



**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. 44, November 8, 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!”***

**War and the MISSING Way of Peace— Veterans Day, November 11, 2022!**

**Memorial Day vs Veteran’s Day—** what is the difference? **[1] Memorial Day**, which falls on the last Monday in May; and honors the men and women who died while serving in the military. This solemn occasion is a time to reflect on these American patriots who made the ultimate sacrifice while protecting and defending the country they deeply loved. **[2] Veterans Day**, observed every November 11, recognizes all who have served in the Armed Forces.

**I FOR ONE, BELIEVE** THAT it is A VERY GOOD THING to honor our veterans and those who serve today... all across the globe. Their labors help keep our nation free from harm. CERTAINLY, it is a very good thing to PRAY FOR them and to give them THANKS! **VETERAN’S DAY also gives us good opportunity to DIG DEEPER as to WAR and PEACE!**

**THE REALITY IS THIS: The history of our world is a history of war.** Hatred, strife, violence, crime, domestic violence/divorce, war; and the anxiety, misery, suffering and death that result from these evils ravage homes, churches, communities, nations, and the world.

**AS TO WAR** among nations, many are the efforts and strategies **WHICH HUMANS TRY** as they seek to have or to keep peace— such efforts as:

### **1. PEACE THROUGH MILITARY MIGHT:**

President George Washington once said, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effective means of preserving peace..." Personally, I am for a 'strong military... but... there is a,

**\*\*\* PROBLEM:** the cost of maintaining armed forces to protect territory or to police the world eventually saps the strength of even the mightiest empires— witness Rome, Spain, France, Britain, and now, America.

**DID YOU KNOW:** *"The military of the United States is deployed in [about] 150 countries around the world, with over 170,000 of its active-duty personnel serving outside the United States and its territories.<sup>[1]</sup> Outside of active combat, US personnel are typically deployed as part of several peacekeeping missions, military attachés, or are part of embassy and consulate security. Nearly 40,000 are assigned to classified missions in locations that the US government refuses to disclose.*

[2] [[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United\\_States\\_military\\_deployments](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_military_deployments)]

### **2. PEACE BY MEANS OF WAR:**

Former Chinese leader Mao Tse Tung once stated, "war can only be abolished through war **to get rid of the gun you must take up the gun.**"

**\*\*\* PROBLEM:** History reminds us that World War I was to be the "war to end wars"— but it was followed by World War II— the war fought "to make the world safe for democracy." Wars continue and even measures of peace become more fragile and uncertain.

**3. SOME PROMOTE THAT THE KEY TO PEACE is to BAN PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF GUNS!**

**\*\*\* PROBLEM:** “Legal” weapons in the hands of **GOVERNMENTS** killed more than 170 million unarmed civilians during the 20th century (NewsMax.com, July 10, 2001).

**\*\*\*** A different calculation: **262,000,000:** Just to give perspective on this incredible murder by government, if all these bodies were laid head to toe, with the average height being 5', **then they would circle the earth ten times. Also, this democide** [democide (countable and uncountable, plural democides) (Mass) murder of people by a government which has power over them.] **murdered 6 times more people than died in combat in all the foreign and internal wars of the century.** [https://www.hawaii.edu/powerkills/20TH.HTM]

**4. OTHERS BELIEVE THAT PEACE WILL COME THROUGH negotiation and arbitration.** THUS, around the beginning of the twentieth century NATIONS established the International Court of Justice.

**\*\*\* PROBLEM:** This was followed by two World Wars and a multitude of other conflicts throughout the 20th century. The League of Nations and the United Nations were added and have also failed to prevent war or eliminate conflicts.

**5. SOME BELIEVE THAT RELIGIOUS LEADERS CAN BRING PEACE.** In August 2000, the Arizona Republic publication of 7/30/2000, reported that more than **1,000 religious leaders gathered** in New York for the Millennium Peace Summit to talk about peace.

**\*\*\* PROBLEM:** The meeting was marked by boycotts and disputes among the participants.

**6. OTHERS SAY, ‘GET RID OF POVERTY, INEQUALITY and SOCIAL INJUSTICE!’... and there will be peace!** TODAY, A LOT OF POLITICIANS and religious leaders BLAME WAR, HATRED, CONFLICT, RAPE, LAWLESSNESS, AND ETC. ON poverty, inequality, and social injustice.

\*\*\* **PROBLEM:** Generally the poor masses are more peaceful than the rich and powerful. However, they are easily stirred up by politicians and religious leaders. ***There are exceptions, but the WARS OF NATIONS are by and large fought by the poor of one tribe or nation against the poor of another tribe or nation, at the command of the elite!*** Most often, the poor had no hatred against each other and would not be killing one another EXCEPT that they ***are pawns in the hands of Politicians, the Super Rich, and religious leaders— all of whom make big money from war.***

### **SOME BOTTOM LINES:**

**1. It is safe to say, even as the Bible proclaims: Man does not know the way of peace!** \*\*\* "The way of peace they have not known" (Romans 3:17). \*\*\* "They have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace" (Isaiah 59:8).

\*\*\* When Jesus wept over Jerusalem, in part He said, "the things that make for your peace... they are hidden from your eyes" (Luke 19:42) — *SIN in human hearts hides from individuals and nations the way of peace!*

### **2. WHAT IS THE ROOT PROBLEM BEHIND ALL CONFLICT?**

"Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures." (James 4:1-3)

**JESUS SAID,** "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye,

blasphemy, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within and defile a man." (Mark 7:21-23)

### **3. WHAT IS THE WAY OF PEACE?**

GOD TOLD ANCIENT ISRAEL, "if you walk in my statutes and keep my commandments... I will give peace in the land" (Leviticus 26:3-6). "Great peace have those who love Your law" (Psalm 119:165). "My son, do not forget my law, but let your heart keep my commands; for length of days and long life **and peace** they will add to you" (Proverbs 3:1-2).

**\*\*\* DEEP PROBLEM: MAN NATURALLY HATES GOD AND HAS NO POWER OR DESIRE TO HEED GOD'S LAW:** "...the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be" (Romans 8:7).

### **4. At the conclusion of World War II, General Douglas MacArthur made a profound observation in a radio broadcast to the American people:**

"Men since the beginning of time have sought peace. Various methods through the ages have attempted to devise an international process to prevent or settle disputes between nations... Military alliances, balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn have failed... We have had our last chance. If we do not devise some greater and more equitable system, Armageddon will be at our door.

**\*\*\*\* *The problem is basically theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence [RENEWAL!] and improvement of human character... it must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh!***" (Reminiscences, p. 276)

### **5. IN THE MIDST OF A WORLD AT WAR— THE WAY OF PEACE!**

\*\*\* **John 14:27** “*Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you.* Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid!”

\*\*\* **John 16:33** “ I have said these things to you, that *in Me you may have peace.* In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world!”

\*\*\* **Philippians 4:6-7** “... do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. **And the peace of God**, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

\*\*\* **Romans 14:17-19** “For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but *of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.* Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.”

\*\*\* **2 Corinthians 13:11** “Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

\*\*\* **1 Peter 1:2** “... according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: **May grace and peace be multiplied to you.**”

\*\*\* **Romans 5:1** “Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ!”

\*\*\* **Numbers 6:25-26** “The LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”

\*\*\* **Isaiah 9:6** “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be

called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father,  
***Prince of Peace!***

**\*\*\* Romans 8:6** “For to set the mind on the flesh is death, ***but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.***”

**\*\*\* Colossians 3:15** “***And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,*** to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

[A number of sources were used in the development of the above article...]

Grace and Peace to all Saints in Christ! James Bell

[www.southsidegallatin.org](http://www.southsidegallatin.org)

## **SOUTHSIDE NEWS NOTES:**

**SUNDAY SERVICES: NOVEMBER 13, 20, 37 / 2022**

**\*\*\* Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children’s classes, Youth, and Adult classes.

**\*\*\* WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am**

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

**1. NOVEMBER 13 - Training Faithful Men... 5pm**

**2. NOVEMBER 20 - LORD’S SUPPER // Home Groups, various times**

**3. NOVEMBER 27 - EVENING SERVICE** (Adam, Bradley, and others give specific preparation for this Service... and, this month, **James Poteete** is scheduled to preach.)

## **ADVANCE NOTICE OF SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER and JANUARY—**

**NOTE DIFFERENCES:**

**1. December 4 & 11— regular schedules**

**2. December 18—regular MORNING SERVICE, with the LORD’S SUPPER; and....**

**2b. DECEMBER 18, 5PM... Adam, Bradley, Choir, and others will lead us in a SPECIAL TIME of SONGS and SCRIPTURES ... IN GRATITUDE FOR JESUS, THE UNSPEAKABLE GIFT!**

**3. DECEMBER 25... 10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER. (No. S.S. or evening service)**

**JANUARY 2023— In January... Sunday Evening Events are ONE WEEK LATER than normal... please note!**

**[1] January 1,** Sunday School and Worship Service, **only.**

**[2] January 8,** Sunday School and Worship Service, and FELLOWSHIP MEAL;

**[3] January 15,** Sunday School and Worship Service, and FAITHFUL MEN, 5PM;

**[4] January 22,** Sunday School and Worship Service, and LORD'S SUPPER; HOME GROUPS!

**[5] January 29,** (Adam, Bradley, and others give specific preparation for this Service.... and, this month, **Jim Barnhouse** is scheduled to preach.)

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**EVERY SATURDAY\*\*\*** 8:00 AM, — Men's Bible Study! (*Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Sausage Biscuits are available!*)  
[STUDYS IN JEREMIAH]

**\*\*\* NEXT Ladies Bible Study, January 2023**

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

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: 6:30pm— come in back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning! \*\* Adult Prayer Service \*\* 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... TO GIVE** via ONLINE GIVING:

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

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**WE CONTINUE TO PRINT THE FOLLOWING**

**HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES— WHY?**

**[1] SO as to Respond with WISDOM and NOT fear!**

**[2] SO AS TO KEEP SEEKING TO BE AS HEALTHY AS WE CAN!**

**[3] SO THAT BY GOD’S MERCIES AND GRACE, WE CAN CONTINUE 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... 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 patients:  
<https://aapsonline.org/CovidPatientTreatmentGuide.pdf>

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/>