

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

- Announcements.....Michael Pickford
- Scripture Reading...Robert Johnson
Reading: TBA
- Song Leader.....Lynn Buttrey
- Opening Prayer.....Kenny Johnson
- Lord's Table:
Lead.....Kenny Todd
Serve.....Jeff Isbell
- Closing Prayer.....Eli Todd

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Michael Pickford
- Opening Prayer...Kenny Johnson
- Invitation: Kenny Todd
- Lord's Table: Michael Pickford
- Closing Prayer: Jeff Isbell

WEDNESDAY EVENING

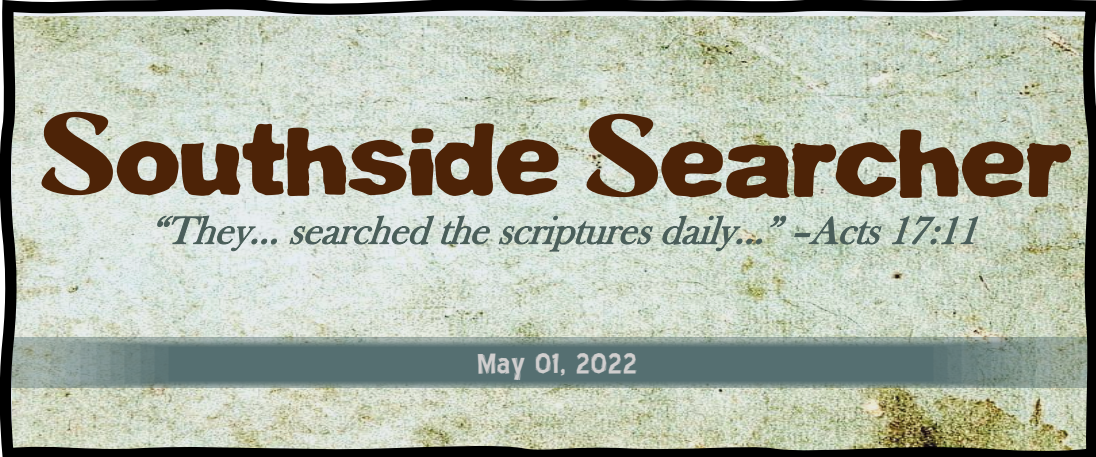
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God's Plan of Salvation

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!



Where Does Your Faith Rest?

“And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”

- 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

That same “power of God” is available and still needed today! It’s what we are getting when our Bible classes are filled with Bible. It’s what draws us to God when sermons are true to His word.

Paul understood, it’s not about impressing men with flowery speeches of human wisdom, but about honoring God (and bringing souls to Him) with the doctrine of Christ. Oh, that more would demand such in their church gatherings! Only as we yield to Divine instruction will our faith (like the Corinthians) be where it ought.

Dear friend, where does YOUR faith rest?

-David McPherson

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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The Book Of Proverbs

The book of Proverbs is keynoted by the word wisdom. This is something Solomon was well endowed with, as it was specifically requested by Solomon in I Kings 3:5-9. It is noted “he spake three thousand proverbs” (I Kings 4:32) and that he “set in order many proverbs” (Eccl. 12:9). This article offers some brief thoughts on this grand book.

1) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROVERBS. This is one of the books of the Bible which contains a stated purpose, “To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion” (Prov. 1:2-4). To be full of knowledge, wisdom, discernment, and fairness, one needs only to spend much time in reading and studying this great book of the Bible.

2) THE AUDIENCE OF PROVERBS. While this book contains highly useful information for all of its readers, it is an excellent resource for those who are younger. Within this book are 23 uses of the phrase “my son.” For instance, it is written, “My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother” (Prov. 1:8). As well it is said, “My son, if thine heart be wise, my heart shall rejoice, even mine” (Prov. 23:15). Perhaps as parents, we might suggest the reading of the 15,000+ words in the book of Proverbs rather than all other secular books!

3) THE STYLE OF PROVERBS. This book has its own literary style. Though it is part of the Old Testament, it is filled with what is referred to as axioms, or general truths. For instance, Solomon wrote, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it” (Prov. 22:6). Because this is a general truth, one cannot assume parents failed if a child grows up and lives wickedly. Generally speaking, if parents rear their children in a godly way (Eph. 6:4: Col. 3:21), the children, when grown, will be faithful to the Lord. However, there will be exceptions to this stated “truth” in Proverbs. This occurs dozens of time in this wonderful book of wisdom.

4) THE PRACTICALITY OF PROVERBS. All the Bible is practical, of course. But this is especially true of Proverbs. If one intends to understand morality and ethics, this book helps. It says, “The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he that keepeth his way preserveth his soul” (Prov. 16:17). If one needs to learn about the dangers of lust, this book aids. It utters, “Drink waters out of thine own cistern, and running waters out of thine own well” (Prov. 5:15). How about Divine information regarding money? “He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch” (Prov. 11:28). What about child-rearing? “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame” (Prov. 29:15). Have you read and studied the book of Proverbs lately? If not, why not give it a fresh, new look! If not, why not?

Larry R. Ping II

Confessing Sins

*“He who covers his sins will not prosper,
But whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy.”*

-Proverbs 28:13

*“When I kept silent, my bones grew old
Through my groaning all the day long.
For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;
My vitality was turned into the
drought of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to You,
And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said,
“I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,”
And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.”*

-Psalm 32:3-5

*“And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these matters,
that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing;”*

-Leviticus 5:5

*“we have sinned and committed iniquity,
we have done wickedly and rebelled,
even by departing from Your precepts
and Your judgments.”*

-Daniel 9:5

*“And the tax collector, standing afar off,
would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven,
but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’”*

-Luke 18:13

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

-1 John 1:9

*“Confess your trespasses to one another,
and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man
avails much.”*

-James 5:16

*“For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
Against You, You only, have I sinned,
And done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.”*

-Psalm 51:3-4