

SPECIAL NOTE: 1. The following NOTES from last Sunday, apply for this Sunday: We plan to have Sunday School at 9:30am and Worship Service at 10:45am...

1. Please come.... Let's worship the LORD and encourage one another....
2. IF YOU OR your children ARE SICK... please stay home.... (IF YOU ARE... Please let us know... so we can pray for you!)
3. Mike and Connie have put in EXTRA work in cleaning and sanitizing at the church building...
4. BETWEEN S.S. and the Worship service...Please take care of bathroom business... and make sure you WASH YOUR HANDS...PARENTS.... supervise your children in these matters.

5. As you sit in the auditorium.... seek to position yourselves, as much as possible in an every other row. This will allow those receiving the offerings *to place the plates directly to each of you.... without the congregation having to pass them FROM PERSON TO PERSON.... Moreover, it will have the effect of not being in close contact with a group larger than 10.*

6. VARIOUS ONES OF US may have different BELIEFS about the present CORONAVIRUS and the cultural PANIC... and the deepening FALLOUT. **Most of all... let us PRAY... and let us give RESPECT one to another... and let us honor Christ.**

7. IN A FALLEN WORLD... changes may come... LET US PRAY that we will go forth STANDING where ever we are called to stand for Christ's sake. Some of you may think we are 'over-reacting'.... others not... and still others... not acting enough, etc.! **Regardless, it is 'flu season'.... there is nothing wrong or unwise in seeking to be as careful and hygienic as possible.**



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NEWSLETTER

Volume 45, No. 11, March 17, 2020 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594
1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes — designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Savior JESUS CHRIST. To Him be glory both now and forever.***

CALLING OUR CHURCH FAMILY TO 31 DAYS OF PRAYER and FASTING— March 16 - April 15 [Part 2]

SIGN UP SHEET FOR SOUTHSIDE'S 21 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING— March 16 - April 15! We ask that on the day you choose, you commit to pray at ONE hour and fast at least one meal.

PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL THE CHURCH SECRETARY, CARYN PIERCE, TO SIGN UP FOR A SPECIFIC DAY... THE CALENDAR on page 2 SHOWS ...IN RED... DAYS STILL AVAILABLE! CARYN will need your NAME and the Phone # by which you can best be reached. She will then call and give you a brief friendly reminder of the day you have agreed to cover. It is 'legal!' to have more than one person and/or to sign up for more than one day! So feel free to sign!

Email: secretary@southsidegallatin.org

Call the church @ 615-452-5951

(If you get voice mail... please leave a message!

Caryn will get back with you!)

[DAYS WITH RED NUMBERS... AVAILABLE!... other days if that is what works best for you!]

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	March 16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	April 1	2	3	4
April 5 _____	6 _____	7 _____	8 _____	9 _____	10 _____	11 _____
April 12	13	14	April 15	_____	_____	

AS STATED LAST WEEK, we once again call for Southsiders to band together for a time of prayer and fasting. **There are more than a few reasons** we could set forth as to why we call for a time of Prayer and Fasting— **here are primary ones!**

1. TO BE more focused in INTIMACY with the KING OF KINGS and LORD of LORDS!

2. TO ESPECIALLY pray for MISSIONARIES; and our need to be much more focused upon and effective in the work of the KINGDOM OF GOD— modeling the good news of the GOSPEL with our lives and proclaiming the GOSPEL with boldness.

3. TO PRAY FOR ALL IN AUTHORITY: 1 Timothy 2:1-3 — “... I admonish *and* urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and

thanksgivings be offered on behalf of all men, **for kings and all who are in positions of authority** *or* high responsibility, that [outwardly] we may pass a quiet *and* undisturbed life [and inwardly] a peaceable one in all godliness *and* reverence and seriousness in every way. For such [praying] is good *and* right, and [it is] pleasing *and* acceptable to God our Savior,..." (Amplified)

AN ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A PAST 'PRAYER and FASTING' TIME: Many years ago at a similar emphasis of Prayer and Fasting— we included a request that we pray for the Hartsville Christian Fellowship. That church was young; the lead pastor was leaving' and he had suggested that the church disband. Pastor Bell, was called to a meeting of the men of Hartsville Christian Fellowship. He encouraged them to stay together and to seek to go forward. **AND SO we included the Hartsville Christian Fellowship, (Now, Grace Baptist of Hartsville), specifically petitioning the LORD to help them go forward and that the LORD would provide godly leadership for them.**

Little did we know that the LORD would provide some of that servant leadership through Southside! [1] The LORD provided Dennis Morris [wife, Christy] to serve there. [2] LATER, we had the honor of releasing and sending forth to the Hartsville Christian Fellowship one of our elders, Donnie Martin, [wife, Jane]. To God be the glory; what great things HE has done! GOD DOES ANSWER PRAYER!

4. Thus, here in March and April of 2020; we are issuing a call to prayer and fasting; a call to WORSHIP and ADORE the LORD our GOD! A major part of that call is that we PRAY FOR one another; to pray for MISSIONARIES! **BUT FIRST... LET US CULTIVATE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD... by means of,**

An Intimate Hour with God, by Jim Elliff

The Lord invites us to know Him better. What a privilege! If the joy of heaven is in knowing the Lord's presence without any sin to hinder us, surely seeking His presence now must be the greatest possible pursuit. Do you feel your need to pray? A person who has no need to pray cannot be living by faith. **Prayerless-ness says,** "I am sufficient in myself for everything required of me." But is that so? And do you not grieve God by your persistent self-sufficiency? The Bible says, "Without faith it is impossible to please Him." (Heb. 11:6)

The following suggestions are designed to help you spend an extended time in prayer and meditation with God. You may spend this hour alone or with others. The order is not essential, but does provide a helpful way to progress. This tool may be used daily or for special times of retreat with God. Some may wish to follow this hour with more intense Bible reading.

It is sometimes good to kneel or to lie down before the Lord. "Come let us bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker." (Ps. 95: 6) Walking while praying can also be helpful, or sitting in a comfortable chair so that all the focus can be on God. Be sure and find a quiet place.

1. Come in Christ's Name— The audience we have with the Father is entirely based upon the merits of Christ. In other words, it is solely because Christ lived perfectly, died satisfactorily, and rose again victoriously for us that we have the privilege of addressing the Father. Because God accepts Christ, He can accept us in Him. "...He made us accepted in the Beloved." (Eph. 1: 6b) Don't just say the words, but actually trust in Christ as your mediator. Express in some detail your dependence on Christ's

worthiness and on His substitutionary work on your behalf. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ....For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father." (Eph. 2:13, 18)

2. *Delight in Him*— Express your wonder and delight in God. Praise Him for His character and His power. Do not thank him at this time for His activity in your life, but focus on the person of God and His attributes: His Love, Patience, Immensity, Strength, Holiness, Grace, Glory, Knowledge, Wisdom, Goodness, etc. "Delight yourself also in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart." (Ps. 37: 4)

3. *Express Your Longings to Him*— Tell God what you desire above all other things. Express your deepest longings for fellowship with Him and for holiness of life, or whatever is in your heart. This is not a time to pray about everything you need, but to make known your deepest, long-term desires. You may wish to personalize Ephesians 1: 15-23 as a guide. "As the deer pants for the water brooks, so pants my soul for You, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God." (Ps. 42: 1-2a)

4. *Read a Psalm*— You may wish to use one of the "Psalms for the day," according to the day of the month. Add 30 to the day of the month to arrive at 5 Psalms for the day (i.e. on the 15th, the Psalms would be 15, 45, 75, 105, and 135). It may be helpful to read the Psalm you choose out loud.

5. *Sing to Him*— Use a hymnbook, recall a chorus or hymn from memory, or make up your own song from the Scriptures. "Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing." (Ps. 100: 1-2)

6. Intercede for Others— Remember... Those who have asked you to pray for them; The leaders of your church; The missionaries you know; The leaders of our country; Those who are unsaved; Your family members; Your friends; Those in trouble or grieving, etc. "Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you..." (1 Sam. 12: 23)

7. Place Your Day Before Him— If you are praying in the morning, you may wish to place every aspect of the day before the Lord, one item at a time. "Lord, please give me patience with my daughter when she comes to breakfast, help me show her love and kindness." "Lord, when I try to make that sale at 2:00 this afternoon, help me to speak as a Christian would speak, and give me wisdom."

By going chronologically through every possible event of the day, you are learning trust Him in the details of life. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths." (Pr. 3: 5-6)

8. Petition Him for Other Special Needs— There are matters needing attention in your own life and in the lives of others, the church or your group. Tell these to God and ask for His guidance, deliverance, endurance, wisdom, or whatever it is that you need. It is at this time that you will want to deal with any repentance God is requiring. Expect Him to give you grace to overcome. "Be zealous therefore, and repent" (Rev. 3: 19b) Ask with faith and genuine humility. "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4: 16)" ...Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full." (Jn. 16: 24b)

9. Meditate on His Word— To meditate means to ponder, reflect, contemplate, or think over slowly, the Words of God. If this is your only Bible reading time, continue reading the passage that is next for you in your plan. Read at least a chapter of Scripture. Look for the key verses and meditate on them, asking God to show you what they mean. Mark them in your Bible and ask God to help you remember what He is showing. Pray that He will give you a way to humbly share these truths with others. **Read to obey.** If you are in a group, allow a period of quiet so that each person may read the Word. The leader may wish to suggest the passage for use with the group. If there is time, insights may be shared with each other.

"Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also does not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper." (Ps. 1: 1-3)

10. Offer Thanks to Him— Even if there have been difficulties in your life, the Lord has been good to you. Express to God your appreciation for specific acts of kindness He has done in the light of what you truly deserve. "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." (Heb. 13: 15)

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PRAYING FOR MISSIONARIES!

Missionaries are people just like us. They have difficulties and frustrations. They deal with stresses of everyday life. Some are thousands of miles away from family. Some live in cultures so different than that in which they grew up. As we do, they need prayer. The Bible tells us to pray for one another, to pray without ceasing. Jesus modeled a lifestyle of prayer for His children. Through the power of prayer, God's people can change the world and lives of people, here and around the world. **When asked what we can do for them, missionaries respond, "PRAY!"** So how are we to pray for missionaries? How to Pray? One way is to use the 'alphabet' to pray.

HERE ARE 'HELPS' TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONARIES:

Ability with Language- ask God to give those who must learn another language the ability to be fluent in their adopted language. **Boldness-** pray that each will be a bold witness for Jesus.

Comfort- pray for God's comfort in times of discouragement, despair, or mourning. **Direction-** ask God to give them specific direction in ministry. **Energy-** ask God to renew their energy when the tasks seem overwhelming and the body is weary.

Family Members- pray that children of missionaries will have a sense of God's presence when they're away from their parents.

Glorify God- ask God to enable missionaries to live each day to glorify God.

Health- ask God to give physical and emotional health so missionaries can function effectively. **Insight-** pray that missionaries will have insight to see people and things from God's perspective.

Joy- pray that the “joy of the Lord” will be evident in their daily living.

Knowledge- pray that missionaries will grow in their personal knowledge of God so they will become all that He intends. **Love-** pray that God’s love will be evident in their lives, love that will draw lost people to the Father. **Mercy-** pray that missionaries will extend the hand of mercy to those around them. **Needs-** pray that they will always remember that in Christ all needs will be met.

Open Doors- pray that they will recognize all open doors that God provides them for sharing the gospel. **Power-** pray that missionaries will be strengthened daily by the power of God and will live productive lives. **Quiet Time-** pray that nothing will keep them from having a quality quiet time with God each day. **Rapport-** pray that missionaries will have rapport with co-workers and those they serve.

Safety- pray for their safety in travel, safety from robbers, theft, and the threat of war or revolution. **Trust-** ask God to help missionaries trust Him in all things and for every situation they face. **Understanding-** as missionaries share the Good News, ask God to give those who hear the gospel the ability to understand who Jesus is, what He did for them, and how they can have eternal life.

Victory- pray that each will experience victory in times of spiritual warfare. **Wisdom-** ask God to give wisdom as decisions are made that affect Kingdom work. **X-ray Vision-** pray that missionaries will have x-ray vision of the heart and desire a cleansed life. **Yielded-** pray that each will be completely yielded to Christ and His ways. **Zealous-** pray that missionaries will be zealous in sharing the gospel.

“And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.”
Matthew 21:22 (NAS)

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SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:

TUESDAYS: Come and sing every Tuesday night at Gallatin Health Care Nursing Home. *[This ministry closed for now, due to Coronovirus.]*

WEDNESDAYS: → 6:30pm— Wednesday **CHURCH PRAYER SERVICE**

→ Enter via **IRON STEPS**, side door.

WEDNESDAYS: → 6:30pm— **Youth** Activities and Bible Study— enter, side double doors.

WEDNESDAYS: → 6:30pm— **Family Prayer Time!** THIS IS a time of Bible study and prayer **geared toward families with children in the nursery and pre-K class**. Enter at double doors, under AWNING.

*** **LADIES BIBLE STUDY: NEXT MEETING** scheduled for **MARCH 31st 2020 @ 11:00am; NEW STUDY ==> LESSONS FROM WOMEN IN SCRIPTURE!** ENTER at the back of the church building, *[Under AWNING, open at 10:20am... re-locked at 11:10am] [Ladies Praying @ 10:30am!]*

***** MEN's Fellowship/Bible Study: EVERY SATURDAY @ 8:00am: (WE ARE STUDYING THE GOSPEL OF JOHN!) ENTER AT THE back of Church building... DOUBLE DOORS, under the drive-thru awning. [DOORS OPEN FOR FELLOWSHIP, Juice, coffee, Hardee's biscuits, & Donuts at 7:30am!]**

SUNDAY SERVICES FOR MARCH— 22, 29

****** MARCH 22 ... CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP FOR ALL ... at 6:00pm** (SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Otto Koning, reveals the moment when God so worked in his life... that the TRIBALS said of him—"YOU'VE BECOME A CHRISTIAN!" It's all in the PINEAPPLE STORY!)

******* MARCH 29... CHURCH-WIDE EVENING OF SINGING AND SCRIPTURE SHARING (Connect with Adam or Bradley about participating!)**

[CORONOVIRUS & FLU SEASON: We are taking extra measures to be hygienic! PLEASE, YOU DO THE SAME! If you are sick, please stay home!]