

Order of Worship

Prelude ~

Opening Hymns ~ *Pastor Rick*
Father, I Adore You (#191)
Be Thou My Vision (#562)

Welcome and Announcements ~ *Pastor Rick*

Morning Offering ~

Hymns of Worship ~
Here Am I (#323)
The Love of God (#157)

Just for Kids ~ *Nick Gillette*

Morning Prayer ~ *Naz Yousef*

Message from God's Word ~

Abraham: A Picture of Righteousness (Romans 4:1-25)
Pastor Mike Brown

Closing Hymn ~

When the Role is Called Up Yonder (#774)

Come out tonight to hear from Keith and Celeste Small our missionaries from England. We'll have an ice cream fellowship following the service, each family is asked to bring their favorite topping!

Join Us Next Sunday Morning...

While We Were Sinners, Christ Died for Us
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

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 July 21st. We meet from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm.

Elaine Hoy—please help us move Elaine on Saturday, July 25th from 9am till noon. We will be helping move Elaine from Climax area to Battle Creek area. Please call Pastor Rick or Pastor Mike if you would like to help.

Vacation Bible School — this week, Monday—Friday, 9 am—11:30pm. Please keep the children in your prayers as their learn about God. .

MAP 2009—Looks like we are on for Gull Lake MAP 2009, August 8-16th.

Mission Trip—Lauren and Allie Dahl are going with some teens from their church on a two week mission trip July 14-28 to Medgidia, which is by the Black Sea. This part of Romania has a very high population of gypsies, Turks, and Muslims. They will be working with Christians from Medgidia as well as meeting with an Irish team to do VBS for the kids and possibly help with school lessons, repairs in the church, sports, games, and maybe some street evangelism. They would like prayer for this trip especially for communicating with the Romanians, that the group would work well together, for health and strength and open hearts for the people there.

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

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

(Prayer Requests Continued)

Bonnie Opper—Ed Petersen's niece has leukemia. She is resting to get her strength for her bone marrow transplant. Her husband Steve has now been diagnosed with lymphoma and is now on chemo treatments. They would like prayer for both of them in the days ahead especially for wisdom for their two children who are homeschooled. They do not know what to do about this next school year for them.

Danette Wilkins' Dad — has lung cancer. Instead of removing the nodule doctors found it necessary to put a stent in his heart at the time of surgery. His cancer surgery is postponed for 3 months. Pray for his recovery & that the cancer doesn't grow during this waiting period.

Steven Yousef—Steven was released from the hospital Tuesday, so he can go home and do nothing, as opposed to doing nothing in the hospital. His hemoglobin count has risen to 8, which is still low, and he will have to do blood work every day or so until they can see that it is still rising. Please pray for Steven and Tara (only been married a month) through this difficult time for them.

Shirley Townsend—Mark Townsend's mother has been in Battle Creek Health System since last Sunday. She was diagnosed as "septic" and also has pneumonia.

Announcements

Sermon Notes

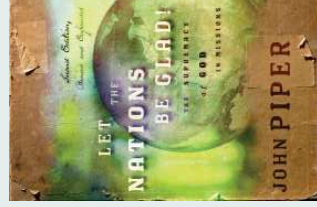
Abraham: A Picture of Righteousness

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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.



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) _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State/Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____

Reflections

Thoughts About the Word & Our Lives in Christ

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The Saint and the Sinner
Luke 7:36-50
 Though we are not saved by our own "good" works, there are a couple of things we must do to be saved. We must recognize that we are a sinner in need of a savior, and we must accept the salvation Jesus offers. Upon salvation, we are changed from a sinner in to a saint.

Once upon a time, a Pharisee, intrigued by Jesus' message, invited Him to dinner. The Bible doesn't say what his motives were, whether he was trying to impress Jesus, or to size Him up, but the fact that he is identified as a Pharisee means he is religious and respected as a spiritual leader by society. In fact, he is considered a "saint," perceived to be more godly than the average person.

An uninvited woman comes in, having a bad reputation and known around town as a "sinner." She understands the situation much better than the Pharisee however. Recognizing her need for a savior, she apparently has accepted the forgiveness Jesus offers, and out of gratitude washes Jesus' feet with her tears, and wipes them with her

The Pharisee, by contrast, believes his stature, works, and righteousness will guarantee God's approval, and mentally condemns Jesus for allowing such a woman to touch Him. Without faith in the Messiah sitting right in front of him, believing himself to be a saint, he is, in reality, a sinner. To the woman, Jesus says, "Your sins are forgiven. Your faith has saved you. Go in peace." She is transformed into a saint.

We are all sinners, of course, and we all need a Savior. A major barrier to our being saved is comparing ourselves to others, gauging our sin level by the sin levels of other people. We tend to think we're ok if we sin less than so-and-so. But God will not be comparing us to other people, He will be comparing us to Himself, to His own righteousness and perfection.

Perhaps the woman was so thankful because she recognized the enormity of sin in general, and her personal sin in particular. She also recognized the willingness of Jesus to save her, and the full magnitude of what that meant. Condemned completely by society, she is nevertheless reconciled and fully acceptable to God. "Go in peace," Jesus said.

What an interesting twist on the story; the "sinner" is the saint, and the "saint" is the sinner.

-Cathleen Liebrandt

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

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Morning Worship Service
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SSBC Sunday School — 9:30am Sundays

Nursery — Peggy Gordon
 2's & 3's — Cindy Brown
 4's & 5's — Cathy de Jong
 1-3rd Grade — Joy Newby
 4-6th Grade — Megan de Jong
 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 — Come out tonight to hear from Keith and Celeste Small our missionaries from England. There will be a social time before or after the service too. TBA!

Youth Group — Wednesday, 6 - 8pm @ McNally's. Gull Lake MAP 2009, August 8-16th. Mark it on your calendars.



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

Summer Memory Verse Review

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Our Ministries

Fellowship Notes

FACILITY CLEANING —

July 25 ~ Potter
Aug 1 ~ Brown/Snyder

PRAYER CLOSET —

Today ~ Roy Hawes
Next Week ~ Cindy Brown

10:45AM NURSERY —

Today ~ Amy Layton/Rachel McFall
Next Week ~ Brenda Hall/Miriam Gordon

SOUND SYSTEM —

Today ~ Danny Layton
Next Week ~ Grayson Hargus

USHER SCHEDULE —

July ~ Jerry Gillette/Jw Harper
August ~ Jon Powers/Terry Hill

FINANCIAL —

Weekly BGT \$4,006.56
 July 5 \$4,256.11
 July 12 \$2,906.00

THIS WEEK —

Today (7/19) ~ 9:30am Sunday School, 10:45am Morning Worship Service, 6pm Evening Service (Keith Small)

Monday—Friday ~ 9am Vacation Bible School

Mon (7/20) ~ 6:15pm Men's Softball vs Victory Life @ Pennfield Field

Tue (7/21) ~ 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study

Wed (7/22) ~ 6-8pm Youth Group at the McNally's

Thu (7/16) ~ 9am Youth Group/VBS Decoration Day, 6:30pm Council Meeting

BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

Sun (7/19) Megan de Jong

Mon (7/20) Dan & Deidre Cross

Tues (7/21) Amy Layton

Wed (7/22) Deidre Cross, Renee Hawes, Elise Hill, Tom Hill

Fri (7/24) Amigrace Fuller, Keith Small

Prayer Requests

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

Michelle Ostergren — Passed away June 14. Pray for her family, especially Tim, Brad & Rachel.

Evan Sumpter — Praise, his sternum is healing without surgery! That's good news!

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 — scope went well, no signs of ulcers or any other major problems. The y 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 back in Germany has Pancreatic Cancer. She will be travelling to Germany on the 27th of June.

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

