

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

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

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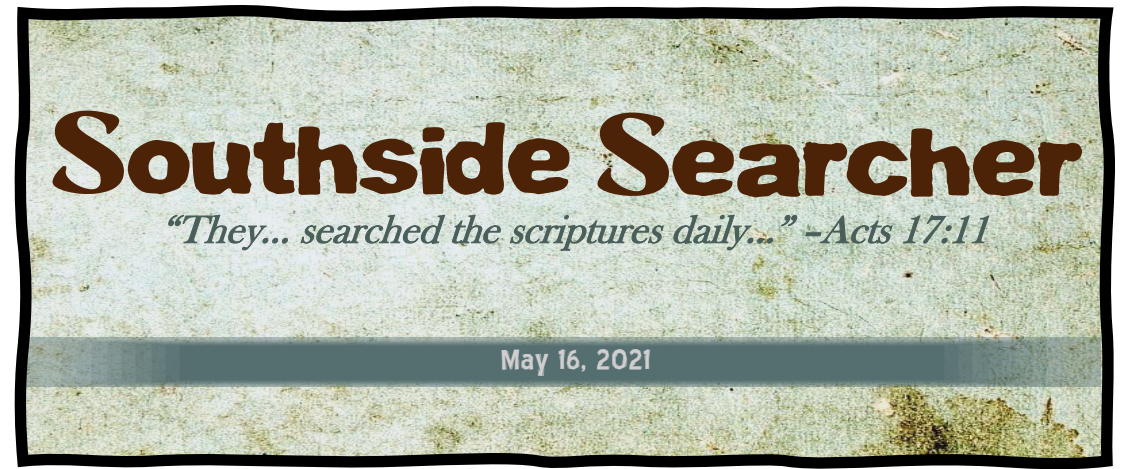
- Song Leader..... Eli Todd
- Opening Prayer.... Michael Pickford
- Invitation..... Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T.
- Closing Prayer..... Kenny Todd
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**God's Plan of Salvation**

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!**



## Praying

Many struggle with their prayer life because they don't understand how prayer works, or they don't know how to pray. If a lack of diligence is the problem, read 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "*Pray without ceasing.*" Understanding the components of prayer will boost our prayer life. 1 Timothy 2:1 lists these components.

Supplications. The root word for "Supplications" is "Supply." We ask God to supply us with the things we need. For example, "*Give us this day our daily bread*" (Matthew 6:11).

Prayers. The Greek word speaks to the worshipful and adoring aspect of praying. It could be properly translated "Praise." This is where we praise and magnify God's name. For example, "*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name*" (Matthew 6:9). We praise God for Who He is and for what He has done and is doing for us.

Intercessions. This is where we go to God on behalf of others. We intercede for them—the sick, those traveling, those struggling with difficult times, those dealing with discouragement, etc. We pray for Preachers, Elders and other spiritual leaders in the church. We pray for our brethren, our children, the lost. The list goes on.

Giving of Thanks. Thanksgiving is another essential aspect of our prayers. God wants us to be thankful people! "*In everything give thanks*" (1 Thessalonians 5:18), "*In everything by prayer and supplications, with thanksgiving*" (Philippians 4:6-7), "*Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving*" (Colossians 4:2). God has blessed us abundantly; there's so much to be thankful for.

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# Hunger & Thirst For Righteousness

JESUS SAID, “BLESSED ARE *those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled*” (Matthew 5:6). A few years ago, I saw something I’ve seen many times over the years. It’s nothing new; in fact, most of you are very familiar with the same situation. My little niece began to cry. Was she tired? Was she hurting? NO. She was hungry! The moment she saw her mother pull out her bottle she got a smile on her face and began to reach for it. But my sister-in-law had some trouble getting the cap off the bottle, so the baby began to cry again. Why? Because she strongly desired that milk!

This reminds me of a story my mom likes to tell from time to time. When I was a child and eating baby food from a jar; she would spoon feed it to me as all mothers do. However, it seemed she couldn’t feed it to me fast enough and I would scream between each bite! (Things haven’t changed much huh? smile). Why did I scream? Because I had a strong desire for the food that was in that jar.

Think about that baby crying for her bottle; think about me screaming for the next bite; if you can fix these mental images in your mind, you will get the mental picture of how Jesus said we should desire spiritual food. Peter drew the same picture when he wrote, “As newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby” (1 Peter 2:2). Do we really desire Bible study with the same intensity? Do we yearn so strongly for another taste of the word, for more spiritual knowledge, that we get upset when we don’t get to study it daily (Acts 17:11)? If not, we need to get with it! Paul commanded that we “Understand what the will of the Lord is” (Ephesians 5:17). This takes study!

If babies lacked the desire for their bottle and food, they would refuse it and die. If Christians don’t develop a strong desire for more knowledge of the truths found in God’s holy word, they will die spiritually! Loving the truth leads to learning the truth, and this will equip us to teach others and avoid sin and error (1 Peter 3:15; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10).

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness!

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# Praying

*“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”*

-1 Timothy 2:1-2

*“Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”*

-Luke 11:1

*“So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.”*

-Luke 5:16

*“praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.”*

-Ephesians 6:18-19

*“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”*

-Philippians 4:6-7

*“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in chains, that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak.”*

-Colossians 4:2-4

*“pray without ceasing.”*

-1 Thessalonians 5:17

*“Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.”*

-Luke 18:1

*“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.”*

-James 1:5-6

*“Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*

-James 5:16

*“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.”*

-Isaiah 59:1-2