### DUTY LIST...

#### **SUNDAY MORNING**

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

#### **SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING**

#### **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

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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

We have capable Bible teachers who would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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# "I Will" Mourn My Sins

DAVID WROTE, "For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sins" (Psalm 38:18).

Have you ever had moments when you focused intently on what a disgusting sinner you have been? Do tears consume your eyes at such times? Does your heart break? Do you collapse in emotional agony while moaning and weeping over your transgressions?

Oswald Chambers is credited for stating, "Sin is blatant mutiny against God." God has supplied us with our very life. He supplies us with sustenance. He lovingly blesses us with things we do not deserve. He hung His Son on a cruel cross as payment for our sins. He is our Creator, our Sustainer, Who blesses us with endless blessings that we not only do not deserve but have done everything to be undeserving. This is the God that we hurt when we sin. Sin is a slap to God's face and a dagger to His heart. Sin should never be viewed lightly. There is no shade of black capable of reflecting the diabolical darkness of even the most insignificant of transgressions. Oh, how we should be in anguish over our sins!

Jesus blessed those who mourn (Matthew 5:4) — those who mourn over the wretchedness of the sins they have committed. This beatitude is illustrated by the tax collector of Luke 18:9-14.

May I commit myself to the resolution of—I will mourn my sins—! May I fall to my knees and beg God, "Be merciful to me, a sinner!" -

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## **Bodily Positions While Praying**

Some bind kneeling while praying. The Bible gives examples of many different positions of the body while praying.

KNEELING. There are examples of folks kneeling down to pray. It is said concerning Jesus, "And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed" (Lk. 22:41). At the death of Tabitha, Peter "kneeled down, and prayed" (Acts 9:40). Paul "kneeled down, and prayed" with the Ephesian elders in Acts 20:36.

STANDING. Some recorded in the Bible stood while praying to God. At the temple dedication, Solomon "stood before the altar of the Lord" and prayed (1 Ki. 8:22-23). A publican was "standing afar off" while praying (Lk. 18:10-14). The Lord talked about, "when ye stand praying" (Mk. 11:25).

LIFTING UP OF HANDS. The Bible mentions lifting up of hands in prayer unto God (Lam. 2:19). Psalm 28:2 reveals, "Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, when I lift up my hands toward thy holy oracle." The apostle Paul wrote, "I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting" (1 Tim. 2:8).

LOOKING UP TO HEAVEN. In the Lord's prayer of John 17, "These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven..." (Jn. 17:1). The Lord looked up into the sky as He uttered this prayer. Heaven is the place where God dwells (1 Ki. 8:30).

FALLING ON FACE. Several in the Old and New Testaments were said to have fallen on their faces and prayed. Moses and Aaron "fell upon their faces" and prayed for the people of Israel (Num. 16:22). "David and the elders of Israel, who were clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces" as David talked to God in 1 Chronicles 21:16-17. In Matthew 26:39, Jesus "fell on his face, and prayed..." The Bible emphasizes the condition of man's heart not the position of the physical body in prayer.

-John Edwards

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## Soul Winning

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise."
-Proverbs 11:30

"Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways, And sinners shall be converted to You."
-Psalm 51:12-13

"Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

-Matthew 9:37-38

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

-Matthew 28:19-20

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

-Mark 16:15-16

"Therefore those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word."

-Acts 8:4

"to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some."

-1 Corinthians 9:22

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

-Matthew 5:16

"having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."

-1 Peter 2:12

"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear."

-1 Peter 3:15

"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

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

-2 Timothy 2:2