

## PROCLAIMING HIS DEATH

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The very purpose of the observance of the Lord's Supper is to "Proclaim the Lord's death till he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:26). During its observance, we are to lay aside all other thoughts and focus solely upon that great sacrifice of Love – Christ on the cross!

The observance of the Lord's supper can be perverted, as is evidenced by a reading of 1 Corinthians 11:17-34. The purpose of the supper is not to provide a meal in order to fulfill the partakers' appetites. "If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home." (1 Corinthians 11:34).

The Lord's supper is to be observed upon the first day of each week as is

exemplified in Acts 20:7. It is not to be observed at home, on the side of the road, in the back room, et. al., but rather when the local church comes "Together as a church" "In one place" (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20). Paul and his companions waited till the "Disciples came together" to partake (Acts 20:7).

Some churches make their observance long and drawn out. That's fine, so long as they don't bind that on others nor think other churches "Less spiritual" for not doing the same. The Lord kept it simple. He blessed and broke the bread, and then the cup, accompanied by a very "Short talk" (Matthew 26:26-29). 🔍

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.
- Children's Class: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 5:30 pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday 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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## THE "MORMONS"

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If you ever speak to these folks you'll learn that they prefer to be called "Latter Day Saints." We often refer to them as "Mormons" but traditionally they have found this offensive. Let's make three basic observations about this prevalent religious organization. ...

**Their Couriers.** Most of us have experienced that knock on the door. We open it up to find two very young men dressed nicely and wearing name tags with the title "Elder" on them. These young men are their primary couriers of their beliefs. When I was still a teen I had my first study with a couple of these "Elders." The first thing I asked them about was their name tags. I explained to them that the very word elder implied an older man, one with age. I then took them to the qualifications for "Elders" in Titus 1:5-9. We didn't have to get too far because neither of them was the "Husband of one wife," and neither had "Faithful children;" or any children for that matter. They were children themselves! Are God's qualifications not important?

**Their Creeds.** I then asked them if the Bible was the only true source of authority. They said, "inasmuch as it

is translated and transmitted correctly." I soon learned that what they meant by this is that whenever the Bible disagrees with Mormon doctrine, then the Bible must have been mistranslated. Such an easy out! In fact, the Mormon church recognizes four Creed books. The Book of Mormon (Primarily), The Pearl of Great Price, Doctrines and Covenants, and finally the Bible. On the front of their book of Mormon it said, "Another Testament of Jesus Christ." I pointed out Galatians 1:6-9 where we're told that those who preach another Gospel were "Accursed." The Gospel is to be our only "Creed" in religion (2 John 9).

**Their Commendability.** The only thing I can commend them in is what Paul commended his Jewish brethren in, "For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (Romans 10:2). But zeal without the proper knowledge condemns (See Romans 10:1, 3). However, we must remember that the right knowledge without zeal will also condemn. Perhaps we could learn from the sacrifices they make in spreading their message. God calls on us to be zealous people. We have the truth, let's get it out to the lost! (Titus 2:14; Acts 8:4). 🔍

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# Gospel Meeting

June 08-13

## Southside church of Christ

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(Located on Murfreesboro Rd. Right next to the Nissan Fitness Center)

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### Preaching

Edward O.  
Bragwell Sr.

Everyone  
Welcome!

### Meeting Times & Topics

Sunday-10 am..... A Changeless Gospel in a Changing World  
Sunday-6 pm..... Authority  
Monday-7 pm..... The Dispensation of the Grace of God  
Tuesday-7 pm..... The Multidimensional Basis of Our Salvation  
Wednesday-7 pm... A Blueprint for Changing God's Order  
Thursday-7 pm..... Gifts of the Holy Spirit  
Friday-7 pm..... The Church of The Firstborn

*Bring A Bible! Bring A Friend!*

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## SERMON NOTES

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

STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11

### Give Me The Bible

Introduction:

I. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

#### DUTY LIST...

##### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Bible Reading by.....Frank Anderson  
Reading: Psalm 121:1-8
- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer.....Ben Green
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Lynn Buttrey  
Serve.....John Nelson  
Serve.....Robert Johnson
- Closing Prayer.....Kenny Johnson

##### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Tony Jenkins
- Lord's Table.....Lynn Buttrey

##### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Kenny Todd
- Invitation.....Kenny Johnson

##### 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

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Available Upon Request!*

**Obey Today!**