#### DUTY LIST...

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Scripture Reading...TBA
  Reading: 1 Timothy 5:19-22
- ➤ Song Leader.....TBA
- ➤ Opening Prayer......TBA
- ➤ Lord's Table:

Lead.....Michael Pickford Serve......Eli Todd

Serve.....

Closing Prayer......TBA

#### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Scripture Reading...
  Reading:
- ➤ Song Leader.....
- ➤ Lord's Supper......

#### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- ➤ Song Leader.....
- ➤ Invitation.....

#### **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.

- ➤ <u>Hear the Gospel</u>: Romans 10:17
- ➤ <u>Believe</u>: Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- Repent of Sin: Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30

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- Confess Faith: Romans 10:9, 10
- ➤ <u>Be Baptized</u>: Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- ➤ Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!

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### **Love Believes All Things**

WHILE DESCRIBING *AGAPE* LOVE in 1 Corinthians chapter thirteen, Paul stated that love "*Believes all things*" (vs. 7).

The idea is not that you must be gullible to be a loving person. It doesn't mean that you just automatically believe everything anyone tells you. It means that it is loving to believe (and hope for) the best about a person or situation until you have all the facts. To prejudge someone based on their job, skin color, accent, age, wardrobe, social standing, financial status, etc is unloving. We are failing to believe the best about someone until we get all the facts. To prejudge the crowd based on the actions of one individual is unloving and dangerous. To prejudge an individual based on the actions of the crowd is equally unloving and dangerous. To prejudge a situation and make accusations against someone before all the facts are in is the opposite of love. These types of judging lead to hating and hatefulness.

The Bible condemns something called "evil suspicions" (1 Timothy 6:4, NKJV). Again, it is wrong to question people's motives before we have all the facts. It is wrong to think the worst about someone's mindset before we have the proof. It is wrong and unloving to have a knee-jerk reaction to something we have seen or heard before the proper investigations are made and all the facts are revealed (1 Timothy 5:19-22). And doing so often leads to hateful feelings and harmful actions toward innocent people. May we all strive to be fair and loving toward our fellow man. –

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We would love to have you visit with us. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

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## Stand Still; And Consider The Wondrous Works Of God. Job 37:14

Are you scared of all that's going on, Are you troubled in your soul, Are you concerned about our future, Are there things you want to know? Don't worry about all the turmoil, Be calm within your soul, While evil walks the earth again, Just like in days of old. (I Samuel 30:6; Philippians 4:6-7)

The trouble is not here to stay,
We've been through all this before,
God still has Satan on a leash,
He knows what lies in store.
God has not forsaken us,
This might be a wakeup call,
To bring us back to righteousness,
And to avoid our nations' fall.
Don't concentrate on bad things,
Rather; contemplate the good,
Believe that God is in control,
Continue living as you should.
(Proverbs 14:34; Amos 4:9; Haggai 2:17)

Stand still, and fear ye not, Moses told Israel, at the sea, Salvation lies before us, Regardless of what you see.
The situation might seem hopeless,
But God's arm is strong as ever,
The wicked will one day be put away,
From the righteous; He will sever.
I know that God is here,
He is as real as He can be,
Behold the wondrous works of God,
Open your eyes; you too, will see.
(Exodus 14:13; Deuteronomy 7:18-19;
Matthew 13:24-30)

Stand still for just a moment, And look down below your feet, The ants are hard at work, They're not afraid of some defeat. They carry on with their labors, Unconcerned with human violence, With a thousand mouths to feed,

They continue on in silence. They carry on by instinct, No one taught them what to do, God instilled their purpose in them, It's all they know to do. (Proverbs 6:6-8)

Stand still for just a moment; There are wonders to behold, Lift your gaze toward heaven, Forget what's here below. God knows everything that's going on, Not one thing escapes His sight, Be busy in what God has instilled in you, And trust in His great might. (Psalms 34:15; 121:1; Proverbs 15:3)

Stand still for just a moment, Close your eyes and you will hear, The wonders of the nighttime, And all the crickets that are near. They continue with their chirping, It's a mate they're trying to find, They're unconcerned with all our troubles, Yet their music soothes our mind. (Psalms 19:2; 42:8; 74:16; 104:20)

Stand still for just a moment,
And marvel at the bees,
As they pollinate the flowers,
That are beautiful to see.
They have no idea what they're doing,
As they digest their lunch in flight,
They're just following their instincts,
Simply living out their lives.
Human violence and destruction,
Doesn't keep them from their work,
Not deterred in their purpose,
Their duties they don't shirk.
(Deuteronomy 1:44)

Mankind too; has a purpose, It's a purpose we shouldn't shun, Fear God and obey Him It's our sole duty under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 12:13) So put your trust in God, Have the conviction of the man named Job, Even if God were to slay him, His trust would not grow cold. (Job 13:15)

Death might be at your doorstep, But even that, you shouldn't fear, Because Christ will walk the vale with you, If you're faithful, He'll be near. (Psalms 23:4; Proverbs 14:32)

I don't know what the future holds, Or what troubles I might have to bear, But there is one thing that I do know, My God is already there. (Psalms 90:2; 103:17)

As Christians; we need to be praying to God.

If we've been limping back and forth between good and evil, we need to repent (I Kings 18:21). We need to choose a side (Joshua 24:15). We are in trying times and who knows how bad it's going to get and if and when it will stop. Who knows? The king of Nineveh was told that Nineveh was destined for destruction, but notice what the King of Nineveh said, and what the people of Nineveh did, and then notice what God did (Jonah 3:9ff).

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