

## WINNING SOULS IS WISE

Michael Pickford

"The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise" (Proverbs 11:30). It is wise to convert the lost, or turn one back who has gone astray, because of...

**Commands.** The Lord commanded His disciples to teach the Gospel "To all the nations," to "Every creature," to "The end of the earth" (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). We are foolish when we disobey the commands of the Lord.

**Compassion.** Coupled with His desire to do His Father's will, the Lords' great compassion led Him to die on the cross for sinful man. When Jesus was moved with compassion

by the multitudes, He was prompted to speak these words, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of harvest to send out laborers into His harvest" (Matthew 9:36-38). Our compassion for the lost souls around us should move us to share the Gospel with them.

**Conformity.** We are instructed to strive to be like God the Father, and like God the Son (Ephesians 5:1; 1 John 2:6). If we are striving to conform ourselves to be like God, we must remember that God is not willing that any perish, but that all know the truth, repent, and be saved (1 Timothy 4; 2 Peter 3:9). Spread the word! 🔍

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



- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.

## 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

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**



## SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

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

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### TOUGH TIMES

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When the tough times of life roll around (and they will), it is nice to know there are ways it can be helped to be made a little easier. Consider, strenuous stints of time are made easier because of...

**1. God.** Though the people of God often wander away from Him, He has never once left His people. He has promised never to "leave" or "forsake" (Hebrews 13:5), and God is by far the greatest promise-keeper of All (II Peter 3:9). So when it seems as though you are all alone, and the world has abandoned you, know that God has not!

**2. God's Family.** As a familiar song suggests, "We're Part of God's Family." What greater family exists, than that of God's people (Ephesians 3:15)? This host of well-wishers stands ready at a moment's notice to "weep" and "rejoice" with you (Romans 12:15). The household of God will not belittle, will not pre-judge, will not abandon, but will be ready to "suffer" with you as quickly as it will be to "honor" you (I Corinthians 12:26). No better family exists!

**3. Your Family.** God saw that it was

was not good that man be alone (Genesis 2:18). Consequently, not only did God provide a "help meet" for Adam in the form of his wife, Eve, but also a relationship in which a family could be raised (Genesis 2:19-25). What a blessing it is to have a Godly spouse, and children who love and adore (Psalm 127:3-5). It is to the close confines of our "extended" family we can turn for solace, comfort, understanding and love.

**4. Your friends.** Friends are an important and intricate part of this life. Some have no friends simply because they themselves are not "friendly" (Proverbs 18:24). It is, indeed, a true blessing to have a "friend" that loves at all times (Proverbs 17:17). Of course, we desire that friend which will offer "hearty counsel" (Proverbs 27:9). When you find friends like this, do all you can to keep them, for they will be the boon you need!

For those who endure tougher times than usual on this day, think of the blessings these four combine to make. Don't give up or give in, never quit and never, under any type of circumstance think you are alone...even when the tough times come! 🔍

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## SERMON NOTES

*Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.*

**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

### ALL In Acts

Introduction:

# Gospel Meeting

June 16-21

## Southside church of Christ

1167 S. Lowry Street, **Smyrna, TN** 37167

*(Located on Murfreesboro Rd. Right next to the Nissan Fitness Center)*

*For Directions Call (615) 785-0646*

### Preaching

Larry R. Ping II

### Theme

*"Profound Passages  
on the Pages of  
Inspiration"*

### Meeting Times

Sunday: 9 & 10 am

Sunday: 6:00 pm

Mon–Fri: 7:00 pm

*Everyone Welcome!*

***Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!***

### REMEMBER!

- ✓ **OUR GOSPEL MEETING BEGINS TODAY.**
- ✓ **FLYERS FOR MEETING IN FOYER AND ONLINE**
- ✓ **INVITE FRIENDS, FAMILY, CO-WORKERS, ENEMIES, NEIGHBORS, BANK TELLERS, CHECK-OUT CLERKS, WAITERS/WAITRESSES, ETC.**



#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Jason Hubbard
- Bible Reading by.....Kenny Todd  
Reading: Acts 3:22-26
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Ben Reagh
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

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

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Gospel Meeting

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

##### 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!***