

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Michael Pickford  
Reading: Job 1:1-5
- Song Leader.....Robert Johnson
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Todd
- Lord’s Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....Jeff Isbell
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

**SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.... Kenny Johnson
- Opening Prayer...Jeff Isbell
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord’s Table: Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer: Eli Todd

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader...Kenny Johnson
- 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

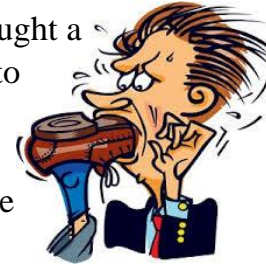
**Obey Today!**

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## I Put My Foot In My Mouth!

To put your foot in your mouth is an idiom that means to say something that offends, upsets, or embarrasses someone. To say something inappropriate. “It is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to open your mouth and remove all doubt.”



While the source of this exact quotation is in doubt, the source of its wisdom is clear. It’s from God’s word! “*Even a fool is counted wise when he holds his peace; When he shuts his lips, he is considered perceptive*” (Proverbs 17:28). As Christians, we should desire to avoid needlessly embarrassing others or hurting their feelings. Let’s be extra careful to think before we speak.

## Memory Verse

“But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.”  
—Matthew 12:36

## Spare The Rod, Spoil The Child

The above statement is thought by many to be a quotation from the Bible. I’m not sure of its source, but it is not from the Bible. But it is biblical. The Bible speaks a great deal about what we would call “Whippings,” or “Spankings.” Proverbs 22:15 says “*Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; The rod of correction will drive it far from him.*” Consider also Proverbs 23:13-14; 22:6; 29:15; 19:18; 13:24.

We would welcome a visit from you. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

Capable Bible teachers would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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## What Is Lent?

BEGINNING ON “Ash Wednesday,” Lent is a forty-day period of fasting (Sundays not included) preceding “Easter.” It is common for an “officiate” in the “church” to place a cross-shaped mixture of ashes and oil (sometimes “Holy Water” is used) on the forehead of “church” members where it often remains throughout the entirety of Ash Wednesday.

The Lenten season began around 1000 AD in the Catholic Church, but many protestant denominations have adopted the tradition (Consider Matthew 15:8-9). The Bible says nothing about “Ash Wednesday” or the “Lenten season.” “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God...” (2 John 9). The practices of the church are limited to Christ’s doctrine (Colossians 3:17; 1 Peter 4:11, etc). Churches practicing Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season are in violation of the doctrine of Christ.

It is common for those who observe the Lenten season to “give up” something for the forty days (forty days taken from Jesus’ forty day fast in the wilderness). Smoking, drinking, foul language, gambling, fornication, and dance clubbing are common sacrifices made by participants. The Lent tradition requires one to give up these things for only forty days. But the Bible requires Christians to give up sinful things forever! Many of these things are works of the flesh which will bar one from the kingdom of heaven (Galatians 5:19-21). Do people really believe God is pleased if they commit to giving up these vices for only forty days?

Lent is associated with “Fat Tuesday” and the Mardi Gras celebration which is essentially a drunken lascivious festival where people freely “Let themselves go” to practice any immoral activity they can think of. The idea is to get it out of one’s system in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the

beginning of the forty days of spiritual discipline (Lent). But they do so only to repeat the process the next year. The command to “Abhor what is evil” (Romans 12:9) is to be observed every minute of every day in the life of a true saint. The grace of God teaches us that we should deny ungodliness and worldly lust (Titus 2:12) at all times, not just forty days a year. The entirety of our lives should be devoted to living “soberly, righteously, and godly in this present age” (Titus 2:12).-

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HE who walks *with*

*Integrity*  
walks **securely.**

-Proverbs 10:9

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