



# Sidelines

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## Southside

Church of Christ  
PO Box 1065  
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### Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### Elders

Carl Bevell  
Loyd McGonagill  
Malcom Grant

### Minister

Dr. Joey Gafford

### Assembly Times

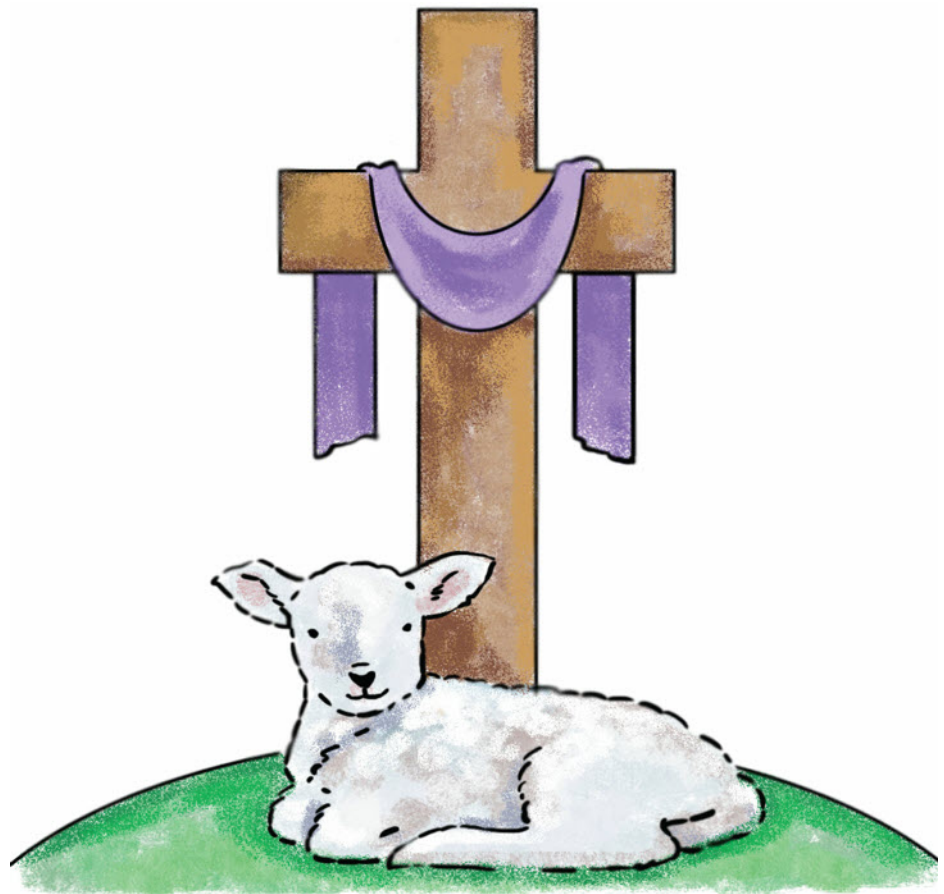
Sunday School 10:00 A.M.  
Sunday Worship 10:50 A.M.  
Sunday Evening 6:00 P.M.  
Wednesday Classes 6:30 P.M.

### Please Note

Bulletin announcements are due by  
noon on Thursdays.

To schedule use of the CARE  
Building, please call at least two  
weeks before the date of your  
event or activity.

Please notify the office of  
illness and/or hospital stays. New  
privacy act restrictions prevent the  
hospital from contacting us.

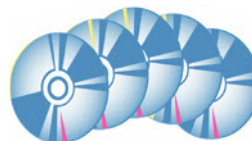


# WORTHY is the LAMB



## Rules

We'd prefer you turn them off. They can  
interfere with sound equipment. But, if  
you keep them on, then text 3 friends  
about today's sermon!



CDs of Today's Sermon  
Available Upon Request in the  
Church Office. See  
Raleigh Wood for information.



PRAY DAILY: "FATHER, HELP ME TO LOVE YOU WITH ALL MY HEART, SOUL,  
MIND AND STRENGTH, AND HELP ME TO LOVE MY NEIGHBOR AS I LOVE MYSELF."

# Revelation Lesson Five: Worthy is the Lamb!

## Revelation 5

Revelation is a book written by a real preacher (John) to real Christians (the seven churches of Asia) who were facing a real crisis (persecution and suffering at the hands of Rome). There is no need to read it as a road map from John's day to the end of the world. In fact, the context would suggest that the message has real meaning to their present circumstances.

However, this does not mean there is no application for us. Evil empires come and go. We face an evil culture today and, as with these Christians, there is real danger to compromise. For the early church, as well as us, John pulls back the curtain and shows a reality behind our reality. There is a cosmic struggle between God and Satan for the destiny of creation. Satan cannot harm God so he focuses his attention on God's people.

We discussed in our lesson last week (Revelation 4), that the evil empire of the first century, Rome, was only a puppet of Satan. The real power and authority, does not exist in Rome or in its puppet-master (Satan), but in the one who sits on the throne. God is in charge. All of creation, history, and even evil is subject to him. This is important for struggling Christians to understand, because their present sufferings do not tell the whole story. God is Lord of time and history. He has a plan that is unfolding that will bring an end to Satan and restore God's creation to what he intended.

This is where Revelation 5 continues the story.

**Revelation 5:1-4** *Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. <sup>2</sup> And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, "Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?" <sup>3</sup> But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. <sup>4</sup> I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside.*

The scroll is God's plan for history. How wonderful it would be to know its contents! John could better minister to his churches if he knew what God intended! However, the scroll cannot be opened. Even the mightiest of angels dare not presume to break its seals. John weeps because no one is found worthy to open the scroll, but that is not the end of the story. One is found worthy to open scroll and reveal its contents. He is the one responsible for guaranteeing the victory described therein – Jesus Christ!

**Revelation 5:5-7** *Then one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep! **See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed.** He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals." <sup>6</sup> Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. He had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. <sup>7</sup> He came and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne.*

Notice, the one who is worthy has already triumphed! He can tell the story because it is his story! The victory has already been won. Both Scripture (Genesis 49:9; Isaiah 11:1-10) and Apocrypha (2 Esdras 11, 12) describe the Messiah as the victorious King that triumphs over his enemies using the imagery found in Revelation 5:5. **However, when John turns to see this mighty lion, he sees instead a slaughtered lamb.** This inconsistency in imagery is the key to understanding the message found in Revelation. I'll say more in my lesson.

**Have a great week! Joey**

# Announcements / News / Events / Activities



- **Prayer Session:** Each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Special Occasion Room of the CARE building you are invited to come to pray for the needs of this congregation, as well as, the needs of others and our community.
- **Dominos:** Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the CARE building.
- **Ladies' Bible Class:** 1st & 3rd Thursdays each month in the CARE building at 9:30 a.m.
- **Ladies Devo & Prayer Time:** 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the CARE building.
- **Children's Church:** Children ages 2-5 will be dismissed to children's church during the song before the message each week.
- **Special Adoption:** Matthew and Tiffani Powell are raising funds to help with the adoption expenses of an Ethiopian child. You can still make a donation, please give it to Lisa Powell.
- **Tonight:** "Devoted", a singing group from Washington Street will be with us for evening worship. We will have a finger food fellowship in the CARE building following worship.
- **Ladies' Summer Class:** This class begins Wednesday, July 3, of this week. The study will be based on the book, *Made to Crave* by Lysa Terkeurst. .
- **EDM Meeting:** Next Sunday, July 7 at 5:00 p.m. in the CARE building. Malcom Grant will be the elder leading the meeting.
- **Unity Breakfast:** Tuesday, July 16 from 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. at Southside in the CARE building. This is set within this time frame to allow those in the work force to attend and still get to work on time. This is a great outreach to the community. Your support and presence are very needed and appreciated.

## Southside Members & family

Malcom Grant  
Jan Carter  
Ruth Carter  
Paul Pyles  
Robert Gordon  
Cassie Veasey  
Susan Bevell  
Sarah Robinson  
Frankie Marter  
Lindsey Barrett  
Jean McDonald  
Joe Carter  
Pearlene Fowler

Please help the office  
keep up-to-date with  
the removal or addition of  
names from this listing.  
We will try to go with a 3  
week rotation.



## Family, Friends, and More

Roy Creech  
Tommy McRee  
Sylvia Mims  
Weida Pyron  
Will Blaylock  
Jason Boyle  
Billy Gafford  
Ronnie Carson  
Kelsey Lott  
Stacy Hamilton  
Frank Bickell  
John Chambers  
Lauren Harris  
Wanda Ward  
Chaz Atkins  
Pamela Coker  
Dustin Lee  
Riley Lentz  
Ryan Williams

Donna Hester  
Bobbie Hester  
Betty Hester  
Richard Hunter  
Sue Galloway  
Ethan Hobson  
Myrtle McVey  
Carey Hinds  
Jean Rosemond  
Luke Massey  
Tut Drew  
Sam & Shirley Fowler  
Veronica Daly  
Keith Carter  
Mary Vent  
Frances Noblin  
Kim Daves  
Lindsey Fancher



## Special

Oma & Linda Knox  
Ben Wright  
Linda Gravelle  
Buddy Lee  
Tanner Williamson  
Emily Ferguson  
Tim Jones  
Eric Lammons  
Sue Climer  
A. E. Vance  
Earl Jones  
Eloise McDaniel  
Glenda Coleman  
L. C. Coleman  
Sheri Taylor  
Judy White  
Dr. Buddy Taylor

Our Schools: teachers,  
students, and  
administrators  
Brazil Missionaries:  
The Blumes  
Ansley Blume  
Sunnybrook children  
Sunnybrook staff  
Jail Ministry  
Community Leaders  
National Leaders  
Military Men &  
Women: (Colton  
Collins)  
Grenada City Council

## Welcome to Worship

Welcome to everyone! We are so glad you chose to worship with us this Lord's day. If you are visiting with us, you have a special invitation to come back and worship with us regularly. If you have questions about our congregation, any one of our leaders will be glad to talk with you.

### Nursery Attendants

June 30 - Lisa Powell & Jan Carter  
July 7 - Trebia Rodgers & Lauren Rodgers  
July 14 - Grace Carpenter & Bonnie Craven  
July 21 - Grace Grant & Valinda Smith

### Children's Church

June 30 - Sledge  
July 7 - Renfro  
July 14 - Grant  
July 21 - Cobb

### NA Refreshment Schedule

1st Tuesday - Sarah Robinson  
2nd Tuesday - Dot Craven or Grace Grant  
3rd Tuesday - Donna Gordon or Amanda Cobb  
4th Tuesday - Ruth Carter  
5th Tuesday - Jan Carter  
1st Friday - Meg Wood  
2nd Friday - Peggy Usery  
3rd Friday - Stefanie Holly  
4th Friday - Trish Hightower  
5th Friday - Melanie Harlow

### Make Use Of Our Outreach Efforts

#### Web Site

<http://www.sschurchofchrist.net>

**Give Away Your  
Church Bulletin**

## Today's Order Of Worship

### Family Matters

#### Call to Worship

*Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:11-14*

Hymn - How Great Is Our God

Hymn #278 - Victory Chant

Hymn #64 - I Worship You, Almighty God

#### Prayer

Hymn #195 - Behold the Lamb

#### The Lord's Supper

*Please hold the bread & the cup that we may partake as a family.*

Hymn #150 - Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain

Hymn - Revelation Song

#### Message

***Lesson Five: Worthy is the Lamb!***

#### Revelation 5

**Dr. Joey Gafford**

#### Heaven's Call

Hymn #113 - His Grace Reaches Me

#### Gifts of Love

Hymn #755 - God Be with You

#### Prayer

### About Our Bible Classes

**Bible Class** Adult classes: The Sunday morning adult class in the auditorium is studying the book of Romans. Listed below are the youth classes. Classes are meeting on Wednesday evening for 7th - 12th grade and for 1st - 6th grade.

**Teachers,** Lesson 287, Benjamin Defeated in Civil War, Judges 19 & 20, Sunday, June 30.

**Your** Lesson 288, Wives for the Men of Benjamin, Judges 21, Wed., July 3.

Lesson 289, Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth Widowed, Ruth 1, Sunday, July 7.

**Lesson** Lesson 290, Ruth Gleaned in Boaz's Field, Ruth 2, Wed., July 10.

Lesson 291, Ruth Went to Boaz at the Threshing Floor, Ruth 3, Sunday, July 14.

**Schedule** Lesson 292, Marriage of Boaz and Ruth, Ruth 4, Wed., July 17.

Lesson 293, Hannah Prayed for a Child, 1 Samuel 1-2:11, Sunday, July 21.