

## WHAT'S YOUR MOTTO?

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A motto is a brief statement used to express a principle, a goal, or an ideal. It is the sum of what one stands for, and what his aspirations are.

"Be all you can be" is one of the mottos of the U.S. Army. This concept would work for a Christian, as God expects His children to put God first and work diligently in the kingdom (Matthew 6:33; Titus 2:14).

The U.S. Marines use the phrase "Semper Fi." This is the Latin *Semper Fidelis* meaning "Always Faithful." This too could apply to the Christian, as the Lord tells us to be faithful until death (Revelation 2:10).

If you were to choose a verse of scripture to stand as your motto as a christian, which would you choose? In reality, we should follow all of the Lord's teachings without preferring one over the other. But I've always thought we would do well to emulate what Paul wrote in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." 🔍

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

- [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.



## SOUTHSIDE SEARCHER

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

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## APPLICATION! APPLICATION! APPLICATION!

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The three most important words in Real Estate are, "Location, Location, Location!" A beautiful spacious home is of little value if located in a dirty, crime ridden part of town; while a smaller modest home located in a clean, quiet neighborhood is of greater value. When following Christ, the three most important words are "Application, Application, Application!"

**Consider What Jesus Taught.** Jesus often emphasized the need to apply His teachings. Knowledge of God's word is essential, but knowledge is a means to an end, the end being obedience. Knowledge is of little value if not properly and diligently applied. Jesus ended His sermon on the mount with a call to action in the story of the two builders. The foolish man was foolish because, while he gained knowledge (He heard the sayings of Jesus), he failed to apply the teachings to his life. The wise builder was wise because he both heard and did (Matthew 7:24-27). Who really loves Jesus? "He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me" (John 14:21).

**Consider What James Taught.** James stressed the need to apply God's word. "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22). Those who insist that all one has to do is believe (Faith only) are deceiving themselves, according to James. James 2:14-26 is a strong dissertation committed solely to highlighting the fact that just having belief, without application, equals nothing more than a "Dead" faith (James 2:17). Even the demons believe and tremble! Are demons saved? (James 2:19). "You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only" (James 2:24). Application! Obedience!

**Consider What Jews Taught.** Not all Jews! But many of the religious teachers of Jesus' day taught many things that they themselves would not put into application. "For they say, and do not do" (Matthew 23:3). This calls to mind many of the "Religious leaders" of our day. Most actually teach the concept of "Faith only" salvation. To them, if one must apply the Lord's teachings, this equals obedience, which is the same as "Works." They teach that if one must work to get salvation, then grace is nullified. It's not so. Christ on the cross was grace, a free gift that man didn't deserve (earn). But to access the result of that grace - salvation, one must obey (Hebrews 5:9). 🔍

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# Gospel Meeting



June 14-19, 2015

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615-785-0646

**Preacher: Larry R. Ping II**

### Service Times

**Sunday**

**9:00 am**

**10:00 am**

**6:00 pm**

**Weeknights**

**Mon. 7:00 pm**

**Tues. 7:00 pm**

**Wed. 7:00 pm**

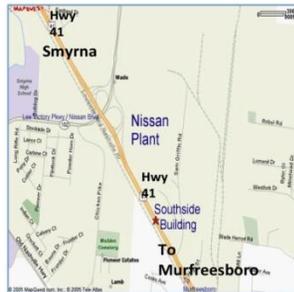
**Thur. 7:00 pm**

**Fri. 7:00 pm**

*"For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth..." -1 Thessalonians 1:8*

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**Everyone Invited! Bring a Bible! Bring A Friend!**

Here are ways you can use the flyers to invite folks to our upcoming Gospel Meeting.

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- Use an electronic copy to share via email, Facebook, and other social media. You can find an electronic copy on our website at [www.defendthegospel.com](http://www.defendthegospel.com), or on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Southside-church-of-Christ/219256574753146?pnref=lhc>

## SERMON NOTES

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

Some Requirements of The Lord

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

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

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

**STUDY  
DAILY!  
Acts  
17:11**

### DUTY LIST...

#### SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Glenn Isbell  
Reading: Micah 6:6-8
- Song Leader.....Ben Reagh
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:  
Lead.....Ben Green  
Serve.....Michael Pickford  
Serve.....Kenny Todd
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

#### SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Michael Pickford
- Lord's Table.....Ben Green

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.....Ben Green
- Invitation.....Michael Pickford

### 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; 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!**

**Thank You For Serving!**

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Available Upon Request!*