

**GROW
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NEWSLETTER

PLEASE USE the Grow in Grace Newsletter for your own spiritual growth; and **AS A RESOURCE** to help equip you to MINISTER to others! **Volume 47, No. 4, February 1, 2022** / 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 JESUS CHRIST!"***

SOUTHSIDE CHURCH: SERIOUS SIN or SERIOUS REVIVAL?!

If someone could accurately 'look in' on life in EACH of our homes and life in our local church family for one month and then give a report of findings— how would it read?

ON A SCALE OF 1 to 10— Serious Sin? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Or

ON A SCALE OF 1 to 10— Serious Revival? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Serious sin— what would that look like? Have we considered that one of the reasons many Christian folk are drowning in wicked and evil sins **is because** they, we, are all too often blindly, even rebelliously enslaved in disobedience against **what God has called us to positively embrace?**

O what an amazing REVIVAL of Biblical Christianity awaits any and all who will EMBRACE TRUE CHURCH WORK!

Have you noticed? Our physical bodies have many members and they all have significant roles to play, tasks to do. **It is beautiful to observe** the powerful accomplishments that a healthy, fully functional body can accomplish.

It is PAINFUL to observe a broken down physical body that has missing parts and/or 'broken' or non-functioning members. But have we forgotten that **a LOCAL CHURCH is** an expression of the BODY OF CHRIST? The Holy Spirit leads all Christians to COMMIT to local congregations so as to be contributing members.

Reality: I am sinning against Christ the Head when I neglect, harm or simply stay away from being a functioning member of a local congregation! **(Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-27; Ephesians 4:11-16; Hebrews 10:23-25)**

BUT WHAT IS THE WORK that I am to do in a local congregation? I'm not a good singer, I don't hold a position of teacher, deacon, elder, or pastor— there's just not much of anything I can do! This is typical thinking; but it is not Biblical thinking!

Actually, there is much important Church Work for every believer to do because of who we are in Christ! Below we will set forth Biblical revelation about 'true Church work' and we will see that it is for EVERY believer! **Yes, ASSEMBLE TOGETHER, WE MUST!** But true Christianity is the life of Christ flowing in and through a body of believers! That's why 'Church' is NOT something you attend, like a ball game— CHURCH IS WHO WE ARE 24/7! **Thus, here's what true CHURCH WORK looks like:**

Love one another: John 13:34-35; 5:12, 17; Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; John 3:11, 14, 23; 4:7, 11, 12:2; II John 1:5 and 1 Peter 1:22. (You get to look these up!) We are also to love one another to fulfill the law (Romans 13:8), increase our love one for another (II Thessalonians 1:3), abound in love one toward another (I Thessalonians 3:12), and we are to love each other deeply, to cover a multitude of sins (I Peter 4:8).

We are to interact with care: Have fellowship one with another (I John 1:17) Forgive one another (Eph. 3:13, 4:32 & Col. 3:13) Greet one another with a holy kiss - or an embrace in some cultures (Rom. 16:16; I Cor. 16:20; II Cor. 13:12 & I Peter 5:14)

Wait for one another to break bread (I Cor. 11:33) Bear one another's sufferings (I Cor. 12:26)

We are to serve one another: Serve one another with the gifts each person has received (I Peter 4:10) Serve one another in love (Galatians 5:13) Be kind to one another (I Thess. 5:15) Care for one another (I Cor. 12:25) Bear the burdens for one another (Gal. 6:2) Wash each other's feet or humbly serve one another (John 13:14) Work with one another (I Cor. 3:9; II Cor. 6:1)

We are to teach one another: (Col. 3:16) and instruct one another (Rom. 5:14)

We are to encourage one another: (Col 3:16; Heb 10:25) Exhort one another (Heb. 3:13) Speak the truth to one another (Eph 4:25) Lay down our lives one for another (I John 3:16) Spur one another to love and good deeds (Heb. 10:24)

We are to edify one another: Edify (strengthen, build up) one another (I Thess. 4:18 & 5:1, 11) (I Cor. 14:26)

We are to give spiritual care: Confess our sins one to another (James 5:16) Pray for one another (James 5:16)

To cultivate unity and to act with humility: Honor one another (Rom. 12:10) Be of one mind one with another (II Cor. 13:11; Rom. 12:16, 15:5) Do not criticize one another (James 4:11; 5:9) Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21) Be clothed with humility toward one another (I Peter 5:5)

We are to live in harmony: Have patience one with another (Eph. 4:2) Live in peace one with another (Matt. 9:50) Receive one another with hospitality (Rom. 15:7; I Peter 4:9) Glorify God together (Rom. 15:6)

These 'One Others' SHOUT: We were never meant to walk the road of Christian living alone! We need each other! LOOK AGAIN!

Love One Another! **Depend** on One Another! **Rejoice** with One Another! **Weep** with One Another! **Don't judge** One Another! **Receive** One Another! **Admonish** (Counsel) One Another! **Greet** One Another! **Wait** for One Another! **Serve** One Another! **Be kind** to One Another! **Forgive** One Another!

Be tenderhearted to One Another! **Encourage** One Another! In honor, **prefer** One Another! Be of the **same mind** toward One Another! Have the **same care** for One Another!

Submit to One Another! **Forbear** One Another! **Provoke love** in One Another! Use **hospitality** toward One Another! **Minister** gifts to One Another!

Be clothed in **humility** toward One Another! **Don't speak evil** against One Another! **Don't grumble** against One Another! **Confess** your faults to One Another! **Pray** for One Another! **Bear** the burdens of One Another! **Be gentle** toward One Another!

"Again I tell you, if two of you AGREE (harmonize together - together make a symphony) about everything and anything - whatever they shall ask, it will come to pass AND BE DONE FOR THEM by My Father in Heaven" (Matt 18:19, Amp.)

All across the land, churches and homes continue to crack and crumble. **Why? Godly ONE ANOTHER Teamwork is missing! The dictionary definition of teamwork is as follows:**

"Work done by a number of associates ALL SUBORDINATING PERSONAL PROMINENCE to the efficiency of the whole."

Even the world understands that very often the difference between winning and losing or the difference between profit and loss is TEAMWORK!

In Teamwork there is not only the “**subordination** of personal prominence” but there is also the **co-ordination** of efforts, skills, time and much more. It is common knowledge that extensive, intensive, intentional effort is the price to pay in order to work as ONE.

Teamwork requires FAITHFULNESS on the part of those doing lesser and/or behind the scenes tasks as well as on the part of those doing highly visible or skilled tasks. **Teamwork requires** everyone to be working for the good of the whole and for the ultimate goal.

What would happen next week if every manufacturing plant in our area tried to function with employees and/or management who were individualistically doing what each one wanted to do **and if and when** they wanted to they showed up for work?

How well would a sports team do if during the season a number of the players did not show up for practice or even some of the games? **What if** others changed teams during the season **and/or** still others attempted to belong to two or more teams all at the same time?

What would happen if we all sat down in a fine auditorium, fully expecting the Symphony Orchestra to come on stage and begin to make beautiful symphonic music— BUT INSTEAD, when the musicians came on stage, they each insisted on individualistically playing what, when and if they please? **WHAT IF** they refuse to play the same music piece? **WHAT IF** they refuse to be guided by the conductor? **WHAT IF** several of the Orchestra members decided to not show up?

The answers to each of these questions are so obvious and so agreed upon that, frankly, they seem odd to ask! HOWEVER, ALL OVER AMERICA, CHURCHES ARE FUNCTIONING UNDER SUCH TRAGIC CONDITIONS that ball teams, factories, businesses, orchestras, and Armed Forces would find unthinkable

and not to be tolerated!

This reality is all the more tragic when we consider the supreme importance of our LORD'S CHURCH and when we consider that God's COMMAND and provision for His church is TEAMWORK! No Teamwork? No Symphony! No Symphony? No love! No love? No reason for folks to believe we are true disciples of Jesus! (John 13:34-35)

Believe it or not, there will come a day when all sports shall cease, along with all manufacturing plants and all other human endeavors. When the dust has settled, only the true Body of Christ will be left standing. The Harlot Churches will also be gone. The true Bride of Christ will rule and reign with CHRIST for all eternity.

Without question, the grandest and most far reaching enterprise on the face of the earth is our LORD'S CHURCH! Nothing in the entire world even comes close to having the importance and the significance as the Church of our LORD JESUS CHRIST. Bear in mind that Our LORD'S CHURCH finds expression in local bodies of believers, around the globe. With others, in Gallatin, Tennessee, God desires that Southside be a beautiful expression of Christ's Bride! **WHAT AMAZING HONOR and GRACE TO BE IN HIS BRIDE!**

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit internalized the gospel into individuals— Salvation is an individual, one at a time miracle! **And immediately He baptized 3,000 people into an amazing BODY, of which Christ was the Head!**

They, were immersed, brought into the sphere of the Holy Spirit and vitally connected to each other in Christ! The HOLY SPIRIT gave these new born believers **an indwelling compelling!** This is still reality today!

Those born of the Holy Spirit **do not have to be** begged or

bribed. Their flesh does not have to be stroked with the world's music or methods or entertainment enticements in order for them to desire to study the Word of God together, Pray together, Worship together, Evangelize together and Share their goods with each other. (Acts 2:42-47)

Here is reality: A genuine Christian has to seriously grieve, quench and deny the ministry of the Holy Spirit, in order to avoid TEAMWORKING WITH OTHERS IN A LOCAL ASSEMBLY OF SAINTS!

TEAMWORK— this has always been God's way! The Triune God Himself **is** the supreme example! When God brought about creation and redemption there was **Teamwork in perfection** between Father, Son and Holy Spirit! It is no surprise that on the Day of Pentecost, the first local New Testament Church was set in motion, manifesting HARMONIZING, SYMPHONIZING TEAMWORK!

Teamwork is expressed in Scripture by the word, "ONE ACCORD!"

Acts 1:14— "These all continued with ONE ACCORD..." **Acts 2:1** — " ...they were all with ONE ACCORD in one place." **Acts 2:46**— "And they continuing daily with ONE ACCORD..."
Acts 4:24— "...they lifted up their voice to God with ONE ACCORD..." **Acts 5:12**— "...and they were all with ONE ACCORD..." **Acts 15:25**— "It seemed good unto us, being assembled with ONE ACCORD..."

TEAMWORK AMONG CHRISTIANS IN A LOCAL BODY is not the result of a group of individual Christians agreeing 100% of the time! **Rather, TEAMWORK is the result of God ordained submission!** We are commanded to submit to one another in the fear of God. (Ephesians 5:21) God commands, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief, for that is unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17) **ALERT: Rejection of these, or of any**

Scripture, is an expression of HATRED OF GOD!

TEAMWORK AMONG CHRISTIANS IN A LOCAL BODY is not something that can be accomplished with anything less than **total commitment to Jesus Christ the Head**. His commands to each of us in a local body are awesomely comprehensive.

It is a SERIOUS, SATANIC DECEPTION to refuse to be specifically joined to a Body of Believers. New Testament TEAMWORK is expressed through “One anothers” in a local church body!

SUCH ARE THE BEAUTIFUL “SOUNDS” OF THE GOD ORDAINED SYMPHONY IN A LOCAL CHURCH FAMILY! Not all can sing or be smart with numbers. Not many are called to be teachers. Only some are called to be pastors. **HOWEVER, ALL GOD’S SAINTS ARE GIFTED!** And regardless of gifts, **ALL ARE CALLED AND COMPELLED TO “THE ONE ANOTHERS”...** And O what a Symphony comes forth... and O the blessings of God which flow!

Southside— **IN 2022, GOD IS CALLING US TO HIGHER HEIGHTS OF GLORIOUS SYMPHONY IN CHRIST!** Be vigilant to guard the unity of the Holy Spirit! (Eph. 4:1-3) **The options in front of us are SERIOUS SIN or SERIOUS REVIVAL! WHICH SHALL IT BE?**

May Grace Abound! James Bell www.southsidegallatin.org

NEWS NOTES:

EVERY SATURDAY* 8:00 AM, — Men’s Bible Study!** *(Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee’s Biscuits are available!)*

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study, February 8, @ 11:00 AM**

SUNDAY SERVICES, February 6, 13, 20, 27... / 2022

1. * Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's classes, Youth, and Adult classes. **2. *** WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY SERVICES:

1. 2/6/22 NOON fellowship meal.... **followed by** a time of sharing by the elders, prospective deacons, and congregation-- which we believe will prepare us for the Ordination service on the 20th. (Where we are blessed to have a history of love and service... occasions like this are simple and profound!) **NOTE:** **AFTER** the meal... we will move quickly to the AUDITORIUM.... Hearing will be much better.

2. 2/13/22 5pm regular training faithful men

3. 2/20/22 ... Deacon Ordination service during the worship hour. The climax of the service will be at **THE LORD'S TABLE**

4. 2/27/22 ... back on our regular FORTH SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE AT 5PM... (Adam, Bradley, and others will give specific preparation for this Service.... and Adam will be preaching...)

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ SOUTHSIDE:

6:30pm— come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning!

**** Adult Prayer Service [IN HOMES THROUGH FEBRUARY... FRESH START 3/2 BACK AT CHURCH BUILDING]**

**** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service [ADAM or Jaden weekly communicate as to LOCATION]**

***** LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or by ONLINE GIVING:**

SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) — MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066/ OR YOU MAY CHOOSE TO GIVE via ONLINE GIVING:

<https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>

HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES AND as to Responding with WISDOM and NOT fear IN SEEKING TO KEEP AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN— SO AS TO BE ACTIVE IN THE KINGDOM BUSINESS OF THE LORD!

1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is sick; or if you have • Fever; • Coughing; • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], Please stay home!]

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... you may or may not choose to wear a mask... WE do not require it. WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM as to 'social distancing'... masks ... vaccine choices, etc. — PLEASE HONOR THE LORD, by continuing to give sensitivity and respect one to another.

3. In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: SEEK TO BUILD UP A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM! I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, ZINC, GINGER, VITAMIN D, Quercetin, and a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber... And I have a PRESCRIPTION of Ivermectin... TO TAKE, if needed.

DO YOUR OWN RESEARCH! BE PROACTIVE! BE PREVENTIVE!

4. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene. [IF you use the restrooms— please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.]

5. HERE IS AN EDUCATIONAL resource from The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons... FROM Doctors who successfully treat covid-19 patients! => <https://breggin.com/covid-19-home-treatment/>

Peter McCullough, MD testifies to Texas Senate HHS Committee. BRIEF. EXCELLENT: → <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAHi3lX3oGM>

The PDF booklet: A Guide to Home-Based COVID Treatment can be downloaded ... **focus is on PREVENTION and early treatment:** COVID Treatment - Truth for Health Foundation <https://www.truthforhealth.org/patientguide/patient-treatment-guide/>