lobby is for a headcount. There is also a sign-up sheet in the kitchen if you would like to bring something.

*May the Lord*

*bless you and keep you; may his face shine upon you,  
and be gracious to you; and give you peace.*

NUMBERS 6:24-26

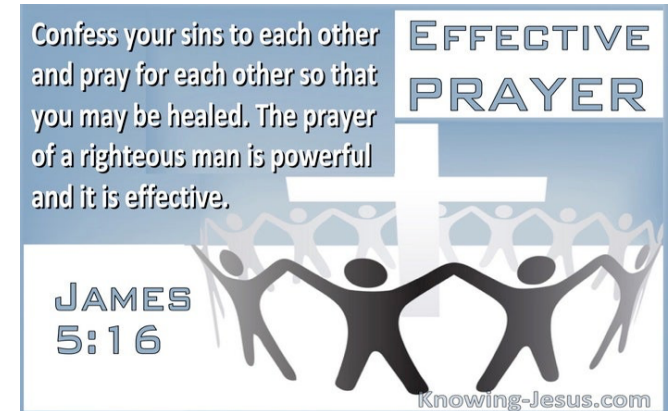
## Please Pray For:

Billy Granger, Cindy Eaton, Barge Elmore, Connie Grenfell, Kase Summerhill, Leroy Russell, Roosevelt Rogers, Arlene Sumner, Judy King, Cindy Cox, James Johnson, Bettye Flowers.

**Bereaved:** Families of Billy George McKinnie, Bobby Fletcher.

## Continue to Pray For:

Shirley Goodwin, Bobby Barker, 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

### May Anniversaries

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

