DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- > Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Eli Todd Reading: TBA
- > Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Opening Prayer......Jeff Isbell
- ➤ Lord's Table:

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

Closing Prayer......Kenny Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- > Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer....Michael Pickford
- > Invitation....Michael Pickford
- ➤ Lord's Supper......Mike P. / Eli T.
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

God's Plan of Salvation

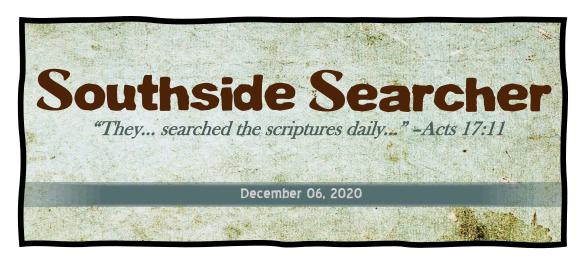
There is only one true saving plan of Salvation outlined in Scripture. No substitutes will do. Have you really been saved? Get out your Bible and study the plan below.

- ➤ <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
- Be Baptized: Mark 16:16;
 Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21
- ➤ Remain Faithful: Rev. 2:10

Obey Today!



Are You Sleeping?

A BIBLE CLASS TEACHER ONCE asked her young children, "And why should we be quiet during church services?" One little girl responded, "Because people are trying to sleep!"

Imagine that! What kind of example had been set for her by her elders? Seriously, one can sleep at home, but we must remember that each worship service is a special dedication to the Lord, it's purpose being to worship God and edify the saints (Colossians 3:16-17; Hebrews 10:24-25).

Here are some tips to help you stay awake during the sermon.

- (1) Pay attention to what the preacher is saying (Nehemiah 8:3).
- (2) Manually look up each Bible reference given and/or write them down while taking other notes.
- (3) Record the main points, scripture references, etc. You can keep this to study the lesson throughout the week (Acts 17:11).
- (4) Think about the kind of example you set for others in the service (especially children) when you sleep.
- (5) Remember, the children aren't the only ones watching you sleep, God is there too!

"God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, And to be held in reverence by all those around Him" (Psa. 89:7). Does your sleeping demonstrate reverence for God?

Obey rou

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

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Hours Of The Bible

The Bible, in its majesty, offers details which are often over-looked. Among those unnoticed elements are the hours of which the Bible speaks, and the important lessons which can be learned from them. Consider.

- 1) The Same Hour. This phrase occurs 15 times in God's Word. It carries with it the idea of immediacy. Three young, faithful captive Hebrews refused to bow down to an idol. The king threatened by saying "the same hour" you will "be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace" (Dan. 3:6,15). Later, Belshazzar hosted a party, but at "the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace" (Dan. 5:5). His kingdom would soon be taken from him. The New Testament tells of the conversion of the Philippian jail-keeper. After hearing the Gospel preached, the Bible declares at "the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:33). Obedience to God's plan is something which calls for immediacy!
- 2) The Eleventh Hour. Jesus spoke a parable regarding a "householder, which went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard" (Matt. 20:1). He hired at different intervals of the day, including some in the "eleventh hour" (Matt. 20:6,9). We use the phrase "the eleventh hour" to indicate how one might wait until the last minute to do something. While it is good to do good things early as possible (Eccl. 12:1), may we not discount those who, later in life, realize, accept, and respond to the Gospel. It is not my place, nor yours, to declare one who obeys later in life as invalid. Jesus said the one who "believeth" and is "baptized" will be saved (Mk. 16:16). Period!
- 3) The Hour of the Lord's Return. Jesus stated regarding the date of His return, "But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only" (Matt. 24:36).
- 4) The Hour of Betrayal. Jesus affirmed "Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners" (Mk. 14:41).
- 5) The Hour of Prayer. "Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour" (Acts 3:1). We are to be a people who "Pray without ceasing" (I Thess. 5:17). We should make time to pray, as did David (Psa. 55:17).
- 6) The Hour of Temptation. To the church in Philadelphia Jesus said, "I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation" (Rev. 3:10). Temptation is common to all men (I Cor. 10:13).

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Repentance

"Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,"

-Acts 17:30

"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance."

-2 Peter 3:9

"I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

-Luke 13:3

"Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."

-Luke 17:3

"Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

-Acts 2:38

"Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;"

-Colossians 3:12

"I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance."

-Luke 15:7

"For I take no delight in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign Lord.

Repent and live!"

-Ezekiel 18:32

"Repent at my rebuke! Then I will pour out my thoughts to you, I will make known to you my teachings."

-Proverbs 1:234