



*“Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.”  
Matthew 7:24 ESV*

**How Strong is Your Strength**  
**Ron Thomas**

Stephen was a great man of faith (Acts 7). Earlier the Lord had identified him as a man of conviction, reputation, wisdom, and the Holy Spirit. All these traits of character were going to be necessary for what he was about to face.

It is easy to speak favorably of one’s commitment to the Lord when resistance is minimal, but when the heat in the kitchen rises (so to speak), the qualities of character are put to a test in a way that the temperature of the room is unable to accomplish. This was the experience of Stephen. He had been accused by the Jewish community of turning the world associated with the nation’s Law of Moses and their peculiar customs, upside down (Acts 6:13-14). Stephen had to be a man steady on his feet to have any opportunity to speak clearly. Stressful situations can make the body and tongue quiver. The words of wisdom from Proverbs come to mind: “If thou faint in the day of adversity, Thy strength is small” (24:10, ASV).

As the so-called trial of Stephen got underway, Stephen recounts, briefly, Israel’s history; this allowed for him to have an audience before he got to his main point. He gave attention to the call of Abraham, the family of Joseph in Egypt, the Law received by Moses, and how Moses wrote about a coming prophet unlike any prophet before or after him (7:37).

Stephen begins to zero in on his greater point, with a repetition of earlier prophetic tones, how the nation of Israel, as it currently was, was guilty of stubbornness, nationalism, and a refusal to consider the evidence God presented for His Son (7:51-53). This was more than the audience was willing to take. Stephen knew this would be their response, but he said what he did because it needed to be said on this day.

There are many who call themselves Christians who would not do what Stephen did. It’s easy to read and understand what we need to, but is there a heart for enduring something similar?

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**When We Assemble**

- Sunday  
Morning Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Bible Classes following  
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
  - Wednesday  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study 6:30 p.m.
- All services are live streamed on our Facebook and YouTube pages*



*Daily Bible Readers.....60*  
*Bible Class Lesson .....23*

**Isaiah’s Call**

Our item for this effort is:

Vienna Sausage’s

**Worship Leaders**

Sunday, October 9th 2022 A.M.  
*Lead Singing*—Keeton Hines  
*Announcements*—Stephen Phillips  
*Read*— Bobby Roberson  
*Opening Prayer*—Alan Storie  
*Closing Prayer*—Mike DesRuisseaux

*Officiating Lord's Supper*  
 Danny Jenkins

*Ushers and Security*  
 Robbie Trousdale, Jeff Trousdale,  
 Edgar Jenkins, Jason Bogus

*PowerPoint for this week.*  
 Seth Pettus, Kurt Aston

*Sanitizing for the week*  
 Bengie Hines, Kirby Hines,  
 JD Hines

Sunday, October 9th 2022 P.M.  
*Lead Singing*— Keeton Hines  
*Announcements*—Stephen Phillips  
*Opening Prayer*— Travis Allen  
*Closing Prayer*— Brian Smith

Wednesday, October 12th 2022  
*Lead Singing*— Jonah Danley  
*Announcements*—Stephen Phillips  
*Read*— Maddox Allen  
*Opening Prayer*— Nicholas Grigsby  
*Extend Invitation*— Stephen Phillips  
*Closing Prayer*—Brennan Rook

Sunday, October 16th 2022 A.M.  
*Lead Singing*—Kaleb Jones  
*Announcements*—Brian Smith  
*Read*— Alan Storie  
*Opening Prayer*—David Quillen  
*Closing Prayer*—Wes Ayers

*Officiating Lord's Supper*  
 Ronnie Ray

*Ushers and Security*  
 Travis Allen, Stephen Phillips,  
 Steve Murks, Brian Jones

*PowerPoint for this week.*  
 Bengie Hines

*Sanitizing for the week*  
 Heath Allen, Harrison Allen,  
 Maddox Allen

Sunday, October 16th 2022 P.M.  
*Lead Singing*— Kaleb Jones  
*Announcements*—Brian Smith  
*Opening Prayer*— Teddy Richey  
*Closing Prayer*— Mike DesRuisseaux

Wednesday, October 19th 2022  
*Lead Singing*— Gage Matthews  
*Announcements*—Brian Smith  
*Read*— Brennan Rook  
*Opening Prayer*— Maddox Allen  
*Extend Invitation*— Ronnie Ray  
*Closing Prayer*—Nicholas Grigsby

*Please Contact Mike DesRuisseaux at (256) 740-2720 if you are unable to fulfill your worship assignments!*

**FRIENDS & FAMILY IN NEED OF PRAYERS**

Allen Smith (Bill Phillips grandson)  
 Billy Putman (friend of Johnnie Ruth Dixon— brain tumor)  
 Lonna Hines  
 Kruz & Paizlee Davenport  
 Margaret Dishowng (Janie Coker's sister)  
 Megan Klingbell  
 Richard Stumpe (friend of Noel & Kathryn Scott—cancer)  
 Tommy Pettus (Cancer Treatments)  
 Steve Shelton  
 Steve Gist  
 Virginia Springer  
 Tammy Richardson  
 R.T. Farmer (Janice Ray's Father)  
 Brooks Elliot (Friend of Allison Hines, Cancer Treatments)  
 Regina Campbell (Cancer Treatments, friend of Hines family)  
 Vergie McClanahan  
 Sherry Hinson  
 Trish Coker  
 Michael Grigsby  
 Evelyn Ray (Ronnie Ray's mother)  
 Gary Redford  
 Jakelyn Freeman  
 Leigh Warren  
 Kent Baggett  
 Linda Kennedy Bissinger  
 Virginia McDonald  
 Amy Newton  
 Sherry Terry  
 Regina Hayes  
 Deb Rutland (cousin of Sheila Quillen)  
 Walker Smithson  
 Jerry Coker  
 Dennis Jenkins  
 Charles Storie

**NURSING HOME & ASSISTED LIVING**

◆ *El Reposo*  
 Bradley Dupree—Room #303B

◆ *Lauderdale Christian*  
 Gail Watkins—Room #20

◆ *Cedar View*  
 Sue Goins—Room #114

◆ *Green Oaks Inn*  
 Ron Hayes—Room #24

*Television Bible Programs We Support*

*In Search of the Lord's Way*  
 Sunday morning, 7:30 a.m. on Channel 54 with brother Phil Sanders of Edmond, Oklahoma Church of Christ.

*Getting To Know Your Bible*  
 DIRECT TV 379 Sunday Mornings at 10:30 a.m. and on KTV Channel 264(Dish) Sunday Mornings at 9:30 a.m. CST.

**SHILOH FAMILY MEMBERS TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Minerva Allen  
 Ted & Beverly Short  
 Clayburn Hines  
 Derance & Phyllis Smith  
 Pat Hannah  
 Darrell Twilley  
 Brenda Stejskal  
 Misty Ray Moses  
 Arvel Curtis  
 E.L. Richardson  
 Leon Hines  
 Bill Canerday  
 Dennis Allen (COVID)  
 Sally Richardson (COVID)  
 Janice Ray  
 Janie Coker  
 Danny Jenkins (COVID)

# weekly ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Happy Birthday

- 10—Callie Matthews
- 11—Leon Hines
- 13—Jeanette Clemmons
- 14—Jessica Wallace
- 14—E.L. Richardson
- 15—Chapman Ayers

## Happy Anniversary

- 13—Ben & Lily Crutcher

## *Records We Collected*

### Sunday, October 2nd, 2022

- Bible Class—111
- A.M. Worship—130
- P.M. Worship—102

- Contribution—\$6,024.00
- Internet Views A.M.—84
- Internet Views P.M.—89

### Wednesday, October 5th, 2022

- A.M. Bible Study—17
- P.M. Bible Study—94
- Internet Views from September 21st A.M.—
- Internet Views from September 21st P.M.—88





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**The Shiloh**  
**Scoop**

One of the times of year I like the most is fall. The leaves begin to change colors. The weather becomes cooler. It reminds me of what the Psalmist wrote: "The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork." (Ps. 19:1 NKJV).

God indirectly speaks to us through nature. When we think of nature we should be able to see God's beauty. We should be able to witness and feel God's power. Nature shows us how changes can come rapidly. Perhaps this is why Paul wrote: "For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse." (Rom. 1:20). Let us think about God and all his attributes as we see the changing seasons, but let us always remember that God never changes (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8).