

**DUTY LIST...**

**SUNDAY MORNING**

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Kenny Johnson  
Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Song Leader.....Eli Todd
- Opening Prayer.....Jeff Isbell
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Robert Johnson

**SUNDAY EVENING**

- Song Leader.... Kenny Johnson
- Opening Prayer...Lynn Buttrey
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord's Table: Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

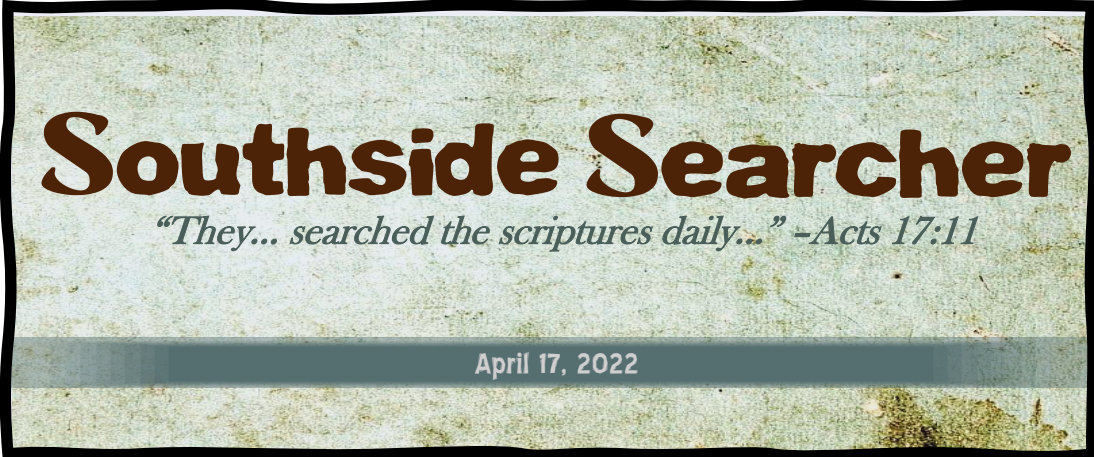
- Song Leader...Michael Pickford
- Invitation: Kenny Todd

**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!**



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**Places**

*“But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.”*  
Hebrews 11:16

There are so many kinds of places on this earth. So many beautiful things to see—things that display the handiwork of our magnificent Creator (Psalm 19:1-2).

It's a funny thing about places, and the types of places different people desire to see. Some long to visit tropical places, while others prefer the snow-capped mountains. And sometimes it depends on mood. I may be in the mood to bask in the warmth and beauty of tropical regions one day, and the next have a longing for those majestic mountain ranges. Occasionally there are disagreements between spouses in these matters. He wants to go to the Bahamas; she prefers a floral country range.

There is nothing wrong with any of these desires. I'm convinced that God wants us to enjoy His creation. But as we entertain ourselves with thoughts of foreign places, and even with fantasies of being there, let's not forget the one place that outranks them all. That heavenly country. This is a place all of us should desire to go all the time. And not just for a visit, but to dwell in eternally. The beauties and wonders of this earth are but a God-given sample of His creative power, and of the grander things He has in store for us in that place. Set your mind there! (Colossians 3:1-2)—

-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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# Count Your Blessings

*“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,”  
- Psalm 103:2*

We are a blessed people. Whether rich or poor, healthy or ill, on the mountain top or in the valley, we all enjoy blessings from God.

For those who are in Christ, all spiritual blessings are theirs (Ephesians 1:3). For those who even deny the Lord, they too are blessed in the physical realm. “. . . for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.”  
- Matthew 5:45

At times we take our blessings for granted. Too often we focus too much on what we don't have and not enough on what we do have. May we stop and reconsider. May we learn gratitude.

As has been said, “Reflect upon your present blessings, of which every man has plenty; not on your past misfortunes of which all men have some.”

Dear friend, count your blessings.

-David McPherson

## Read Your Bible Every Day!

# Resurrection Of Christ

*“There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,”*

-1 Peter 3:21

*“buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.”*

-Colossians 2:12

*“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,”*

-Romans 6:4-5

*“concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”*

-Romans 1:3-4

*“that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.”*

-Philippians 3:10-11

*“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,”*

-1 Peter 1:3-4

*“which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”*

-Ephesians 1:20-23

*“But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.”*

-1 Corinthians 15:13-14

*“because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”*

-Acts 17:31