

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Robert Johnson
Reading: TBA
- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Lynn Buttrey
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Michael Pickford
Serve.....Eli Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

SUNDAY EVENING

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

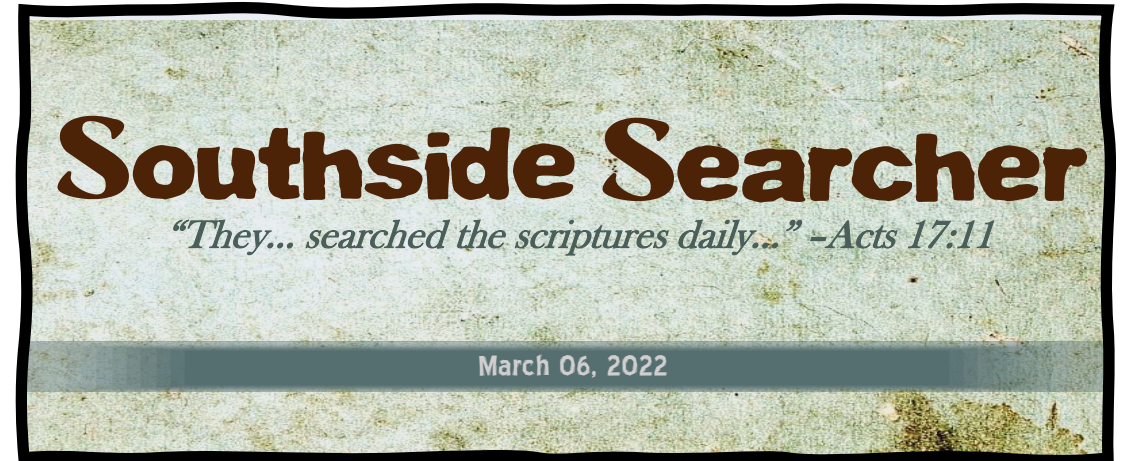
WEDNESDAY EVENING

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

Obey Today!



Cheerful Givers

TITHING WAS A PART OF the covenant God made with ancient Israel, a covenant that Christ removed at the cross making it “obsolete” (Hebrews 8:13; Colossians 2:14). Under the New Covenant (The New Testament), God commands Christians to give, but He did not specify an amount or percentage (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). He did, however, give us some guidelines to regulate our giving.

One element of the guidelines He gave is cheerfulness. “So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). Some Translations say, “gives gladly” and some say, “gives happily.” At any rate, we should not give with the attitude that we are being compelled or forced to give. Yes, God commands us to give, it is required, but we should be glad and cheerful about it.

There are several reasons why we should be cheerful about giving. First, think of the “incredible gift” God gave us (2 Corinthians 9:15). God hung His own Son on the cruel cross of Calvary so that we could have a living hope of eternal life in Him. Also, we should be glad to give considering what the money is used for. It is used by the local church to do the work of the local church which is to preach and teach the gospel so the lost might be saved and the saints might be edified. Finally, we should be happy to give considering the wonderful material blessings God so richly gives us (James 1:17) Let’s resolve to be cheerful givers. -

-Michael Pickford

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

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Our evangelist, Michael Pickford is the editor of this publication.

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Read, Practice, Or Both?

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, the sixth president of our country, once stated... "So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society. I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year."

Many people have developed the good habit of daily Bible reading. Too few, however, actually obey its teachings. Others claim to love it and live by it, yet rarely ever read it. Which is better? Do not both need improvement?

James warned, "receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (Jas. 1:21-22). James implies that we must both read the Bible AND practice its precepts. It's not enough to attempt justification on the grounds, "well I read my Bible every day." Nor is it acceptable to think, "well I am a Christian, I just don't have time for all that Bible study business." Both attitudes are deceiving! Why not fill your life with the necessary combination - daily Bible reading with daily application! –

-David McPherson

Through Many Tribulations

WHEN THEY HAD PREACHED the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. - Acts 14:21-22

Entering God's kingdom was the ultimate goal. Being strong followers of Christ would be necessary. Remaining constant in the faith was a must. Enduring difficulties along the way was to be expected.

A life of devotion to God then (as now) was not always smooth sailing. Heartache, pain, suffering, sacrifice are involved as we journey to our heavenly home. But whatever we must go through in this life to receive eternal life, heaven will surely be worth it all!

May we determine to faithfully serve God no matter the cost. By His love, mercy and grace, let us readily navigate through the tribulations in order to enter His kingdom.

-David McPherson

Singing

"And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives."
-Matthew 26:30

"But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them."
-Acts 16:25

"And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,"
-Ephesians 5:18-19

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."
-Colossians 3:16

"What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding."
-1 Corinthians 14:15

*"Saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren;
In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You."*
-Hebrews 2:12

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms."
-James 5:13

*"and that the Gentiles might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written:
"For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles,
And sing to Your name."*
-Romans 15:9

"Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son."
-2 John 1:9