

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

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

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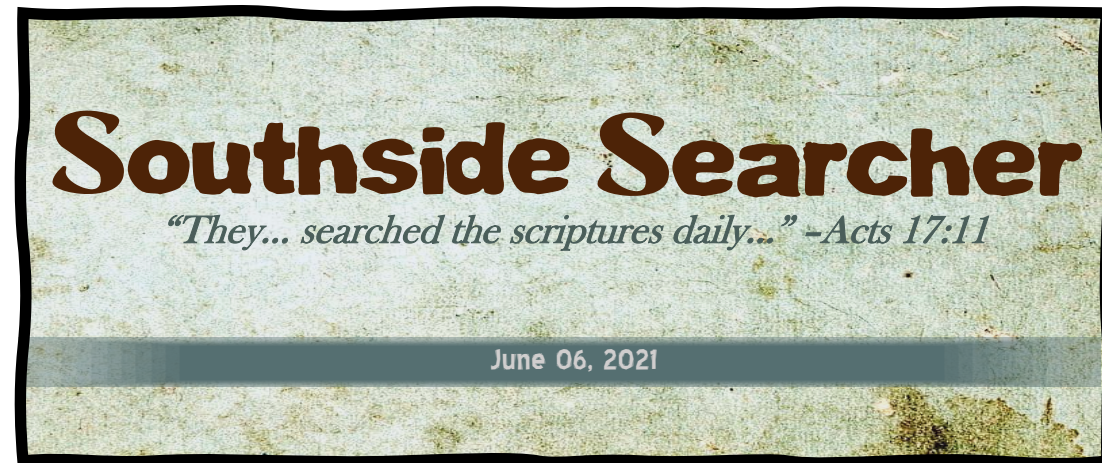
- Song Leader..... Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer.... Michael Pickford
- Invitation..... Michael Pickford
- Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T.
- Closing Prayer..... Kenny Johnson
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**God's Plan of Salvation**

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!**



## “They Declare Their Sin”

MANY IN AMERICA THINK they are modern, cutting edge, wiser than past generations. In their self-declared wisdom, they celebrate homosexuality by calling June, “Gay Pride Month.” They freely declare their sin, showing their pride for it. Those who don’t go along with it are, “bigoted, intolerant, living in the dark ages.”

But they are not modern or cutting edge at all. Sodom and Gomorrah did the same thing in the far past. God said through Isaiah, “*The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves*” (Isaiah 3:9). Sodom declared their sin. They were proud of it. They spoke about it with fondness. Those who didn’t feel the same way were intolerant, perhaps even unloving.

Does that sound familiar? It’s precisely where we are today in our nation. Even Christians are thought to be unloving and mean-spirited because they don’t accept homosexuality as “Normal” behavior. But God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for their sin (Genesis 19:4-7; 24-25; Jude 1:7).

Hundreds of years after Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed, those in Rome freely declared the same sin in their “wisdom.” And God condemned their homosexuality too (Romans 1:21-27). They professed to be wise, but God disagreed. People today are not being modern or wise in declaring homosexuality as something to be proud of. Nations have tried it in the past and as a result they met God’s retribution. Those practicing homosexuality (or condoning it from the sidelines) will perish eternally if they do not repent (Romans 1:32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

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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.

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

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# Tolerance?

WE HEAR A LOT about “Tolerance” regarding the issue of homosexuality. It seems that those who are screaming the loudest for tolerance are themselves the most intolerant when it comes to their attitude toward those who believe in and stand up for traditional (and biblical) marriage – one man and one woman for life.

Whatever the tolerance level of American citizens, all of us will stand before the Lord on judgment day, and all of us will learn on that day that God is not at all tolerant of homosexuality. He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for the sin of homosexuality (Genesis 19:1-29) and set them up as an example to teach us all that those guilty of this sin would suffer *“the vengeance of eternal fire”* (Jude 1:7).

God condemned a society in which women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature, and the men left the natural use of the woman and burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful. *“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due”* (Rom 1:26-27).

As Christians, we are not to use or to condone the use of hate speech and violent acts against those who advocate and practice homosexuality. We love their souls, so we desire to change their minds with the Gospel hoping they will repent and be saved. We are called intolerant and unloving for speaking out against the sin of homosexuality. But our speaking out proves that we love them. If we did not love them, we would remain silent and leave their souls in jeopardy.

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# Homosexuality

*“Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, “Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.” So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, “Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!”*

-Genesis 19:4-7

*“And the Lord said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave... Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.”*

-Genesis 18:20; 19:24-25

*“The look on their countenance witnesses against them, And they declare their sin as Sodom; They do not hide it. Woe to their soul! For they have brought evil upon themselves.”*

-Isaiah 3:9

*“as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”*

-Jude 1:7

*“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”*

-Leviticus 18:22

*“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”*

-Romans 1:26-27

*“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.”*

-1 Corinthians 6:9-11

*“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil;  
Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness;  
Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”*

-Isaiah 5:20