

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

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

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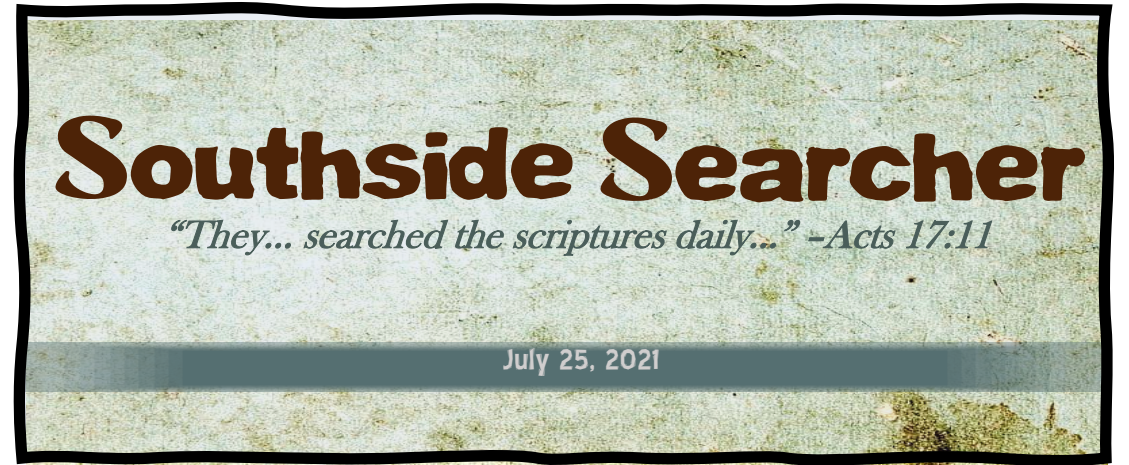
- Song Leader..... Jeff Isbell
- Opening Prayer.... Kenny Johnson
- Invitation..... Eli Todd
- Lord's Supper.....Mike P. / Eli T.
- Closing Prayer..... Kenny Todd

**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!**



## My Golden Calf

ISRAEL APPRENTLY LEARNED the ways of idolatry while in Egypt. No sooner had God led them to freedom with mighty and wondrous works, they were clamoring for an idol to worship Him through. They brought it from their old life in captivity, and Aaron acquiesced and made them a golden calf. And we know the rest of the story.

Through the blood of Jesus Christ God has led me to freedom and released me from slavery—the slavery of sin. But have I brought a golden calf from my past? Is there a certain sin that I continue to cling to? Sure, maybe I have changed a lot, cleaned up my life to a point, made some sacrifices. But am I harboring a golden calf somewhere? Are you? Is it coming between me and my God? It is if it is there!

That statement in Hebrews 12:1-2 is powerful. Perhaps we overlook how demanding it really is. "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us..." (Verse 1). Did you see that word, "Every?" That's demanding! I hope I haven't decided that I can get away with one or two "little things" thinking that I do enough good to cancel them out. It doesn't work that way. God wants my all! God wants my sinful past eradicated. God wants all my golden calves removed! May I have the strength of Paul's commitment (Galatians 2:20).

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

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# Alone

*“Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your alters, and I alone am left,  
and they seek my life”*  
–Romans 11:3

Elijah was discouraged and depressed by the thought of so few faithful servants of God. In fact, he felt he was alone! And this certainly made him feel lonely.

Being a small group in a flourishing world we in the Lord’s church are apt to feel this way at times. We begin to feel that maybe we’re not right after all. We begin to wonder if God doesn’t accept all those denominations, wink at their shortcomings, and dismiss their refusal to strive to come to respect the fullness of the Gospel revelation. After all, they are good people, and could a loving God condemn so many who claim to follow the Lord? We see their numbers, their “Successes,” and their programs and we feel, well, lonely!

Careful! Satan will use this as a tool to tempt us to abandon the truth and go after the worldly attractions, as so many churches of Christ have done!

Remember that we will likely never be among the largest and more popular religious groups in our community, or even in the State. The Lord Himself taught that “few” would enter into life (Matthew 7:13-14). We should remember that few will be willing to devote themselves to striving to keep all of Christ’s commands – No matter what!

Remember that the Gospel will not appeal to the majority. They are interested in an easier, less exclusive, less exhaustive, more relaxed doctrine. Most desire a more politically correct, people-pleasing, *anything still goes because God loves us all so much* religious lifestyle.

But remember, there are many faithful in the world (Romans 11:4)! Take courage and continue to do all you can to increase that number.

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# Faith/Belief

*“Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.”*  
–John 8:24

*“He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.”*  
–Mark 16:16

*“Jesus said to him, “Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”*  
–John 20:29

*“Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.”*  
–John 12:42-43

*“Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*  
–Hebrews 11:1, 6

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*  
–John 3:16

*“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works.” Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble!”*  
–James 2:17-19

*“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only... For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”*  
–James 2:24, 26

*“But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.”*  
–2 Peter 1:5-7

*“For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?”*  
–1 John 5:4-5