

# 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?  
 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?  
 Phone  Email  Regular Mail  Personal Visit  I prefer not to be contacted, thank you.

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Reflections

*Thoughts About the Word & Our Lives in Christ*

## Be Like Jesus

*The purpose of the devotions this week (on MAP 2009) is to encourage you to see Jesus as he truly is, and that you might both respect him for who he is, and also want to emulate him. We emulate or "begin to look like, act like, be like" those that we respect or cherish.*

*I remember looking at the handwriting of one man years ago and saying I want to have an interesting handwriting too. So I began developing my own style through college (remember my college notes) and when I'm not in a flaming fury of a hurry, my handwriting is what it is because of that respect for that one individual.*

*With Jesus this is taken to another level. I want you to understand the most difficult thing about emulating Jesus is that he is on one level, not easy (nay, impossible) to emulate.*

*We cannot hope to come close to "being like Jesus is" on one particular level. I mean this — that as we look at "the man who never sinned," we as reprobate sinners have a difficult time accomplishing the sinless goal. It is like a small candle looking at the light of the*

*sun saying "I'm just like the sun." Yes... and no.*

*I think this is why I have over the years, at different times, focused on Paul as an example to follow, or Peter, or John or whoever. They are approachable and obviously human in their successes and failures. Jesus is a different kind of man, of different origins, of different character, of different intelligence, unique in all the cosmos.*

*But the New Testament calls us to emulate him, to look to him as the profound example of godliness that he is. What makes this possible is the gift of Grace. Perhaps we will better understand this at the end of the week!*

*Simone Yousef mentioned to me a few weeks ago (when we were talking about her doing music for MAP 2009) an idea for the MAP devotions that went kind of like this: We sometimes try to act and be like Christians, but we rarely try to be like Jesus. Jesus should be our focus and not simply Christians. I think this is a good way to look at it, and Jesus ought to be our focus on this earth. I wholeheartedly agree.*

*One caveat would be, however, the Word does encourage us to follow and emulate Godly people we have seen, sometimes this is written "Follow me as I follow Christ." This reminds us to follow Godly examples in people's lives that we see, but there is no perfect example but Christ himself. So let us look to Jesus together as a group of friends this week.*  
 — Pastor Rick

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

South Side Bible Church

Morning Worship Service  
 August 9, 2009

Dead to Sin, Alive to God  
 Pastor Mike Brown

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# Order of Worship

**Prelude** ~

**Opening Hymn** ~ *Steve Snyder*  
Rejoice the Lord is King (#370)

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ *Pastor Mike*

**Offering** ~

**Just for Kids** ~ *Larry Gordon*

**Hymns of Worship** ~  
As the Deer (#548)  
We Bow Down (#154)

**Morning Prayer** ~ *Pastor Mike*

**Message from God's Word** ~ *Pastor Mike Brown*  
Dead to Sin, Alive to God  
(Romans 6:1-23)

**Benediction** ~ *Pastor Mike*

Join us for Bible Study and music tonight!

**Join Us Next Sunday Morning...**

*Christians and the Law*  
Pastor Mike Brown



It 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 Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure 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)

**Ladies' Tuesday Evening Bible Study** — Our next study will be August 18th. We meet from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm.

**Congratulations** — to Brian & Amie Summers for the safe arrival of their daughter Awbree Anna (8lb 2oz) on August 4th.

**Ladies Ensemble** — Anyone interested in singing in a Ladies Ensemble please contact Renee Hill or Ruth Yousef.

**Baptism Service** — We will have a baptism service on Aug. 30th at 4pm at Gull Lake Ministries.

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

#### **New Address for Miriam**

**Gordon**—  
7 Varsity View Court  
Apt. 20C  
Sippy Down, Queensland  
Australia 4556

#### **Upcoming Events** —

8/30, 4pm Baptism Service (@ Gull Lake)  
9/6, 12:30pm All Church Picnic

**Bulletin Announcements** — Please have any announcements for the bulletin to Pastor Rick by Wednesday mornings.

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(Prayer Requests Continued)

**Bonnie Opper** — Ed Petersen's niece has leukemia and will have a

bone marrow transplant. Her husband Steve now diagnosed with lymphoma and on chemo. They have 2 homeschooled children.

**Stephen Yousef** — Stephen's hemoglobin counts continue to rise. Thanks for praying.

**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.

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

**Joe Layton's brother, Bill** — was admitted to the hospital with a massive blood clot in his leg. Bill is an unbeliever but seeking God.

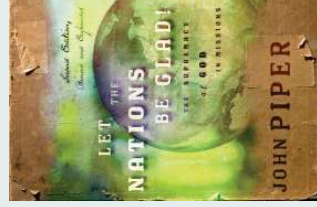
## Announcements

## Sermon Notes

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## Missionary Focus

**Missions Challenge: Let the Nations be Glad** — The missions committee is encouraging our congregation to read the book "Let the Nations Be Glad" by John Piper. This book is a wonderful book on Missions, and will encourage you as well as challenge you to be interested in the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Please take one of our 7 library copies out today, bring it back when you are through so others can enjoy this 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

*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** — no young men's Bible study tonight.

**Youth Group** — no youth group this week, students are at Gull Lake Ministries on their Summer Mission Trip.



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

**Summer Memory Verse Review**

John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life...

## Our Ministries

## Fellowship Notes

**THIS WEEK** —  
**Today (8/9)** ~ 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45am Morning Worship Service, 6pm Evening Worship Service  
**Sun-Fri (8/9-14)** ~ Youth at Gull Lake (Map 09)

**August** ~ Jon Powers/Terry Hill

**September** ~ Jim Hall/Jerry Harper

**FINANCIAL** —

**Weekly BGT** \$4,006.56

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**BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sun (8/9)** Danyel Fuller

**Mon (8/10)** Keith & Celeste Small

**FACILITY CLEANING** —

**Aug 15** ~ Newby/Liebrandt

**Aug 22** ~ Clayton/Walters

**PRAYER CLOSET** —

**Today** ~ Ruth Yousef

**Next Week** ~ Renee Hill

**10:45AM NURSERY** —

**Today** ~ Irene Gillette, Rochelle Hawes

**Next Week** ~ Lori Drum, Jenae Drum



**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) & wearing 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** — scope went well, no signs of ulcers or any other major problems. They did take several biopsies, results pending. U of M suggested that they follow up with a surgeon at Bronson regarding her gall bladder.

**Bill Peacock** — had surgery to reduce 3 discs in his lower back. Pray as he is still experiencing some pain.

**Birgitt Humphery** — Her dad in Germany has pancreatic cancer and on chemo therapy. Now her mother also has pancreatic cancer, and is even farther along than her dad. Her heart is weak so they will give her a pacemaker then start chemo, the prognosis is not good.

**Shirley Townsend** — Mark Townsend's mother is now home from hospital after having gall stones removed July 30. Her pneumonia is clear & antibiotics are helping the infection. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

## Prayer Requests