

Be Still

AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD

-PSALM 46:10

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
- 3rd Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st 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



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." –Acts 17:11

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A SAD STORY

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Suppose the headlines in the newspaper said, "Girls seduce drunken father and both conceive children." You may think it's good material for Jerry Springer. Maybe, God forbid, you've become so desensitized to this sort of thing in our society that you just lay it aside without another thought, and without breathing a prayer to God for those who are so very far from Him. But the sad story mentioned above comes from the Bible. Read Genesis 19:30-38. Let's learn about...

A Powerful Influence. The father was Lot, and the two girls were his own daughters (Genesis 19:30). Verses 31-32 speak of how they schemed to get their own father drunk so they could conceive children by him. How could their thinking lead them to such a perverted thing? Clearly they had been influenced by the wicked society where they had lived – Sodom. Influence is a powerful thing. We live in a wicked society. We must work with, shop with, and go to school with those who are drunkards, adulterers, and even murderers. But we must not let their wicked lives influence our lives. On the contrary, we should use our righteous lives to influence them to see the light of the Gospel (Matt 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:12).

A Perverted Ideology. These girls reasoned that they needed to preserve the lineage of their father. To them, this justified their actions in getting their father drunk and lying with him, then conceiving by him. This is "The ends justify the means" mentality, and it is always wrong. We cannot justify doing evil that good may come (Romans 3:8). There is no right way to do a wrong thing. Gambling has been sanctioned in order to provide scholarships for students. In the church, men have justified using the Lord's treasury in order to support human institutions such as orphan homes and colleges, all the while pointing to all the "good" it does. Never mind the fact that the Bible never authorizes such (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 1:9). Those in Matthew 7:21-23 were full of "Good" works, but their works weren't authorized, so they were condemned.

A Perilous Intoxication. These girls had to get Lot drunk. This shows that they knew what they were doing was wrong, and that Lot wouldn't go along with it in his sober mind. Lot should not have gotten drunk. Drinking never leads to anything good, only to the destruction of family, friends, and body, then ultimately, to eternal destruction. Don't be deceived by alcohol (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-21). 

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THE BILL COSBY EFFECT

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Very few have plummeted in popularity more than Bill Cosby. For decades, he was a trusted spokesperson and respected actor for his wholesome comedy and likeability. To quote Bill Cosby was to invoke wisdom and keen observation. But all of that is over now. Today, his name is associated with sexual promiscuity and perversion; to the point that all rerun episodes of The Cosby Show have been removed from television. That is quite a statement considering the show “commanded \$4 million per episode when sold into syndication, and whose reruns have generated over \$1.5 billion in the last 20 years” (fortune.com).

Mr. Cosby’s fall illustrates our need to maintain good character to be useful to the Lord and His work. The observations we make from God’s word might be true and sound, but if our life is filled with hypocrisy and deceit it will tarnish our insight. The old saying “actions speak louder than words” is always true, especially when persuading others to live for God. Thus, Paul rebuked the hypocrite who is “confident that you yourself are a guide to the blind, a light to those who are in darkness, an instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having the form of knowledge and truth in the law. You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself?” (Rom. 2:19-21). If we do not live by what we teach, we have no chance of convincing others to follow God.

And, as in Cosby’s case, we must maintain a genuine faith to validate everything we have taught in the past. The Cosby Show has not been produced in 20 years, and was filled with wonderful moments, but companies will not air it because of his tarnished image. His influence as a spokesman is gone, which make those meaningful moments less meaningful. So it will be with us. If we want our words to have merit, we must couple them with an example of enduring sincerity and devotion to God. Lose that and we diminish our influence. “Is truth based on who says it?” No, of course not. But our ability to promote that truth will be dissolved if we return to sin. Therefore, “those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men” (Titus 3:8). -

Each One Teach One

SERMON NOTES

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

Title: _____

**STUDY
DAILY!
Acts
17:11**

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Johnny Blair
Reading: Colossians 1:18-23
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord’s Table:
 - Lead.....John Nelson
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Lynn Buttrey
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord’s Table.....John Nelson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

Thank You For Serving!

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; 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!

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Available Upon Request!***