

# Welcome to South Side!

*Please take a moment and fill out this card. Detach and place in The offering plate. Thank you*

Are you currently involved in a church?  
 Phone  Email  Regular Mail  
 I prefer not to be contacted, thank you.

We would like to contact you to see if there is anything we can do for you, or any questions we can answer regarding our church or the Gospel. Which means of contact do you prefer?

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Reflections

*Thoughts About the Word & Our Lives in Christ*

## Westminster Larger Catechism Question 74

**Q /** What is adoption?

**A /** Adoption is an act of the free grace of God, (1 John 3:1) in and for his only Son Jesus Christ, (Eph. 1:5, Gal. 4:4-5) whereby all those that are justified are received into the number of his children, (John 1:12) have his name put upon them, (2 Cor. 6:18) the Spirit of his Son given to them, (Gal. 4:6) are under his fatherly care and dispensations, (Ps. 103:13, Matt. 6:32) admitted to all the liberties and privileges of the sons of God, made heirs of all the promises, and fellow-heirs with Christ in glory. (Heb. 6:12, Rom. 8:17)

*How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 1 John 3:1*

*He predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—Ephesians 1:5*

*But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Galatians 4:4-5*

*Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— John 1:12*

*"I will be a Father to you, you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty." 2 Corinthians 6:18*

*Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." Galatians 4:6*

*As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; Psalm 103:13*

*For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. Matthew 6:32*

*We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised. Hebrews 6:12*

*Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:17*

*"...shine like stars in the universe as you hold out the word of life." Philipians 2:15-16*

**Morning Worship Service**  
 August 30, 2009

**Adopted as Sons**  
 Pastor Mike Brown

**South Side Bible Church**



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# Order of Worship

## Prelude ~

## Opening Hymn ~ *Paul Tice*

The God of Abraham Praise (#23)

## Welcome and Announcements ~ *Pastor Mike*

## Offering ~

## Hymns of Worship ~

All That Thrills my Soul (#511)

Love Lifted Me (#508)

## Morning Prayer ~ *Pastor Mike*

## Scripture Reading ~ *Garett Stampfler*

## Message from God's Word ~ *Pastor Mike Brown*

Adopted as Sons

(Romans 8:15-30)

## Closing Hymn ~

I'd Rather Have Jesus (#506)

Join us today at 4pm for the Baptism Service at Gull Lake!

## Join Us Next Sunday Morning...

*Overwhelming Conquerors*

Pastor Mike Brown

**I**t is our joy and pleasure to welcome you and your family to our *family*—the South Side Bible Church. It is our prayer that you might find a home here, and that through our ministries, whether they be for adults, children or youth, you would grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. We are here to help you become His disciples—people who follow Him and listen to His voice.

We fully understand that *the church* is much more than mortar and brick, pew and hymnal. Those physical things are what make up a facility. The church is truly God's people, called out of the world in order to make a new family, a new place in which we can grow and mature as we ought. Paul stated in his treatise on the church that we ought...

*"...prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13)*

We sincerely hope that you experience this at South Side. If we can help you in any way, please do not hesitate to call.

— Pastors Mike Brown  
& Rick McNally

## The South Side Bible Church is...

**Bible Focused** — We believe that scripture alone is our authority for faith and practice. We strive to focus on the scriptures in our services, in our Sunday School classes, and other ministries.

**Christ Centered** — Our devotion, worship and attention is centered on Jesus Christ, who is Savior, Lord, Teacher and Friend. We believe that we are called to put our faith in Christ, then through the ministries of His Spirit, Word and Church to become His followers and disciples.

**Evangelical** — We believe in the need for each person to find peace with God through the message of the Gospel, to establish and maintain a relationship with Him by grace through faith in Christ Jesus.

**Servant Led** — We believe that servant hood is the proper attitude of leadership. Leaders are to follow the example of Christ—the ultimate Servant. As elders, deacons and pastors his leaders in his church need to be examples of Biblical submission in the body of Christ.

**IFCA Affiliated** — Although we are an independent congregation (locally led and organized) we are affiliated with the IFCA International. For more information on the IFCA, visit their website. [www.ifca.org](http://www.ifca.org)

# Keep Us Informed!

*Use this form to let the staff know of any prayer requests, or changes of personal info (phone, email, etc.).*

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request or Information  
(please print below)



## Sermon Notes

**Adopted as Sons**  
Pastor Mike Brown  
*August 30, 2009*

have 50's games & you can dress in 50's outfits. The cost is \$2/person (\$8/family) as food will be provided. Please sign up on sheet in foyer.

**Children's Choir** will be starting this fall for children K-6th grade. We will meet Sundays at 6:00pm. More details coming soon, but we encourage you to involve your children in this fun opportunity.

**Sound System**—the deacons selected Kent Clayton to work with several companies to purchase a new sound system using a recent gift to the church. We purchased 2 new speakers, all new wiring (from the sound board to the platform), a Williams Sound System which provides small and discreet amplifier units for those having difficulty hearing (speak to someone on the sound system to get one), a new pulpit microphone, and CD recorder and duplicator. We can record and duplicate CDs of services, so if you know someone who would like to receive a CD, speak to Pastor Rick. Thanks Kent for a great job!

### **New Address for Simone Yousef—**

Letters: CPO 1662, P.O. Box 10064  
Chicago, IL 60610  
Packages: CPO 1662, 820 N. LaSalle  
Blvd., Chicago, IL 60610  
Phone Number: 312-329-2829

(Prayer Requests Continued)

**Bonnie Oppert** — Ed Petersen's niece has leukemia and will have a bone marrow transplant. Her husband Steve is now diagnosed with lymphoma and on chemo. They have 2 homeschooled children.

### **Marcia Odenbach**—and her husband

David are friends of the Tutties. In 2008 Marcia had surgery to remove a tumor on the left side of her brain. Last May growth was detected. She's been on a variety of medications and chemo but in early July side-effects of the new medication and/or the tumor's growth set-in and she's had loss of function in her right leg and arm. A recent MRI shows the tumor still growing. Pray for healing, and quality of life.

**Congratulations** to Dianna Coss on the birth of her grandson, Braden Jackson Myers. Braden was born Aug. 25th, weighed 7lbs 1oz and was 20" long. Proud parents are Steve and Michelle Myers.

### **Ladies' Tuesday Evening Bible Study** —

Our next study will be Sept 1st. We meet from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm.

### **Ladies Daytime Bible Study** will begin on

Wednesdays starting Sept. 9th. We are studying the Kings and the Prophets, a Precept study. This year we will go through the major and minor prophets. The study begins at 1:00, but those interested can come at 12:15 and bring a sack lunch and visit together. If you would like to join us, please let Cindy Brown know and she will get you the materials. Babysitting is provided.

Our **AWANA** club will start Sept.

14th. The time is from 6:00-8:00pm. It is a fun night of games, Scripture memory, singing and a Bible lesson. The name AWANA comes from II Tim. 2:15 — Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed and the focus is on "teaching boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him." Bring your children and their friends for a good time and challenge. If you are interested in helping with AWANA or would like more information, please see Cindy Brown. There will be a leader training meeting on Sept. 10 from 6:30-7:30pm.

### **Baby Shower** —All the ladies of the

church are invited to a Baby Shower welcoming Awbree Summers on Sept. 24th at 7:00pm. We will be "showering" her with children's books. Each of us has a favorite book we read to our children, so come out for a time of encouragement for mom Amie, and to meet little Awbree.

### **Baptism Service** — We will have a bap-

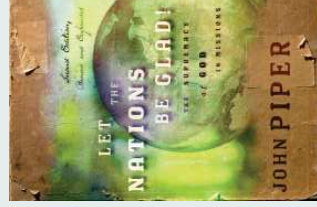
tism service today at 4pm at Gull Lake Ministries.

**Promotion Sunday** will be September 6th.

**All-Church "50's" Picnic** — will be held after the morning service Sept. 6. We'll

# Announcements

## Missionary Focus



Those who Signed out Copies of the  
Let the Nations Be Glad Book!

Hope you are enjoying it!

Please turn in the books that were  
loaned out so others can read the  
book too!



## SSBC Sunday School — 9:30am Sundays

Nursery — Peggy Gordon  
 2's & 3's — Chris & Tina Brown  
 4's & 5's — Cathy de Jong  
 1-3rd Grade — Joy Newby  
 4-6th Grade — Megan de Jong Snyder

Jr. & Sr. High — Rick McNally  
 College & Career — Larry Gordon  
 Young Adults — Rich de Jong  
 Adult #1 — Pastor Mike Brown  
 Adult #2 — Naz Yousef & Steve Snyder

*Most classes located downstairs (Adult #2 in Sanctuary) & Youth in Gym*

**Student Ministries**  
 Middle / High School / College  
 Wednesdays 6:30-8pm



**Young Men's Bible Study Group** — to be announced.  
**Youth Group** — Student Planning Meeting (all invited) Wed., September 2nd, 6:30-7:30pm.  
**2009-2010 Youth Group.** Begin with us anew! Fall Kickoff, September 9th.  
 No Youth Group September 16th.



**Bible Club! Fun & Learning**  
 for 3 year olds-6th Grade  
**Mondays 6-8pm (school year)**

- ◆ There will be an AWANA leader training meeting on Sept. 10 from 6:30-7:30pm.
- ◆ Our First Club will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>! Put it on the calendar! 6-8pm!

## Our Ministries

## Fellowship Notes

### THIS WEEK —

**Today (8/30) ~ 9:30am** Sunday School, 10:45am Morning Worship Service, 4pm Baptism Service @ Gull Lake

**Tues (9/1) ~ 6:30pm** Ladies Bible Study

**Wed (9/2) ~ 6:30pm** Planning Meeting for Youth Group

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Sun (8/30)** Jay Liebrandt

**Wed (9/2)** Dennis & Alesa McFall

**Thu (9/3)** Andy Sheldon, Jared Sheldon

**Fri (9/4)** Amie Summers, Rick Dosh, Evan Sumpter

**Sat (9/5)** Richard & Cathy de Jong, Sheldon Ashley

**Next Week ~** Bev Liebrandt

### 10:45AM NURSERY —

**Today ~** Tammy Wilhelm, Heather Newby

**Next Week ~** Alesa McFall, Carissa Drum

### SOUND SYSTEM —

**Today ~** Danny Layton

**Next Week ~** Grayson Hargus

### COMMUNION —

**Next Week (am) ~** Cathy de Jong

### USHER SCHEDULE —

**August ~** Jon Powers/Terry Hill

**September ~** Jim Hall/Jerry Harper

### FINANCIAL —

**Weekly BGT** \$4,006.56

**August 2** \$5,019.92

**August 9** \$3,005.40

**August 16** \$2,342.81

**August 23** \$4,128.01

### FACILITY CLEANING —

**Sept 5 ~** McNally/Liebrandt

**Sept 12 ~** Potter

### PRAYER CLOSET —

**Today ~** Dennis & Alesa McFall



**Our Servicemen & Women** — Brandon de Jong, Joe & Andy Layton, Zac Hall, Tena Auton, Daniel Kennett, Matt Gordon, Jim Hall & Heidi Fouty.

**Carissa Drum** — diagnosed with Scheuermann's kyphosis: (curved spine) & has to wear a brace for a year. Pray cyst on her spine is benign or gone at next MRI & that no further surgery is needed.

**Jenae Drum** — scheduled for gall bladder surgery September 21. Pray for wisdom that this is the right treatment for Jenae as her symptoms are lessening.

**Birgitt Humphery** — Her dad and mom both have pancreatic cancer

and are on chemo. They live in Germany.

**Shirley Townsend** — Mark Townsend's mother. Pray for Shirley who is having shoulder problems and may require surgery soon.

**Smalls** — are in urgent need of additional financial support for their ministry.

**Danette Wilkins' Dad** — has lung cancer. Doctors put a stent in his heart at the time of surgery & his cancer surgery was postponed for 3 months. Pray the cancer doesn't grow during this waiting period.

## Prayer Requests