

## SPEAKING TODAY THROUGH HIS SON

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“God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds” (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Studying the Old Testament reveals to us the validity of the statement above. God spoke to His people through dreams, visions, and even through a donkey on one occasion. But the passage also emphasizes that God no longer uses those means of communication to us who are living in “These last days.”

So, how does God communicate with

us today? He does so through His Son. He does not communicate through Christ through dreams, visions, or modern day prophecies, as some claim, but He communicates with us through Christ’s word, the Gospel, the New Testament, which is complete and thoroughly equips us with all the knowledge we need in order to please God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). When Jesus left the earth, He sent the Holy Spirit to guide the Apostles into “All” truth (John 16:13). They revealed to us all the truth delivered to them and it was recorded in the New Testament. If they revealed to us ALL truth, then we have no need of further revelation today.🔍

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:** Acts 2:42; 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



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- 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.

## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

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

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



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“They...searched the scriptures daily...” –Acts 17:11

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### THE FLIP SIDE

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Those who remember vinyl records can remember there were two sides to each record. One side had the “Good song” (The Hit) on it and the other side usually had a “Bad (unknown, lesser quality) song” on it. The side with the “Bad song” became known as “The flip side.” Let’s learn some spiritual lessons regarding concepts that possess both good and bad...

**The Flip Side of Words.** Words can be both good and bad. God insists that our words be good. James condemned the hypocritical tongue when he wrote, “*Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so*” (James 3:10). We speak well of a person (a brother?) to his face, and then speak ill of him to someone else. James is condemning the bad side. We should maintain the good speech while discarding the bad. Gossip, slander, whisperings, backbitings: These do not become the child of God (Romans 1:29-30). Paul discussed both sides in Ephesians 4:21-32. Let’s replace bitterness, anger, clamor, and evil speaking with kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness. Remember, your words will either justify or condemn you (Mt. 12:37).

**The Flip Side of Wealth.** Money is spiritually neutral. That is, it is neither good nor evil. Wealth can be used for great things. Timothy was to instruct the wealthy as to how to use their wealth for good. Their wealth provided them with extra responsibilities to be rich in good works. One who “*Has this world’s goods*” is able and therefore obligated to use his possessions to help those whom are in need, especially brethren (1 John 3:16-18). Having wealth also means having the ability to give more to the church (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). The “Flip side” of wealth is alarming. One can love his wealth too much, erroneously putting his confidence in it rather than in God (1 Timothy 6:17-19). Wealth can lead one away from a sense of dependence upon God. Also, one’s wealth gives him easier access to various vices. In fact, the flip side of wealth is so strong that very few wealthy people will make it to heaven (Matthew 19:23-24).

**The Flip Side of Wars.** Fighting, contentions, and arguments are good when we are defending the truth (Acts 15:2; Jude 3). But on the flip side they are condemned in regards to opinions and useless things (1 Tim. 6:4-5; 2 Timothy 2:23).🔍

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# WHY I ATTEND SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES

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Sadly, in many local churches the Sunday morning attendance is much higher than the attendance for Sunday and Wednesday evenings. Some of this is due to visitors who are often more likely to visit on Sunday mornings; but it's often the case that some members simply refuse to attend any services other than the ones on Sunday mornings. Here's why I attend all the services...


1) **I'm the Preacher, or, Because I want to be a Proper Example to Others.** Yes, I had to throw this one in because some reading this might be thinking, "Mike, you have to be here, you're the preacher." But why am I, as the preacher, more obligated to be here than any other member? Is there a passage of scripture that teaches such? Some may argue that it's because of my influence; but what about the influence of other members? They have non-Christian friends who know they are members here, and many of these know we meet Sunday and Wednesday evenings. What kind of message do you send to them about how serious you take the Lord's church when they know you aren't attending all the services? Does your absence adorn the doctrine of God in their eyes? (1 Timothy 6:1; Titus 2:10).

2) **God is Worthy of My Worship.** God created me and is the very reason I am still alive today (Acts 17:25, 28). If I'm alive and breathing during an evening service, why should I not meet with the saints and praise His holy name?

3) **Because I Love My Brethren and I Want Them To Grow Stronger.** My absence would discourage my brethren in Christ. If they see that I'm not here and find out I could have been here but chose rather to stay home and watch TV, go bowling, etc., this would discourage them. Why would I want to be a source of discouragement to my brethren when instead I could attend and be a reason for their edification and growth? Why would I want to miss out on an opportunity to teach and admonish them? (Colossians 3:16; Hebrews 3:12-13). My presence helps stimulate my brethren to good works (Hebrews 10:24-25). Why would I want to miss out on an opportunity to do that?

4) **Because I Want to Grow in Knowledge.** When I'm here I have an opportunity to grow in grace and knowledge, which I am commanded to do (2 Peter 3:18). God set up in the church not only the preacher, but also the teachers, in order to help me grow in knowledge (Ephesians 4:11ff). The preacher and class teachers work hard to study and prepare to teach me God's word, why would I want to discourage them with my absence, and rob myself of an opportunity to grow through their teachings?

5) **Because There is Absolutely Nothing Better I Could Be Doing With My Time.** Can you think of anything better I could be doing with my time than gathering with the saints and worshipping God? The Psalmist rejoiced when it was time to go up to the house of the Lord (Psalm 122:1). I don't have a clue what many choose to do with their time instead of attending these services; I'm at the service; but if we could compile a list, would many of the items on that list actually be more important and of greater value than gathering with the saints?

Can you think of other good reasons why we should attend ALL the services? 

## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### The Two Sons

Introduction:

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### **DUTY LIST...**

##### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by... Glenn Isbell
- Reading: Matthew 21:28-32
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:
  - Lead.....Lynn Buttrey
  - Serve.....Michael Pickford
  - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Ben Reagh

##### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

##### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Invitation.....Ben Reagh

***Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!***

##### **GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION**

There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- Hear The Gospel: Romans 10:17
- Believe: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30
- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

***Obey Today!***