



# 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.



## 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."



EPHESIANS 3:10, ESV

## **Finding Your Life's Purpose 5: Finding Our Purpose as a Church**

In recent weeks, we have been discussing our purpose in life as individuals. The church is composed of individuals who are doing their part in God's work.

**Ephesians 4:16** *From him **the whole body**, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, **grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.***

Obviously, spiritual and numerical growth are a part of this purpose as Paul comments above. However, there are other purposes that are associated with the church.

**Ephesians 3:10-11** *His intent was that now, **through the church**, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, <sup>11</sup> according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

In Ephesians 3, Paul declares that the church is responsible for declaring and demonstrating the "wisdom" of God to unseen spiritual forces. Our very existence and faithful obedience brings glory and praise to God even in the heavenly realms!

There are many such purpose statements in the Bible. However, Acts 2:42-47 describes the purpose of the church by relating what they did in the early days of the church.

Their purpose appears to fall into three distinct foci – *inward*, *outward*, and *upward*.

**Inward Focus.** The early church *devoted* themselves to the apostle's teaching, fellowship, and helping one another. These actions were focused inward toward the spiritual growth and development of the each other. Before the church can focus on others, it must focus on making the saved into disciples who are fully equipped to help others.

**Outward Focus.** The church also *devoted* themselves to helping others (outsiders) and declaring the gospel of Jesus. This was a church who realized the importance of the Great Commission. A church that does not look outward cannot be a church of Jesus Christ.

**Upward Focus.** Finally, they *devoted* themselves to praising God. Worship is at the heart of discipleship and evangelism. Our motivation for the spiritual development of ourselves and others grows from our devotion to God for all he has done for us.

## Announcements / News / Events / Activities



**EDM Meeting:** Next Sunday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the CARE building.

**Education Committee Meeting:** Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m. in the CARE building.

**Bridal Shower:** Sunday, February 25 at 2:30 p.m. for Audrey Floyd in the CARE building.

**Sunnybrook Easter Outing:** Sunday, March 25 following morning worship with a pot-luck meal and activities for the youth.

### Family, Friends, and More



#### Southside Members & family

Grace Grant  
Aubrey Carter  
Ruth Carter  
Rina Chaney  
Ron Boswell  
Jo Ann Boswell  
Tina Gafford  
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.**

Willie Jean Robinson  
Amanda, Ketelyn, &  
Payton Odom  
Allison Shute  
Billy Wadell  
Norma Hubbard  
Debbie McCarter  
Kathy Pyles' dad  
Reid 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  
Tiffany Smith  
Geneva England

Sadie Smith  
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  
James Perry  
Cindy Trussell  
Cherry Williams  
Virginia Brown  
Brett Whitaker  
Ruby Zeulzer  
Ella Eli



Manning Surrell  
Heather Oakes Wood  
Virginia Taylor  
Austin Pollan  
Bruce Dale Carter, Jr.  
Christina Osborne  
Jonathan Nobles  
Becky Fox  
Joan Sultan

#### 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

Feb. 11 - Chris Foreman/Kaitlin Renfro  
Feb. 18 - Donna Gordon/Shelia Williams  
Feb. 25 - Tammy Grant/Katie Powell

### Children's Bible Hour

Feb. 11 - Hollis  
Feb. 18 - Ellis/Ainsley  
Feb. 25 - Barretts

### 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 - Acts 2:42-47

Hymn - Let Us Worship

Hymn - Here I Am to Worship

Hymn #845 - Gentle Shepherd

### Prayer

Hymn #337 - Hallelujah! What a Savior

### The Lord's Supper

(Please hold the emblems as we partake each as a family.)

Hymn #83 - God Is So Good

Hymn - Wonderful Merciful Savior

### Message

*Finding Your Life's Purpose (5):  
Finding Our Purpose as a Church*  
**Dr. Joey A. Gafford**

### Heaven's Call

Hymn #76 - How Great Thou Art

### Gifts of Love

Hymn #18 - Faithful Love

### Prayer

## About Our Bible Classes

### Bible Class Teachers, Your Lesson Schedule

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.

Lesson 353, Freedom in Christ, Galatians 5-6, Sunday, Feb. 11.

Lesson 354, Gentiles in Sin and under God's Wrath; Jews in Sin and under God's Wrath, Acts 20:2b-3a; Romans 1-2, Wed., Feb. 14.

Lesson 355, How God Makes Men Righteous; Abraham, an Example of One Made Righteous by Faith, Romans 3-4, Sunday, Feb. 18.

Lesson 356, Free from Wrath; Free from Sin, Romans 5-6, Wed., Feb. 21.