

# Order of Worship

Prelude ~

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

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ *Jim Hall*

**Morning Prayer** ~ *Pastor Rick*

**Morning Offering** ~

**Missions Moment** ~

**Hymns of Worship** ~

You're Reasonable Service (Reading #679)  
We are an Offering (#678)

**Message from God's Word** ~

The Fellowship of the Sufferings of Christ  
*Pastor Rick McNally*

**Closing Hymn** ~

Faith is the Victory (#727)

**Evening Service:** We will be meeting at South Side Bible Church for a wonderful time of music and finger food fellowship to follow. (Our scheduled event at Battle Creek Bible has been postponed.)

## Join Us Next Sunday Morning...

*The Book of Romans (Introduction)*  
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 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 servanthood 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)



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

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

# Reflections

*Thoughts About the Word & Our Lives in Christ*

## God's Transforming Power

Cathleen Liebrandt

In American suburbia, it's difficult to imagine a church made up of people like those in the Corinthian Church. The Corinthian Church was made up of former prostitutes, drunkards, thieves, and idolaters, among other things. The average American church is full of cleaned up, sanitized, and homogenized people. We rarely even discuss our pre-salvation lives. The ancient world knew that "to live like a Corinthian", was to live a debauched lifestyle, but the Grace of God caught hold mightily in this city (Acts 18:8), and many people left the "Corinthian" lifestyle, and became members of the newly forming Church.

God's transforming power changes people, sometimes in immediate ways, but usually over time. Sometimes old habits are hard to break, but the Bible continually reminds us that we are new creations (2 Cor. 5:17), and that we are becoming more like Christ. While we are in this body, we are still "human", but we must break the habits of sin, and

learn to function together. We are sinful people on a journey of growth and transformation (Rom. 8:29), all with the same destination (Phil. 3:20). No wonder the Corinthian Church had such monumental problems.

The example of the Corinthian Church was not to point out specific sins, but to demonstrate that we are really one body, made up of many different members (1 Cor. 12:12), each with different gifts (1 Cor. 12:4). Out of our love for Christ, and as a demonstration to unbelievers, we need to work together. The greatest hindrance to unbelievers, is the poor conduct of Believers.

I feel blessed to belong to a congregation where there is not a lot of bickering or backbiting. We support each other through prayer and encouragement. This congregation is dedicated to studying God's Word and living it out. "(I) give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing, your work of faith in the sight of God, our Father (Thess. 1:23).

*"...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

May 31, 2009

## The Fellowship of the Sufferings of Christ

*Pastor Rick McNally*

South Side Bible Church



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**Ladies' Wednesday Bible Study** — join us at 12:30 pm for lunch or at 1 pm for study. This will be our last week until we resume in the fall.

**Ladies' Tuesday Evening Bible**

**Study** — Our next study will be June 9th. We meet from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm.

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

**Fifth Sunday Sing** — Our service tonight at Battle Creek Bible Church has been cancelled due to unforeseen scheduling problems (not ours!): (We'll try again sometime soon.) However, we have a lot of people who have worked very hard preparing for the evening and we aren't going to let their efforts go to waste. Come back tonight for a wonderful evening of music right here at home. We'll also have a fellowship time afterwards, so bring your favorite finger foods, your friends & family.

**Michelle Ostergren** — there is a box in the foyer for donations to "Michelle's Garden". Also please check the counter in the kitchen for dishes or items taken to the Ostergren's and make sure you get yours back.

**Food and drink in the auditorium**—

Please remember that food and drinks should be consumed downstairs and properly disposed of before coming into the auditorium during Sunday School or worship services. Thank you for your help in this matter.

**Vacation Bible School** — please consider volunteering for VBS the week of July 20-24th. Talk with Julie Fuller or Pastor Rick for details.

**Hickory Corners Bible Church**— have invited us to a Saturday night sing June 13 at 6:30. There is a potluck beforehand. Bring your family and have a great time praising the Lord together!

**Cliff & Dinah Vaden**—have new phone numbers, please update your records. Home: 269-967-7497 and Cell: 269-967-7496.

**Ladies Day @ Gull Lake Conference Center**—Tuesday, June 16th. Interested ladies need to sign up on the sheet in the back, cost for the day is \$25. Questions, see Cindy Brown.

**Thank you**—I would like to thank my church family for all the prayers, love and concern shown to me and my family in Ed's passing. The love of Christ was greatly demonstrated by those who came to the hospital, called, sent cards and brought food. Thank you to all the ladies who took part in providing the dinner for the memorial service. It was wonderful. A special thanks to Pastor Mike and Pastor Rick for being there for me and helping me through this difficult time. Love in Christ, Jill Petersen and family.

**Lane Fuller Honduras Mission Trip**—In June Lane will be traveling to Honduras for 2 weeks with WAYFM 88.3's mission team. They will be presenting the gospel message to orphans, installing a new playground for, help rid the orphans of head lice and offer medical treatment to over 700 individuals. Be in prayer for Lane and the team, for their safety and effectiveness. If you'd like to make a financial contribution, there are yellow envelopes in the back or you can donate on line at <http://www.wayfm/connect/missions/give/>

# Announcements

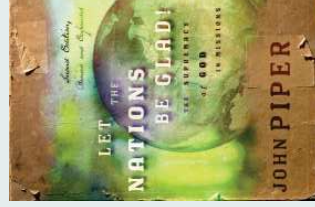
## Sermon Notes

### The Fellowship of the Sufferings of Christ

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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 — Tim & Michelle  
 Ostergren (C & T 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 —

Youth Group This Wednesday —



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

**Summer Memory Verse Review**

Psalm 96:2  
 Sing to the LORD, praise His name; proclaim His  
 salvation day after day

## Our Ministries

## Fellowship Notes

### THIS WEEK —

**Today (5/31) ~ 9:30am** Sunday School,  
 10:45am Morning Worship Service,  
 6pm Fifth Sunday Sing @ South Side  
 Bible Church

**Mon (6/1) ~ 6:15pm** SSBC Men's Soft-  
 ball vs Dexter Lake @ Pennfield field

**Wed (6/3) ~ 12:30pm** Ladies' Bible

Study, 6:30pm Youth Group/  
 Fri (6/5) ~ Daniel Wilkins' Open  
 House, 6-10pm

**Sat (6/6) ~ Rachel Ostergren's Open  
 house (1-4pm)**

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Sun (5/31)** Kent Clayton, Isaac Noora

**Mon (6/1)** Jennifer Hargus

**Tue (6/2)** Brad & Cindy Johnston,  
 Garrett Stampfer

**Wed (6/3)** Steve & Lois Snyder

**Thr (6/4)** Jeff & Jennifer Hargus,  
 Ronnie Hecht

**Sat (6/6)** Addison Goy

### FACILITY CLEANING —

**June 6 ~ Potter**

**June 13 ~ Brown/Snyder**

### PRAYER CLOSET —

**Today ~ Renee Hill**

**Next Week ~ Richard de Jong**

### 10:45AM NURSERY —

**Today ~ Bev Liebrandt & Ashley Cross**

**Next Week ~ Joy & Heather Newby**

### SOUND SYSTEM —

**Today ~ Robin McNally**

**Next Week ~ Danny Layton**

### USHER SCHEDULE —

**June ~ Andy & Joe Layton**

**July ~ Jerry Gillette/Jw Harper**

### FINANCIAL —

**Weekly BGT \$4,006.56**

May 3 \$3,439.98

May 10 \$3,324.10

May 17 \$3,996.00

## 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 —** Last couple  
 of weeks have been very difficult  
 for her. Pray for her & her family.  
 Check progress (patient  
 name mlostergren) @  
[www.carepages.com](http://www.carepages.com)

**Evan Sumpter —** broke his sternum.  
 Is in need of surgery, the doctor is  
 researching a hospital that will  
 perform the operation.

**Carissa Drum —** diagnosed with  
 Scheuermann's kyphosis (curved  
 spine) and must wear a brace. A

cyst was discovered on her spine,  
 which they believe is benign.

**Jenae Drum —** struggling with a acid  
 reflux again.

**Heather Newby —** her tonsillectomy  
 will be rescheduled. Her tonsils  
 are still too swollen for surgery.

**Jack Parr —** Brett Tuttle's friend's  
 father has skin cancer that has  
 progressed into his lymph nodes.  
 Pray for treatment opportunities.

**Elizabeth Hawes —** recovering  
 from foot surgery.

