

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

- Scripture Reading: Michael Pickford
- Song Leader.... Kenny Todd
- Opening Prayer...Jeff Isbell
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord's Table: Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer: Kenny Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING

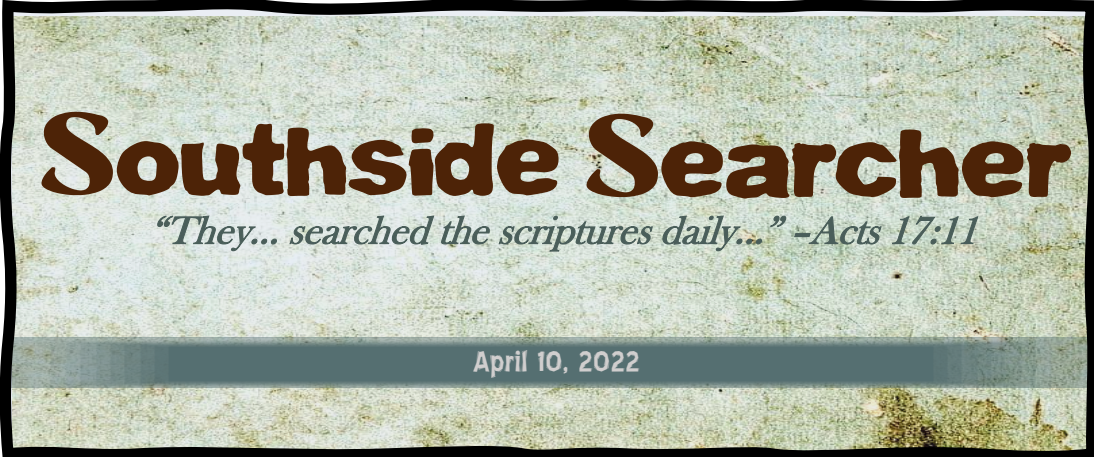
- Song Leader...Eli Todd
- Invitation: Kenny Johnson

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!



Hear, Is Your Answer

“So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God”
Romans 10:17

HOW DOES ONE BECOME a believer in Jesus? Does faith appear miraculously? Some say God mysteriously operates on the heart via the Holy Spirit and instills soul-saving faith. Don't look for scripture to learn about this method, it's not there.

Some teach that God instills faith into a sinner's heart with mystical communication(s). "A voice spoke to me in the darkness of the night." "An angel appeared to me in a dream." No scripture for this one either.

Some believe God bestows faith in a grandiose way. For example, one survives a tragic accident that "No man could have survived," and he became a believer as a result. Still no scripture.

Some believe God speaks to us by causing Jesus' face to appear on the side of a barn, or in a piece of toast, or in a cloud, etc. Scripture, please?

So, if you're an unbeliever, how would you come to have faith in the Lord Jesus? Well, hear, is your answer. That's right. It's that simple. God has chosen preaching as the means of bringing men to faith in Christ. So, one must hear the Gospel if he would come to believe. Jesus sent His disciples to preach "To every creature" because faith comes by hearing God's word (Mark 16:15; Romans 10:17). –

-Michael Pickford
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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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Think About These Things

“Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Philippians 4:8

We are the product of our thoughts (Proverbs 23:7). That being so, can you imagine a world where people only thought about things that are true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent, praiseworthy?

Wow! How much better it would be!

While we cannot change the whole world, we can change our own little corner of it. It's been said:

Your mind is a garden,
Your thoughts are the seeds,
You can grow flowers,
Or you can grow weeds.

Each day, with every thought, we are planting. Seeds are all around us in the things we see and hear. Dear friend, how does your garden grow?

Think about these things.

-David McPherson

Friends/Friendship

*“Ointment and perfume delight the heart,
And the sweetness of a man's friend gives delight by hearty counsel.”*

-Proverbs 27:9

““He who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.”

-Job 6:14

“And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends. Indeed the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before.”

-Job 42:10

“A perverse man sows strife, And a whisperer separates the best of friends.”

-Proverbs 16:28

*“He who covers a transgression seeks love,
But he who repeats a matter separates friends.”*

-Proverbs 17:9

*“A man who has friends must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.”*

-Proverbs 18:24

“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.”

-John 15:12-13

“A friend loves at all times, And a brother is born for adversity.”

-Proverbs 17:17

“Now when Job's three friends heard of all this adversity that had come upon him, each one came from his own place—Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite. For they had made an appointment together to come and mourn with him, and to comfort him.”

-Job 2:11

“Make no friendship with a man given to anger, nor go with a wrathful man, lest you learn his ways and entangle yourself in a snare.”

-Proverbs 22:24-25

“Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm.”

-Proverbs 13:20

*“Open rebuke is better Than love carefully concealed. Faithful are the wounds of a friend,
But the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”*

-Proverbs 27:5-6

*“The righteous should choose his friends carefully,
For the way of the wicked leads them astray.”*

-Proverbs 12:26

Read Your Bible Every Day!