



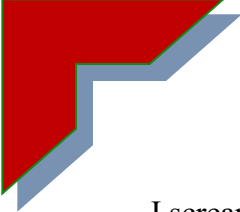
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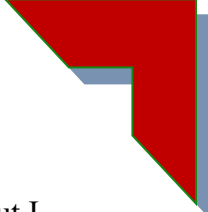
South Side Christian Church

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Kevin's Korner



My food is to do the will of the Father

I scream, you scream, we all scream for Ice cream. Ok, maybe we don't literally scream, but I often crave it. Ice cream is without a doubt my favorite dessert. Do you have a particular dessert or food you crave? Food is such an intricate part of our lives we gather to eat at mealtime, birthday celebrations, or holidays. Food is often the center of our celebrations. Food not only provides the necessary strength and nutrients our bodies need, but it can also be both pleasurable and comforting.

Imagine craving God's will like we crave food. Jesus said in John 4:34, "...My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to accomplish his work." The Father's will was what nourished Jesus. His pleasure came from doing the Father's will. This attitude took humility because it called for Jesus to let go of what He may have wanted to do, like avoiding the cross. The same is true for us. Jesus says in Matthew 7:21, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." Doing the will of the Father is relevant for the Christian. We have a choice in life to either be committed to doing God's will because we have to, or because we want to. We are more likely to do His will consistently if it brings us pleasure. A changed attitude towards God's **will** can impact our attitude towards scripture, prayer, and obedience to Him. It could transform the way we live, think, and spend our time. No longer would the things which help us grow in Christ become a burden, but rather joyful tasks. Maybe this is what Jesus meant when He said, "His yoke is light." Because we all know we seek to do the things we enjoy.

The truth is, we don't struggle with our religious practices, such as reading our Bibles, prayer, or going to church, because we lack the time for them. The reason many of us struggle with those actions is often because we approach them as a duty. Examine your own heart, is it joy or duty that leads you to read your Bible, pray, go to church, etc.? Would you like to find yourself having more joy in doing God's will? Would you like to see your religious practices become less of a burden and more of a joy? If you want to change your attitude towards God's will begin by memorizing John 4:34. Memorize and pray that verse asking God to help change your attitude towards His will. Furthermore, recite John 4:34 several times a day seeking to **imbed** that verse in both your heart and mind. Finally, keep putting Bible reading and prayer into your routine, but begin that time by asking God to help you see His will the same as you view your favorite food. Learn to crave God's will like your favorite food and you will find yourself growing to be more like Jesus.

Kevin W. Soben

From The Elders:

Dear South Side.

As Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Eve get closer and closer, we should be thinking about how we have benefited from the generosity of God and how we benefit from living in His Love and Grace. Are you thankful for the home, food, people, and love that you have in your life? So many around us do not have the benefits afforded to us as Children of God, leading to more and more requests for benevolence from the church and us, as individuals. Please be aware that there are a number of missions that South Side supports that provide benevolent help to individuals and families who are unable to sustain a minimal standard of living. God calls on us to help the widows, the orphans, and the poor. Please help as you are able.

Everyone is aware that we have been looking to have new entryway doors on the church, as well as the fact that we have a drainage issue at the parking lot and sidewalk at the entryway to the Fellowship Hall. Both of these projects are at the top of the priority list of capital projects for South Side. Based on the estimates from reputable companies and from the Solomon Foundation, both of these projects will cost approximately \$150,000.00 each for a total of \$300,000.00. We have approximately \$125,000.00 in our savings account. Based on our current program, mission, and maintenance expenditures and budget, as well as the weekly offerings, we are currently just meeting the expenses to keep these programs, missions, and maintenance on the building. With the current economic situation in the country and the current cost of living, we, the elders, are not comfortable asking everyone to increase their giving to the church. With the average attendance of 75 people per Sunday, we are just making the expenses, as previously stated. One of the other ways of increasing the church's income, is to increase the number of people attending. The job that Jesus gave each of us is in Matthew 28: 18-20, where we are told, *¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* Please pray that God will assist you in reaching out to others who are not connected with a church and give you the words and boldness to ask them to come to South Side and witness what God has done for you, your friends, your family, and your church family.

If you have any questions or concerns, please see one of the elders who will be glad to talk with you and listen to any suggestions you may have to offer.

Jeff, Dan, and Orlando



Kidz and Youth

This month, the youth group will be going through a series we're calling *Stressed Out*. This series will tackle several areas of stress in our lives. Throughout this series, we will be looking at what God's word has to say about these areas and how to handle stress when it arises. Please pray that we will respond to the stresses of life in a godly way!

Our elementary class will continue through the Old Testament, with a focus on the prophets. We will be learning about God's message of redemption and repentance to his people and to us as well. Please pray that we will see God's grace this month!

This year's Pancake Breakfast will be November 8th from 9-11 AM. If you have not yet received a ticket, let John know and we will find one for you!

Our youth group Progressive Dinner will be Sunday December 14th from 5-9 PM.

John Helton



You're invited to our **Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser!**



Join us for a delicious morning
of food and fellowship

**Saturday, November 8th
from 9-11 AM**
at South Side Christian Church

All proceeds will support our
church ministries.

If you haven't received a
ticket yet, please let John
know — we'll make
sure you get one!

We'd love to see you there!



Operation Christmas Child

Last year, thanks to the generosity of our church family, we sent 177 shoeboxes filled with gifts, love, and hope to children around the world. It was such a joy to see our congregation unite to bless so many young lives. ! This year, we're aiming even higher with a goal of 250 boxes.

Each box requires
a \$10 shipping
donation, and
any help toward
this need is deeply
appreciated. If you
feel led to give, your
support will help
ensure every box
reaches a child who needs it most.



Thank you for your continued kindness and for
bringing hope to children across the world!

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, Nov. 2, the Kara Ladies will be providing coffee and an assortment of delicious treats.

Fellowship will take place from 10:00 to 10:25 AM, giving everyone a chance to gather together before the morning service begins.



POTLUCK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16

Bring your favorite recipe and join us after the service on Sunday, November 16 for a warm church family potluck!



The church will provide the main dish and drinks, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

Let's enjoy good food, laughter, and fellowship together!

Senior Saints—News for You!

We had a great time at our Western themed program last month. Many wore their cowboy hats and western apparel which made it fun. Diana looked like Annie Oakley! Susan's chili was delicious. Everyone liked the Frito pie and the taco dip. Thank you to Diana and Debbie for making those. There were many tasty desserts. The pumpkin dump cake and the blueberry pound cake got rave reviews. If you brought a dessert, thank you so much. John's country music program was great. He always puts a smile on our face. He sang many favorite songs and told some funny stories and jokes. We just love him!

In November we will celebrate our Blessings and all we are thankful for. We will have a Thanksgiving feast. Susan and Mike will be roasting turkey. We have people making stuffing, mashed potatoes and green bean casserole. Please bring a favorite side or a dessert to add to our meal.

Our program will be "Show and Tell." I always love that and I feel we get to know each other a little better. You can bring anything to show and tell about; it could be a family heirloom, a homemade craft, a favorite book, a travel souvenir, an award, a photo—really anything that you would like to share.

The program will be great if people participate, be thinking of something you might bring. It will be fun and interesting. So I'll see you on **November 11th at noon**. Don't forget a side dish or a dessert and something for "show and tell."

Donna Abercrombie

Kara Krafters Boutique

We have reopened our Kara Kraft Boutique to Rooms 12 and 13. We offer seasonal decorations and other hand-made décor items that make wonderful gifts. Also, check out our Facebook page: Kara Krafters, where you can find crafts for sale to support our missions.



Thank You!

We want to thank our entire church congregation, the Kara Ladies, our Youth Group, and everyone who volunteered for their incredible support in making the Rummage Sale and Harvest Carnival such a success. From your hard work and dedication to your prayers and generous donations, each of you played a vital role in serving our church and community.

Your time, talent, and love truly made a difference. We are blessed to have such a caring and giving congregation. Thank you for being a part of these wonderful events and for helping us serve others with love and joy!



Down Under Ministry

SSCC is partnering with Love INC to provide clothing essentials to families in our community throughout the year. Help us bless those in need!

We are currently collecting boys' underwear (sizes 2 to XL), girls' underwear (sizes 6, 10, 12, 14), women's underwear (sizes S, M, L), men's underwear (sizes S, M), and socks for men (sizes 6–12). Please drop your donations in the bin outside the office. Thank you for your generosity and for making a difference!



The Salvation Army

We are collecting nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army Food Bank to support individuals and families in need within our community.

Your donations make a real difference! Please place items in the bin located just outside the office door. Every contribution big or small helps bring hope and relief. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and care.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



**Monday,
Nov. 3
9 – 3 PM**

Disciple-Makers Class - Sunday School Class

We are studying the life and ministry of Jesus from a chronological perspective. You are welcomed to join us each Sunday.

Kevin Groben (219) 276-0538

The Christian Friendship Sunday School Class

We would love to have you join us on any Sunday morning. We are discussion oriented, and welcome people of all ages.

We study from the Christian Standard lesson.

Jeff Hayden (219) 730-2635

Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible Study meets on Monday's at 6:30PM. Contact Jason Newhuis at (708) 825-3345 for information.

Wednesday Sisters in Christ Bible Study

Begins at 10 am, we take prayer requests from 11:30 to 12:00. Throughout the week we support one another with calls, texting, and prayers. Contact Carol Joza at 708-955-1257 for information.

Wednesday Kevin's Bible Study

Afternoon Session 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Evening Session 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Same lesson both session.

Kevin Groben (219) 276-0538

Ladies Dartball



Ladies, join us for an exciting evening of Dartball with women from various churches on **Monday, November 3 and 20** at church from 6 to 9 PM.

No experience needed, just come for fun, friendly competition, and great fellowship! Snacks will be provided. We can't wait to see you there!

Kara Ladies Group

Join us on **Thursday, November 6** at noon in the church atrium for a time of fellowship as we fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes. Bring your lunch and join the fun as we prepare these special gifts for children in need.

Don't miss the homemade jam and crafts available in the Church Fireplace Room! Thank you for supporting our mission projects.

We always welcome new members, come join the fun!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1-Nov	Rafael Padilla
2-Nov	Ariana Newhuis
5-Nov	Matthew Newhuis
5-Nov	Allison O'Quinn
7-Nov	Tyler Estes
8-Nov	Katie Estes
14-Nov	Marilou Beshears
17-Nov	Tiffany Fordyce
20-Nov	Sabrina Alvarado
23-Nov	Linda Manly
24-Nov	Crystal Domke
24-Nov	James Lawson
27-Nov	Tammi Redlarczyk
29-Nov	Jeanette Lawson
30-Nov	Tony Burrell

November

New Testament

▶ JOHN

1. ☐ 7:37-44

2. ☐ 7:45-53

3. ☐ 8:1-11

4. ☐ 8:12-20

5. ☐ 8:21-30

6. ☐ 8:31-47

7. ☐ 8:48-59

8. ☐ 9:1-12

9. ☐ 9:13-25

10. ☐ 9:26-41

11. ☐ 10:1-10

12. ☐ 10:11-21

13. ☐ 10:22-42

14. ☐ 11:1-16

15. ☐ 11:17-37

16. ☐ 11:38-44

17. ☐ 11:45-57

18. ☐ 12:1-11

19. ☐ 12:12-19

20. ☐ 12:20-36

21. ☐ 12:37-50

22. ☐ 13:1-11

23. ☐ 13:12-17

24. ☐ 13:18-30

25. ☐ 13:31-38

▶ 2 PETER

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☐ 2:10-16

☐ 2:17-22

☐ 3:1-9

☐ 3:10-18

▶ 1 JOHN

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☐ 2:1-11

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☐ 3:11-18

☐ 3:19-24

☐ 4:1-6

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☐ 5:1-12

☐ 5:13-21

▶ 2 JOHN

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▶ 3 JOHN

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▶ JUDE

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☐ 17-25

Old Testament

▶ JOB

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▶ EZEKIEL

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▶ DANIEL

☐ 1-2

☐ 3-4

☐ 5-6

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☐ 9

☐ 10-12

