

# 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?  
 Yes  No  
 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.

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# Reflections

*Thoughts About the Word & Our Lives in Christ*

## How Awana Will Benefit Your Kids Now — And For Life

A nationwide survey shows that Awana equips parents and churches to grow children and youth with lasting biblical faith and character.

Parents and churches face unprecedented challenges today in your efforts to raise kids to follow Christ. The trends are troubling:

- ◆ Over half of all church-going teens abandon their faith after high school.
- ◆ As few as one in 10 possesses a biblical view of God and the world.
- ◆ The majority of children from Christian homes leave the church by age 19.

But Awana offers you hope and a proven plan for spiritual success. Most kids and teens trained in Awana continue to faithfully and passionately follow Christ as adults!

That was the summary of a recent independent survey of alumni who had participated in Awana as youth for six to 10 years.

Our alumni were found to be more devoted to God, His Word and their local

church than even the nation's most committed churchgoers. Here's why:  
 Consistent, long-term participation in Awana – accompanied by spiritual training from parents – reaps long-lasting results.

*What happens when parents and churches work together to teach God's Word across kids' formative years? They produce young adults marked by steadfast biblical faith and character!*

*Awana calls these young people modern-day Josephs because they reflect the faith and character of Joseph from the Old Testament.*

*To help parents and churches raise modern-day Josephs, Awana weaves five master life threads into curriculum for ages 2 to 18. These character traits were taken from the life of Joseph. They are essential for preparing your kids to live lives that are faithful to God and His Word:*

**Respect:** Joseph of Genesis respected God's authority. (Emphasized in our Cubbies club.)

**Wisdom:** Joseph was wise and knew his wisdom came from God. (Emphasized in our Sparks club for kindergarten to second grade.)

**Grace:** Joseph practiced grace in his relationships. (Emphasized in our T&T program for third to sixth grade.)

**Destiny:** Joseph had a sense of destiny and purpose drawn from God. (Emphasized in our Trek middle-school program.)

**Perspective:** Joseph's perspective on life started with the sovereignty of God. (Emphasized in our Journey high-school program.)

*"...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**  
 September 13, 2009

**God's Sovereign Choice Revealed**  
 Pastor Mike Brown

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# Order of Worship

## Prelude ~

**Opening Hymn** ~ *Craig Bennett*  
We Are God's People (#399)

**Welcome and Announcements** ~ *Larry Gordon*

## Offering ~

**Songs of Worship** ~  
Amazing Love (#351)  
O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus (#352)

**Just for Kids** ~ *Pastor Rick*

**Morning Prayer** ~ *Jeff Hargus*

**Scripture Reading** ~ *Terry Hill*

**Message from God's Word** ~ *Pastor Mike Brown*  
God's Sovereign Choice Revealed  
(Romans 9:1-29)

**Closing Hymn** ~  
Amazing Grace (#343, 1st verse only, Acapella)

**Evening Service** ~ *Join us for Bible Study and music tonight.*

## Join Us Next Sunday Morning...

*God's Sovereign Choice Rejected*  
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 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 Sept 15th. We meet from 6:30pm to 9:00 pm.

**Ladies Daytime Bible Study** Wednesdays at 1:00 (lunch at 12:15, bring a sack lunch). We are studying the Kings & the Prophets, a Precept study. If you would like to join us, please let Cindy Brown know. Babysitting is provided.

Our **AWANA** club will start Sept. 14th from 6-8pm. 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" reaching boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and training them to serve Him." If you are interested in helping with AWANA or would like more information, please see Cindy Brown.

**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.

**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

**New Address for Elise Hill** — 2610 North Franklin Street Arlington, VA 22201

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

**Food Pantry** — Opening available for volunteers, 3 hours (8:45am – 11:45am), the first Friday of each month, filling storage room shelves and bagging food for clients. For additional information contact Any Layton 962-6591.

**Barnabas Ministry Project** — See sign up sheet in the back for items needed for care packages and then drop off your

items in the basket designated. Care packages will be sent to college students and military living away from home. A special box is for Miriam Gordon as these will go to Australia and as postage is expensive if you'd like to donate towards this cost please mark it as such and place in the offering plate. Any questions see Cindy Johnston. Mailing date is October 1. Thanks.

**Men's Breakfast** — Several men have expressed a desire to share breakfast together periodically. This will probably be a Saturday morning, once a month at Country Buffet for starters. Contact Brad Johnston if you are interested.

(Prayer Requests Continued)

**Lori Drum** — now home from hospital & doing better with her diverticulitis. Pray she doesn't have to have surgery as she has a bleeding disorder.

**Tim (Nancy Sheldon's brother)** — is in Mayo as he had his colostomy reversed & there is an abscess at the connection site, he also has MRSA & pneumonia.

**Karen (Nancy's sister)** — having radiation & hormone treatment as she had a lump removed from her breast that was malignant.

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

**Marcia Odenbach**—friend of the Turtles. A recent MRI shows the tumor on left side of her brain is still growing. Pray for healing, and quality of life.

**Dan Kennett** — left Sept. 8 for basic training. Pray for Angela, his wife who is staying with the Kennetts while Dan is away.

**Jerry Gillette** — his Dad passed away Sept. 2nd. Be in prayer for the family.

## Sermon Notes

### God's Sovereign Choice Revealed

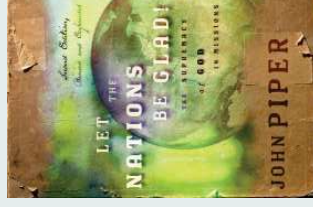
Pastor Mike Brown  
September 13, 2009

## 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** — No Bible Study tonight as there is a 6pm Makeup Child Protection Policy Meeting at the church (in the basement) that you might need to attend if you missed the AWANA training last Thursday night!

**No Youth Group** this Wednesday, September 16th as Pastor Rick is on vacation, see you next week!



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

- ◆ Our First Club will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>! Put it on the calendar! 6-8pm! Bring your kids & their friends.
- ◆ Sept. 21—"Have a Ball" Night (visitors 100,000 pts)
- ◆ Sept. 28—Sports Team Logo Night

## Our Ministries

## Fellowship Notes

### THIS WEEK —

**Today (9/13) ~ 9:30am** Sunday School, 10:45am Morning Worship Service, 6pm Evening Service, Child Protection Policy Make Up  
**Mon (9/14) ~ 6pm** AWANA  
**Tue (9/15) ~ 6:30pm** Ladies Bible Study  
**Wed (9/16) ~ 12:15pm** Ladies Bible Study  
**Thu (9/17) 6:30pm** Council Meeting

### BIRTHDAYS/ANNIVERSARIES

**Mon (9/14)** Rachel Ostergren  
**Wed (9/16)** Ed & Sara Sumpter  
**Fri (9/18)** Ruth Yousef  
**Sat (9/19)** Josh Baird, Heather Newby, Ron & Linda McNally

### FACILITY CLEANING —

**Sept 19 ~ Brown/Snyder**  
**Sept 26 ~ Brown/Layton**

### PRAYER CLOSET —

**Today ~ Danette Wilkins**  
**Next Week ~ Muriel Walters**

### 10:45AM NURSERY —

**Today ~ Erica Harper, Katrina Vaden**  
**Next Week ~ Amy Layton, Peggy Gordon**

### SOUND SYSTEM —

**Today ~ Robin McNally**  
**Next Week ~ Danny Layton**

### USHER SCHEDULE —

**September ~ Jim Hall/Jerry Harper**  
**October ~ Chris Brown/ Hillis Kaufman**

### FINANCIAL —

**Weekly BGT** \$4,006.56  
**September 6** \$1,854.53



### Our Servicemen & Women —

**Brandon de Jong, Joe & Andy Layton, Zac Hall, Tena Auton, Daniel Kennet** (left Sept. 8 for basic training), **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