

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:

- SINGING: Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16 •
- PREACHING/TEACHING: Acts2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- LORD'S SUPPER: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- GIVING: 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



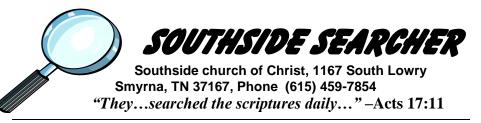
SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY....9:00 SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP......10:00 SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP......6:00 WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

EVERYONE WELCOME!



www.defendthegospel.com

- ➤ Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- > 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- ➤ 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- ▶ Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- ➤ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- ➢ Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



Volume 8. Number 36

## September 02, 2012

## **CRUCIFIED WITH CHRIST!** Michael Pickford

been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in *me*: *and the life which I now live in the* flesh I live by faith in the Son of God. who loved me and gave Himself for me." Crucified with Christ! Our crucifixion is...

Personal. "I" have been crucified. When the Bible speaks of the Christian being crucified, it's speaking of self sacrifice. It's speaking of our willingness to put to death the old man of sin and walk in a "Newness of life" (Romans 6:4) There are great challenges in store for anyone who would choose to follow Jesus in a wicked world. Persecutions from objectors, temptations to sin, the list goes on. We must be willing to give our bodies as living sacrifices, not conforming to the world, but conforming ourselves to Christ and His Gospel (Romans 12:1-2). Jesus said in order to be a true follower of His, we must take up our cross and follow Him (Luke 14:25-33)...

**Precious**. "It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me." What a precious thing to have Christ living in The idea is that we have made us. such a commitment to follow Christ's

Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I have example, and to walk as He walked, in close adherence to his Gospel (2 John 9), that it's as if I am not living at all, but rather Christ is walking the earth once more, this time in my body. Paul prayed "That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith..." (Ephesians 3:17) It is only through my diligent keeping of His word that Christ can dwell in me (John 14:23), so if I want Him in me, I must spend time with His word, learn it and live it fully....

> **Practical**. "...and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." Living a crucified life with Christ means living according to his Gospel. This will enhance every aspect of my life here. Whether it be my relationship with my wife (Ephesians 5:22-33), with my children or my parents (Ephesians 6:1-4), with my brethren (Hebrews 10:24-25), with my employer/employee (Titus 2:9-10). with my government (Romans 13), or even with my enemies (Matthew 5:42-48), the Lord's direction in His word will embellish them all. But more important, Heaven is practical! And keeping my eye on that prize will help me overcome any challenge I might face here (2 Corinthians 4:16-18).

Evangelist & Editor: Michael Pickford, 615-471-1612, mpickford3@comcast.net www.defendthegospel.com

| From My Daily Blog  | www.sustainingwords.  | com SERMON NOTES   | 6   |
|---|---|--|---|
| IRON SHARPENS IRON  |   | Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.   | STUDY                                     |
| Michael Pickford           "As iron sharpens iron, so a man         creative, and intelligent. A man is poor  |   | Labor Day  | DAILY!<br>Acts                            |
| "As iron sharpens iron, so a man<br>sharpens the countenance of his<br>friend."<br>- Proverbs 27:17<br>I'm told that everyone needs a friend<br>they can just "Let their hair down"<br>with and be silly. More importantly, we<br>need friends who can provide for us<br>deep, thoughtful and meaningful<br>conversation. Has a friend ever said to<br>you, "let me bounce something off of<br>you?" Now some of my friends might<br>be talking about a basketball, but the<br>statement really expresses a desire to<br>hear your thoughts on an idea; to get<br>your insight on something that is<br>important to them.<br>Our Proverb above speaks of this | provided leaders in the church to<br>provide this type of instruction, both<br>publicly and privately (Ephesians 4:11-<br>14). We miss out on essential Bible<br>teaching when we fail to attend the<br>Bible studies of the church. But<br>preachers, teachers and elders should | may Introduction:   turn I.   just I.   this with I've iron iron vord Word II. II. III. III. III.  | 17:11                                     |
| very issue. A sharpened countenance<br>implies a sharpened mind, that is, a<br>mind made more active, informed,   | be your friends by making themse<br>available to you at any time to dis<br>a Bible question you may have. $p$   | SUNDAY MORNING         God's Plan of Salv  | <u>ATION</u>                              |
| This Week's Message F         (Thanks to anyone who can stay and help change t         One Sid         Anger is Only One Le DANger  | OR OUTSIDE SIGN<br>after services tonight<br>he sign.)<br>E:<br>TTTER SHORT OF  | <ul> <li>AnnouncementsJason Hubbard</li> <li>Bible Reading byBen Reagh<br/>Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12</li> <li>Song LeaderBen Green</li> <li>Opening PrayerMichael Pickford</li> <li>Lord's Table:<br/>LeadKenny Todd<br/>ServeJohn Nelson</li> <li>Closing PrayerKenny Johnson<br/>SUNDAY EVENING</li> <li>Conditional and the particular of the sector of the</li></ul> | ture. No<br>you really<br>Bible and<br>ns |

Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey

Lord's Table......Kenny Todd

Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins

Invitation......Kenny Johnson

Home Bible Studies Available Upon Request!

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Other Side: "Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath" Ephesians 4:26



10 ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21

Confess Faith: Romans 10:9,

<u>Remain Faithful</u>: Rev. 2:10

**Obey Today!**