



# Sidelines

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## Southside

Church of Christ

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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."



## Finding Your Life's Purpose 2: Love God

Last week we studied Solomon's search for meaning as recorded in Ecclesiastes. He pursued wisdom, folly, pleasure, achievements, success, possessions, and riches. However, he found all of this meaningless. The conclusion of the book gives us the ultimate answer to meaning in life: ***"Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."***

**What does it mean to "fear God?"** Martin Luther attempted to distinguish between servile fear and what he called filial fear. Servile fear holds one in bondage like a POW fearing torture. On the other hand, filial fear is similar to that of a child who has tremendous respect and love for his father or mother and who dearly wants to please them. "He has a fear or an anxiety of offending the one he loves, not because he's afraid of torture or even of punishment, but rather because he's afraid of displeasing the one who is, in that child's world, the source of security and love" (R. C. Sproul, ***What Does it Mean to Fear God?***

<http://www.ligonier.org/blog/what-does-it-mean-fear-god>). Much more could be said here, but *fearing God* provides the motivation behind the second purpose given.

**What does it mean to keep his commandments?** I could give the simple answer – obeying everything God tells you to do – but somehow, that alone, does not seem very helpful. Jesus was very practical when he was asked about the greatest command. He summarized the entire law and prophets as love for God and love for others (Matthew 22:36-40; a summary Paul repeated for Christian churches, Romans 13:6).

When looking for our purpose in life, i.e., fearing God and keeping his commands, we must conclude that this involves, at its very heart, loving God with our all and others. **In this lesson we will consider *loving God with our all*.** In the next lesson we will cover loving our neighbor.

Let me begin with this question,

***If you were standing before God, could you describe your relationship to him by saying, "I love you with all my heart and all my soul and all my mind and all my strength"?***

I believe many of us could describe our relationship by saying, "I serve Him" or "I worship Him" or even "I obey Him, but would not be able to say, "I love Him." This may be so due to a number of reasons – a distant earthly father, a legalistic religious background, or even a faulty view of God. I, myself, am not an emotional person by nature. I can see all three of these factors at work within me. Maybe you can too. My lesson today will explore both the command to love God and some practical ways we can come to love him more.

## Announcements / News / Events / Activities



**Bridal Shower:** Sunday, February 4 at 2:00 p.m. in the CARE building for Rachel Fletcher, bride-elect of Cameron Estey. She is registered at Bed, Bath and Beyond and Amazon.

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

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

**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

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.  
Christina Osborne

#### 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. 21 - Jessica Boyle/Hallie Kerr  
Jan. 28 - Delight Osborne/Julia Parker  
Feb. 4 - Amanda Cobb/Faye McGonagill  
Feb. 11 - Chris Foreman/Kaitlin Renfro

### Children's Bible Hour

Jan. 21 - Pierce/helper  
Jan. 28 - Renfros  
Feb. 4 - Grant  
Feb. 11 - Hollys

### 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 - Matthew 22: 36-40  
Hymn #779 - I Love You, Lord  
Hymn #718 - We Shall Assemble  
Hymn #153 - Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down  
Hymn #726 - Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

### Prayer

Hymn #31 - Be Still and Know

### The Lord's Supper

(Please hold the emblems as we partake each as a family.)  
Hymn #150 - Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain

Hymn #155 - Highest Place

### Message

### *Finding Your Life's Purpose (2):*

### *Love God*

**Dr. Joey A. Gafford**

### Heaven's Call

Hymn #907 - Hark the Gentle Voice

### Gifts of Love

Hymn #68 - Give Thanks

### Prayer

### About Our Bible Classes

**Bible Class** 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.

### Teachers,

### Your

### Lesson

### Schedule

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.

Lesson 349, Paul Defended His Apostleship, 2 Corinthians 10-11, Sunday, Jan. 28.

Lesson 350, Paul Was a True Apostle; Examine Yourself, 2 Corinthians 12-13, Wed., Jan. 31.

Lesson 351, Paul's Apostleship Was from God; Circumcision Verses Uncircumcision, Galatians 1-2, Sunday, Feb. 4.