



# 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.  
Evening Worship - 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.



## 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."



*The Christmas Truce*  
by David G. Stratman

From his book [\*We Can Change the World\*](#)

It was December 25, 1914, only 5 months into World War I. German, British, and French soldiers, already sick and tired of the senseless killing, disobeyed their superiors and fraternized with "the enemy" along two-thirds of the Western Front (a crime punishable by death in times of war). German troops held Christmas trees up out of the trenches with signs, "Merry Christmas."

"You no shoot, we no shoot." Thousands of troops streamed across a no-man's land strewn with rotting corpses. They sang Christmas carols, exchanged photographs of loved ones back home, shared rations, played football, even roasted some pigs. **Soldiers embraced men they had been trying to kill a few short hours before. They agreed to warn each other if the top brass forced them to fire their weapons, and to aim high.**

A shudder ran through the high command on either side. Here was disaster in the making: soldiers declaring their brotherhood with each other and refusing to fight. Generals on both sides declared this spontaneous peacemaking to be treasonous and subject to court martial. By March 1915 the fraternization movement had been eradicated and the killing machine put back in full operation. By the time of the armistice in 1918, fifteen million would be slaughtered.

Not many people have heard the story of the Christmas Truce. On Christmas Day, 1988, a story in the *Boston Globe* mentioned that a local FM radio host played "Christmas in the Trenches," a ballad about the Christmas Truce, several times and was startled by the effect. **The song became the most requested recording during the holidays in Boston on several FM stations.** "Even more startling than the number of requests I get is the reaction to the ballad afterward by callers who hadn't heard it before," said the radio host. "They telephone me deeply moved, sometimes in tears, asking, 'What did I just hear?' "

You can probably guess why the callers were in tears. The Christmas Truce story goes against most of what we have been taught about people. It gives us a glimpse of the world as we wish it could be and says, "This really happened once." It reminds us of those thoughts we keep hidden away, out of range of the TV and newspaper stories that tell us how trivial and mean human life is. It is like hearing that our deepest wishes really are true: the world really could be different.

## Announcements / News / Events / Activities



**Sunday, December 24:** We will not meet for evening worship.

**Sunday, December 31:** Regularly scheduled Bible Class and worship service. Also, a New Year's Eve Singing at 6:00 p.m.

**Life Groups Renewed:** Sunday evening, January 7 we will meet in the CARE building for a fellowship meal to restart these groups.

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



### Family, Friends, and More



#### Southside Members & family

Jo Ann Boswell  
Bobby Robinson  
Tina Gafford  
Elsie Ingram  
Coleman Ingram  
Lynn Johnson  
Corey Ferguson  
Jeremy 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  
Oma Knox  
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  
Marty Beth Perez  
& baby  
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

#### 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

Dec. 24 - Carolyn Ferguson/Tammy Grant  
Dec. 31 - Melanie Harlow/Stefanie Holly  
Jan. 7 - Misty Montgomery/Kathy Pyles  
Jan. 14 - Billie Faye Shute/Valinda Smith

### Children's Bible Hour

Dec. 24 - Donna Gordon/helper  
Dec. 31 - Wood/Lane  
Jan. 7 - Cobb/ Kate  
Jan. 14 - Carpenter/Hannah

### 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 - Marie Lane  
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

Hymn #1012 - Go Tell It on the Mountain  
Hymn #1001 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
Hymn #1002 - Angels We Have Heard on High

### Prayer

Hymn #999 - The First Noel  
Hymn #1003 - Silent Night

### The Lord's Supper

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

Hymn #363 - Breath of Heaven

Hymn #995 - It Came upon the Midnight Clear  
Hymn #1028 - O Holy Night

### Message

**Guest Speaker: Chase Surrell**

### Heaven's Call

Hymn #997 - O Come All Ye Faithful

### Gifts of Love

Hymn #1005 - Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

### 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 339, Marriage; Meat Sacrificed to Idols, 1 Corinthians 7-8, Sunday, Dec. 24.  
Lesson 340, Paul's Apostleship; Christian Liberty, 1 Corinthians 9-10, Wed., Dec. 27.  
Lesson 341, Women; The Lord's Supper; Spiritual Gifts, 1 Corinthians 11-12, Sunday, Dec. 31.  
Lesson 342, Superiority of Love; Prophecy and Tongues; Orderliness of Worship, 1 Corinthians 13-14, Wed., Jan. 3.  
Lesson 343, The Resurrection; Final Remarks, 1 Corinthians 15-16, Sunday, Jan. 7.  
Lesson 344, The Riot at Ephesus; Paul Left Ephesus for Macedonia, Acts 19:21-20:2, Wed., Jan. 14.