

## CREAKING BOARDS

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You learn a lot when you're raising a child. Since our little one came along, I've learn that the boards in our floors creak. I never noticed that before! There I am, trying my best not to wake him up, and the harder I try to walk on the floor without making the boards creak, the louder they creak! I sometimes feel foolish even trying.

Isn't this like real life? We try our best to hide the fact that we've sinned. Or we try to sin thinking we can do it silently without anyone noticing. We're foolish for trying. Most often we are found out and the consequences are far worse than if we would have just "Fessed up."

Sometimes folks do get away with sinning without anyone else ever finding out. They fool their boss, their spouse, their preacher, their teacher, etc. They take those skeletons to the grave with them. This is what Paul meant when he said that some men's sins "*Follow later*" (1 Timothy 5:24-25).

But they will "*Follow later!*" In other words, God will bring them up on judgment day and judge us for them. God will judge the "*Secrets of men*" (Romans 2:16). It's best to confess and repent now for forgiveness (Luke 13:3; 1 John 1:7-9), for "*be sure your sin will find you out*" (Numbers 32:23). 🔍

Welcome to our services and thank you for visiting. If you have any questions about our beliefs or practices, please don't hesitate to ask.

God has not only commanded us to worship Him, but has also told us how, in His word. **The elements of our services, as prescribed by God's word, are as follows:**

- **SINGING:** Ephesians 5:18,19; Colossians 3:16
- **PREACHING/TEACHING:** Acts 2:42; Eph. 4:11,12
- **PRAYING:** Acts 2:42; Acts 12:5
- **LORD'S SUPPER:** 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Acts 20:7
- **GIVING:** 1 Corinthians 16:1,2; 2 Corinthians 9:6,7



## COME WORSHIP WITH US!

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY...9:00  
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP.....10:00  
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP.....6:00  
WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES....7:00

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

- [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com)
- Weekly Article: Rutherford Reader
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Singing Practice: 5 pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Night: 6 pm
- Radio program on wgns. 15 minute sermon every Sunday morning from 10:45 - 11:00.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Men's Training Class, 4:30 pm. Prayer Service, 6 pm
- Men's Business Meeting. 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday evenings following services.



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"They...searched the scriptures daily..." -Acts 17:11

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## CHICK-FIL-A & TRADITIONAL MARRIAGE

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You've surely heard about the recent controversy surrounding the popular food chain Chick-fil-A and its leader's stance on traditional marriage. Here's a snapshot view of some of my thoughts...

**Eliminating Offenses.** It almost seems like one should be considered non-christian if he doesn't shop at businesses that support the biblical view of marriage; or if he doesn't cease to shop at businesses that shun God's declared will. For example, I did not eat at Chick-fil-A this past Wednesday (I just don't care for their food); does this make me less of a Christian? Before you answer, let me remind you that while you may agree with their view of traditional marriage, their leaders are also denominational, meaning they actually shun God's true plan of salvation, etc. So do we sin when we eat there? No! I'd be hard pressed to get the things needed to live if I only shopped at businesses owned by faithful members of sound churches. According to some we "*need to go out of the world,*" something Paul said we couldn't do and are not required to do (1 Corinthians 5:10). The world will always be populated with offenders

and we'll never eliminate all the offenses.

**Educating Others.** I assure you that I am taking this issue seriously, but Jesus didn't tell us to convince people of their sin by shopping at certain businesses and boycotting others. We make a difference in society in two different ways. First, we educate others with the Gospel. We try to teach our friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. the Gospel (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:4). Yes, the more Christians society has the better society will be; but this is just a nice bi-product. Our real goal is to save their souls eternally. Secondly, we can lead people to glorifying God by our own good works (faithful service to the Lord) (Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:11-12).

**Electing Officials.** Don't be deceived! A top agenda of the "Gay Marriage" proponents is to shut the mouths of those who oppose. This should have become apparent to folks when certain officials wanted to ban Chick-fil-As in their Cities, States, and districts. We are told to pray for those in authority that we might worship God in peace (1 Timothy 2:1-4). Why would I then vote for someone who wants people like me banned and/or arrested for preaching against homosexuality? 🔍

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By Steve Hudgins via <http://executableoutlines.com/charts>

## SERMON NOTES

Search the scriptures daily to see if these things are so.

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### Once For All!

Introduction:

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II. \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....John Nelson  
Reading: Jude 1:1-4
- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Opening Prayer.....Sam Miller
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Kenny Johnson  
Serve.....Chris Meade  
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Todd

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table.....Kenny Johnson

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Kenny Todd

Home Bible Studies  
Available Upon Request!

#### 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!**