

DUTY LIST...

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

- Song Leader.... Kenny Johnson
- Opening Prayer...TBA
- Invitation: N/A
- Lord’s Table: Kenny Johnson
- Closing Prayer: TBA

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- Song Leader...Kenny Todd
- 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; 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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Take Time

Today is the beginning of a new day. God has given us this day to use as we will. Let’s use the time allotted us the best way possible. Paul wrote, “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time” (Col. 4:5).



TAKE TIME TO BE HOLY. We often sing, “Take Time To Be Holy”

based upon the words of Hebrews 12:14 which says, “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” The Lord says to each of us, “Be ye holy; for I am holy” (1 Pet. 1:16). Being holy takes time.

TAKE TIME TO PRAY. Set aside time today for prayer. “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

Memory Verse

“See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

—Ephesians 5:15-16

let your requests be made known unto God” (Phil. 4:6).

TAKE TIME TO STUDY. The Lord commanded, “Study to shew thyself approved unto God...” (2 Tim. 2:15). Bible study requires time.

TAKE TIME TO SEEK THE LOST. We can’t expect the lost to come to us, but must take time to seek the lost. Be an Andrew today (Jn. 1:40-42).

-John Edwards

We would welcome a visit from you. Our meeting times are:

SUNDAYS: 9 & 10 AM & 6 PM / WEDNESDAYS: 7 PM

Capable Bible teachers would be delighted to study with you at your request and convenience.

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Doing God's Will

"I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."

-Psalm 40:8

Amid the trials and joys of his life, King David shares his longing: to do God's will.

David's confession serves as a reminder of where our true allegiance and desire should lie. God's will is not just about keeping a set of rules; it's about a deep desire rooted in our hearts to please Him and to do what is right and good.

What does it mean to desire to do God's will? It goes beyond obeying commands out of fear or duty, although that element is involved. It is about cherishing God's Word in our hearts, willingly allowing His truths to shape our thoughts, emotions, and actions. It is about seeking His guidance in all things and being willing to set aside our own wants and plans to fulfill His divine purpose.

Jesus blessed the one who hungers and thirsts for righteousness (Matthew 5:6). Not one who merely hungers for a knowledge of the difference between right and wrong, but one who possesses a burning desire to do what is right, and please God in all circumstances. As we mature in Christ, God's law in our hearts becomes less a burden, and more a joy. We grow to view it not as a constraint, but as the truest form of liberty that leads us to a wholeness, peace, and satisfaction the world can never offer. We develop a kind of obedience that springs from love and gratitude, not merely from a sense of obligation or fear of punishment.

Let's strive to echo David's desire. Let's not just read the Bible but immerse ourselves in it. Let's pray for God to guide us, give us understanding, and instill in us a love for His will. Let us constantly seek to align our desires with God's, and to make His will our top priority.

-Michael Pickford

Valuing God's Word

"Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against you." -Psalm 119:11

This verse highlights a profound truth about the role of God's Word in our lives. The psalmist uses the metaphor of hiding God's Word in his heart as a shield against sinning. In today's digital age where we have access to countless sources of information and various forms of entertainment at our fingertips, some of it impure, it's easy to fill our minds and hearts with a wide range of content. However, the psalmist challenges us to prioritize hiding God's Word in our hearts over anything else. Why? Because His Word is the purest, most substantial source of truth, wisdom, and guidance.

It's also noteworthy that the psalmist used the term "hidden" to describe his interaction with God's word. To hide something implies a deliberate action, an intentional preserving and protecting. It's not a passive act but a deliberate choice to value and guard something. And so it should be with God's Word. It's not just about reading or hearing it; it's about absorbing it, meditating on it, seeking a better understanding of it, and allowing it to guide our thoughts, actions, and decisions.

Hiding God's Word in our heart is a proactive measure against sin. It's not just about knowing discerning the difference between right or wrong, but about being so filled with God's Word that our instinctive responses to temptation are aligned with His word and will, as was Jesus' (Matthew 4:1-11). When we steep ourselves in scripture, it shapes our desires to match God's desires, keeps us reminded of His truths, and thereby makes us less likely to sin against Him.

-Michael Pickford
