

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your
anxiety on him
because he cares
for you.

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:**

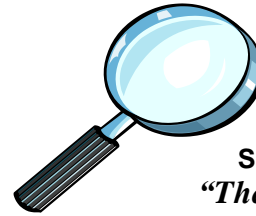
- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



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

- www.defendthegospel.com
- 4th Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- 5th Sunday Night: Guest Speaker
- Men's Business Meeting. 1st Sunday evenings following services.



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

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VOTING FOR PEACE

Michael Pickford

In a few months, Lord willing, Americans will be voting for the person they feel should be President of the United States of America. Does it matter who we, as Christians, vote for, or is Politics spiritually neutral? Should our spirituality not affect every aspect of our lives? Should we lay aside our spiritual priorities when we enter the voting booth? Consider the aspect of peace and freedom...

Request For Peace. Paul specifically enjoined Christians to pray for the leaders of their land that they might worship God in peace. We should pray, "For kings and all who are in authority, that we might live and quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Timothy 2:2). We should continue to pray for the peaceful spread of the Gospel throughout the world. We should pray for our leaders that they will pass legislation that would preserve the freedoms we have to worship God and preach the Gospel.

Run After Peace. Psalm 34:14, along with a handful of New Testament passages; teach us to pursue peace with all men. In 1 Timothy 2:2, we are told to pray that we might live quiet and peaceable lives. The truth is, when it comes to voting, we are in effect voting for the lesser of two evils. We'll likely never have the opportunity to vote for any candidate who agrees with us completely on all issues. But doesn't it stand to reason that if the Bible tells us to pray for freedom to worship and serve God in peace, our voting should be lined up with that prayer? Why pray for peace to serve God, and then intentionally vote for candidates whose beliefs would lead to legislation that would hinder our freedom to preach the whole counsel of God? When you go to the voting booth, pursue peace!

Respect Peace. We have been blessed tremendously in this nation to be able to worship God without fear of persecution from our government. We have the freedom to speak with others about Christ, do we respect it or squander it (Acts 8:1-4)? We have the freedom to attend all the worship services and Bible classes; do we respect it or squander it (Hebrews 10:25)? Christians in other countries risk their freedom, their well being, and their lives by going to services. Do we appreciate the great blessing we have? God wants us worshipping Him with the church. God wants us sharing the gospel with others in the community. God has mercifully given us the freedom in this country to do so. Let's appreciate and respect this by coming together with the church and sharing the gospel with others. 🔍

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IF THE LORD WILLS

Ron Drumm

Our world is much like the New Testament world concerning buying and selling merchandise and being involved in marketing a product. Business involves planning how to market and sell your goods. God cares about our business endeavors. But He wants us to see the importance of not boasting about our work. James calls it arrogant to boast about business efforts as if we are the ones in charge and our successes come because of what we have done ([James 4:13-17](#)).

Earlier James revealed that every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no variation or shadow of turning ([James 1:17](#)). God is the provider of everything we have. Our very lives come from Him. We must understand that everything we are able to do is based on God's blessings for us ([Matthew 6:25-34](#)).

Another sobering truth centers on the brevity of life. We simply have no promise of another day. Our personal life span is like a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away ([James 4:14](#)). Our future lives depend on God's providential care. So, everything that we plan to do or we are doing should be prefaced with the words, "If the Lord wills..." ([James 4:15](#)). This acknowledgement of God's involvement in our lives demonstrates our humble attitude concerning every aspect of our day to day activities. If we believe that God cares about what we are doing and that God is involved in what we are doing, then we will not arrogantly boast in our work.

It is important that we stay away from evil and do that which is good. In fact when we know there is something good we should be doing and we do not do it, then we have sinned ([James 4:17](#)). We know if the Lord is willing we will be buying and selling, going to school, and living a long and prosperous life to the glory of God! -

Live

"You shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you..."

-Deuteronomy 5:33

Laugh

"A merry heart does good, like medicine, But a broken spirit dries the bones."

-Proverbs 17:22

Love

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another..."

-John 13:34

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...Sam Miller
Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:8-11
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table:
 - Lead.....Tony Jenkins
 - Serve.....Michael Pickford
 - Serve.....Frank Anderson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Tony Jenkins

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

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!

Thank You For Serving!

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