

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

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

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader...Kenny Todd
- Invitation: Michael Pickford

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!

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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Heart Healthy

We should be concerned about the health of that blood pump in our chest. But the health of our spiritual heart is of greater value. A healthy physical heart can render a better life here in quality and quantity. But a healthy spiritual heart can



render eternal life. We eat right and exercise to keep our physical heart pure from plaque and disease. This takes discipline and sacrifice. Maintaining a pure spiritual heart also takes discipline and sacrifice, but God requires it (Matthew 5:8; Psalm 24:4). Study your Bible, do works of righteousness, and worship God faithfully because God is good to those with a pure heart (Psalm 73:1). Pray diligently for the strength needed to develop one (Psalm 51:10) -

Memory Verse

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

—Romans 5:8

Stinkin' Thinkin'

Proverbs 26:12 offers more hope for a fool than for a man who thinks he is wise. We have all known a know-it-all. It's possible that low self-esteem is the culprit, and they try to overcompensate by acting like they already know what someone is trying to teach them. Nowhere is this disposition more dangerous than in spiritual matters (1 Corinthians 3:18). Let's humbly learn from preachers, elders, bible class teachers, parents, etc. Only then will we mature as Christ desires -

My Tongue

The Bible places a great emphasis upon the tongue. The way we use our mouths can do many things. Our words can help calm a storm, strengthen a weakness, comfort a pain, stir up trouble, justify us, or lead us to eternal condemnation (Mtt 12:36-37; Jms 3:1-12). It is our responsibility, with the Lord's help, to master our mouths, to tame our tongues and bring them into subjection to the Lord and His teachings.

1) My Speaking Tongue. I should make good and regular use of my tongue in teaching the gospel to the lost (Acts 8:4; Col 4:6), praying (1 Ths 5:17-18; Php 4:6-7; 1 Jn 5:14-15), being thankful (1 Ths 5:18; Col 4:2; Eph 5:20; 1 Tim 2:1-2), exhorting my brethren (Heb 3:12-13), and speaking kind and helpful words to others (Prov 25:11; 15:23).

2) My Silent Tongue. I should bite my tongue and remain silent when it comes to: Slander/gossip (Romans 1:29-30; 1 Tim. 5:13). Telling dirty jokes (Gal. 5:19, lewdness; Col 3:8). Blasphemy (Col 3:8). Lying/deception (Eph 4:25; Rev 21:8). Coarse jesting (Eph 5:4; Prov 26:19). Spewing malice/hatred (Col 3:8). Filthy language (Eph 5:4; Col 3:8). Venting (Prov. 29:11). Complaining (1 Cor. 10:10).

3) My Singing Tongue. God specified the kind of music He wants in our worship to Him. It's singing—speaking with our tongues. “*Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord*” (Eph 5:19; also see Col 3:16). We sing to praise God and to teach and encourage one another. I may also sing to increase my joy or sooth my spirit (Jms 5:13).

Beware lest we abuse the use of our tongues. –

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Quotes To Ponder

“Let another man praise you, and not your own mouth”

–Proverbs 27:2

“He who is full of himself is likely to be quite empty”

“Conceit is an odd disease; it makes everybody sick except the one who has it.”

“He who sings his own praises seldom gets the right pitch”

Drifting

“Therefore we *must* give the *more earnest* heed to the things we have heard, lest we **drift away.**”

–Hebrews 2:1