

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell

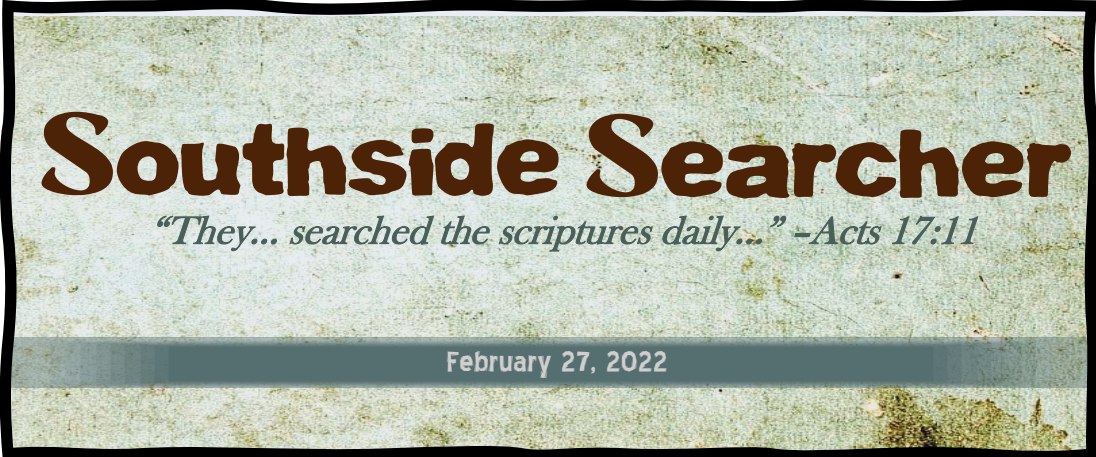
WEDNESDAY EVENING

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!



“I Will” Trust In God

DAVID WROTE, “When I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?” (Psalm 56:3-4).

There is much to fear in this world. Sickness, viruses, bullies, wars, financial ruin. The list seems endless. Will we allow any of these to stimulate us to turn our backs on God? Will they come between me and my service to God? Will they hinder my prayers? Will I allow them to restrict me from assembling with the saints? Will they silence my voice when I know the world is filled with lost souls? It’s all up to me.

Satan cannot force my hand, my decisions, my actions. He can’t make me turn on my Creator against my will. But he can do a lot to tempt me to go down that dark desperate path. If I let him.

I need to make up my mind. I need to be resolved. I need to be dead set on serving my God no matter what. David faced a host of fearful things in his life. Yet in the end he remained a man after God’s own heart. He had come to a resoluteness that caused him to utter in the face of seemingly certain destruction, “I will not fear.” He learned the hard way that you can’t trust men, you can’t trust human strength or wisdom, and you can’t trust the pursuit of pleasure. But you can, and you must trust God. Disease, man, war, famine—these can destroy your body, but your soul is off limits. Except to God. Replace your fear with trust, trust in God. He will never disappoint you. -

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

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Speech Therapy

For various reasons some children often need speech therapy. There is no shame in this. However, the way some of God's children speak is shameful. Sometimes we find ourselves in need of spiritual speech therapy. Based on Proverbs 15:1-4, we need to work to develop...

AN ELEGANT TONGUE. That is, a delicate and graceful tongue. *"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger"* (Proverbs 15:1). Think of this in terms of both preventing and solving problems. If one is angry, responding with angry words will often make matters worse. But anger can often be avoided at the outset with the use of "Soft" words. Some people are contentious; they're just looking for a fight. Paul condemns this (Galatians 5:20). Brethren should avoid harsh and hurtful words towards each other (Ephesians 4:31). No elder should be guilty of being contentious. Preachers, in studying with others, should strive to temper their words (2 Timothy 2:24-26). Paul does not condemn boldness here; one can be bold and elegant at the same time.

AN ENLIGHTENING TONGUE. That is, a helpful, thoughtful, and educating tongue. *"The tongue of the wise uses knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishly"* (Proverbs 15:2). A wise man speaks because he feels that he has something to say. A foolish man speaks because he feels that he just has to say something. In application to the spreading of the Gospel, Christians must indeed work harder on having an enlightening tongue; not only in sharing the Gospel, but in the way he shares it. Paul was always ready to preach the Gospel (Romans 1:14-16). He encourages saints to speak in a graceful and enlightening way to those on the outside (Colossians 4:5-6). The most enlightening words we can speak to the lost are the truths of the Gospel.

AN ENCOURAGING TONGUE. That is, an uplifting and comforting tongue rather than words that tear down and degrade (Proverbs 15:4). Christians are to *"Comfort the fainthearted"* (1 Thessalonians 5:14). Paul exhorts us to *"Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love"* (Romans 12:10). Some of the cruelest words ever spoken have been done so by a saint to another saint. Such speech grieves the Spirit of God. Instead, *"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another..."* (Ephesians 4:31-32).

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Steadfast

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."
-Psalm 51:10

"My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise."
-Psalm 57:7

"For their heart was not steadfast with Him, Nor were they faithful in His covenant."
-Psalm 78:37

"O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and give praise, even with my glory."
-Psalm 108:1

"He will not be afraid of evil tidings; His heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD."
-Psalm 112:7

"I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, And steadfast forever; His kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, And His dominion shall endure to the end."
-Daniel 6:26

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
-1 Corinthians 15:8

"And our hope for you is steadfast, because we know that as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also you will partake of the consolation."
-2 Corinthians 1:7

"if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister."
-Colossians 1:23

"For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end,"
-Hebrews 3:14

"This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,"
-Hebrews 6:19

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."
-1 Peter 5:8-9