



# Sidelines

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## Southside

Church of Christ

3499 Commerce Street  
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## Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
(Closed Mondays & Fridays)

## Elders

Malcom Grant  
Lee Holly  
Raleigh Wood

## Minister

Dr. Joey Gafford

## Assembly Times

Sunday School - 10:00 A.M.  
Morning Worship - 10:45 A.M.  
Life Groups - Varied times  
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.



**CELL PHONES**

## 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 Joey Gafford 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."



Ecclesiastes 5:7b, NIV

## Finding Your Life's Purpose (1)

I have experienced my fair share of mid-life crises. Most of them have dealt, one way or the other, with finding my purpose in life. We all will reach a time when we realize our projected years are fewer than our past ones. In those moments we usually ask the same questions. “What have I done with my life?” “How can I find meaning and purpose?”

I have a understanding of the Christian response to this question, but I was curious as to the answers non-Christians might give. My findings ranged from the secularly practical to the absurd. My favorite absurd answer involved my birth date. I was instructed to take my birth date (12/5/1959) and add the numbers together  $12 + 5 + 1959 = 1976$ . Then add these numbers together  $1 + 9 + 7 + 6 = 23$ . Then add these together  $2 + 3 = 5$ . This gives me a birth path of 5. I was instructed to look up my birth path in their table.

My purpose then, according to the Kalabarian Society, is to live consistently with my birth path which is calculated from my birth date and mathematically compared to their data. Simple, precise, and vaguely accurate for me. However, the same could be said for the other 8 paths or any of today's horoscopes! I also submitted to their *first name analysis* with similarly vague results.

The secularly practical advice I received was only a little more helpful.

*(1) Take out a blank sheet of paper or open up a word processor. (2) Write at the top of the page, “What is my true purpose in life?” (3) Write an answer (any answer) that pops into your head. It doesn't have to be a complete sentence. A short phrase is fine. (4) Repeat step 3 until you write the answer that makes you cry. This is your purpose.*

According to this method, my purpose is life is what I “really” want to do with my life. Being moved emotionally is the key. If it moves me, it must be true. This answer is also vague and it adds emotional subjectivity and selfishness to the mix.

The question of purpose is not new a new one. People have been asking it for thousands of years. In fact, the Old Testament book of Ecclesiastes involves an entire search for meaning, and like my internet research, it also provides an answer. However, unlike my research, this conclusion is not secular, subjective, or absurd. It is biblical and Christian and the subject of my lesson today.

## Announcements / News / Events / Activities



**EDM Meeting:** Next Sunday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m. in the CARE building.

**Ladies' Valentine Devo:** Saturday, February 10 at 10:00 a.m.

**Winterfest, Feb. 16-18:** Just a reminder of the dates for this event.

**Attention Ladies:** Please remember to pick up a copy of the 2018 Activity Sheet on the table in the foyer.



### Family, Friends, and More



#### Southside Members & family

Bobby Robinson family  
Jo Ann Boswell  
Tina Gafford  
Elsie Ingram  
Coleman Ingram  
Lynn Johnson  
Corey Ferguson  
Raleigh Wood  
Susan Bevell  
Joshua Gafford  
Frankie Marter  
Dot Craven  
Wilma Harris  
Pearlene Fowler  
Billie White

**Please help the office  
keep up-to-date with the  
removal or addition of  
names from this listing.**

Amanda, Ketelyn, &  
Payton Odom  
Allison Shute  
Billy Wadell  
Norma Hubbard  
Debbie McCarter  
Kathy Pyles' dad  
Angela Mullen  
Jody Strider  
Linda Lehman  
Jerry Ferguson  
Taylor Gibbs  
Jerry Walton  
Daisy Isbell  
Mike Williams  
Terry Dent  
Ella Perry  
Jim Rials  
Robert Hughes  
Ivy Beth Lindsey  
Joshua Mullins  
Evelyn Arant  
Bill Still  
Judson Cravens  
Dottie Frye  
Brenda Hall  
Donna Staggs  
Jodi Bailey  
Marion Gafford  
David Hightower  
Jan Weise  
Julie Tipton  
Tiffany Smith

Geneva England  
Sadie Smith  
Nancy Phillips  
Riley Lentz  
Will Watson  
Gordon Arnold  
Tim Woods  
Elisha Archer  
James Thomas  
Cindy Carson  
Taylor  
Lisa Brasher  
Sylvia Lee  
Dusty McKibben.  
Wanda Singley  
Beth Hood  
Colby Lambert  
Carol Bassis  
Mike Pritchitt  
Thomas White  
Wanda Crawford  
Susan Vance  
Virginia White  
David Miller  
Julie Collier  
Kenny Mitchell  
Azalie Jones  
Leo Reyna  
Lee Counts  
Rusty Gurley  
Debbie Thomas  
James Perry  
Cindy Trussell  
Cherry Williams

Virginia Brown  
Brett Whitaker  
Ruby Zeulzer  
Ella Eli  
Manning Surrell  
Heather Oakes Wood  
Virginia Taylor  
Austin Pollan  
Clark family  
Bruce Dale Carter, Jr.

#### Special

Our Schools: Teachers,  
students and administrators  
College Students: Dane  
Bevell, Zach Williams,  
Alyssa McCaulla, Alex  
Ferguson, Lauren Rodgers,  
Robin Holly, Chris Holly,  
Joe Gafford, Joshua Gafford,  
Charles Williams, Emily  
Smith, Reiv Wood, Sydney  
Taylor, Marshall Taylor,  
Amie Powell, Chelsea  
Barrow, Katie Powell.  
Brazil Missionaries:  
Kevin Blume & family  
Sunnybrook children & staff  
Jail Ministry  
Military Men & Women  
(Kyle Fernandez)  
Grenada City Council  
President & current  
administration  
Kairos Ministry

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

The family of God at Southside extends our warmest greetings to all worshipers and especially to those who may be visiting with us today. Please note that our worship times are listed on the front of the bulletin.

### Nursery Attendants

Jan. 14 - Billie Faye Shute/Valinda Smith  
Jan. 21 - Jessica Boyle/Hallie Kerr  
Jan. 28 - Delight Osborne/Julia Parker

### Children's Bible Hour

Jan. 14 - Carpenter/Hannah  
Jan. 21 - Pierce/helper  
Jan. 28 - Renfros

### NA Refreshment Schedule

1st Tuesday - Grace Grant  
2nd Tuesday - Dot Craven  
3rd Tuesday - Donna Gordon /Amanda Cobb  
4th Tuesday - Julia Parker  
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>

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Family Matters

### Call to Worship

Scripture Reading - Ecclesiastes 12:13-14  
Hymn #66 - Doxology  
Hymn #71 - As the Deer  
Hymn #810 - Listen to Our Hearts

### Prayer

Hymn #417 - Where He Leads I'll Follow  
Hymn #622 - Ring Out the Message

### The Lord's Supper

(Please hold the emblems as we partake each as a family.)  
Hymn #328 - Wounded for Me

Hymn #552 - Have Thine Own Way  
Hymn #594 - Live for Jesus

### Message

***Finding Your Life's Purpose (1): Fear God***  
**Dr. Joey A. Gafford**

### Heaven's Call

Hymn #660 - People Need the Lord

### Gifts of Love

Hymn #123 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

### Prayer

### About Our Bible Classes

**Bible Class Teachers,** Adult classes: The Sunday morning adult class in the auditorium begins a study of Ephesians. Wednesday adult class continues a study of the book of Matthew. The High School class continues their studies on Wednesday. All other youth classes on Wednesdays will continue as usual.

**Your Lesson Schedule** Lesson 345, Paul Explained Why His Visit to Corinth Had Been Delayed, 2 Corinthians 1-2, Sunday, Jan. 14.  
Lesson 346, Paul's Fitness for the Task of Preaching, 2 Corinthians 3-4, Wed., Jan. 17.  
Lesson 347, Temporal and Eternal; Fear and Love; Believers and Unbelievers, 2 Corinthians 5-6, Sunday, Jan. 21.  
Lesson 348, Titus' Report Concerning the Corinthians; Giving, 2 Corinthians 7-9, Wed., Jan. 24.