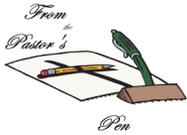


# SOUTHSIDE NEWS

April 2018



Greetings Church Family:

When Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, we read in Matthew 25:56b, “Then all the disciples deserted Him and ran away.” These same men walked, talked, and learned from Jesus for over 3 years. These men were told on several occasions by Jesus what was going to happen. Either they weren’t listening, or they didn’t really believe what He was saying. But, when all this started taking place, it says they “deserted Him and ran away.” I do believe that their faith was shaken on this day. The One they followed, learned from, and saw do many miracles was being taken away to die. Peter, even after telling Jesus that he would follow Him no matter what, denied Him three times. My question to each of us today is, “Has our faith ever been shaken?” Shaken so bad that we begin to wonder if what we have been taught and believe is really true? We, many times, criticize these disciples for deserting Jesus in His hour of being falsely tried, and then crucified. But, how many times have we deserted Jesus when things aren’t going the way we think they should be going. How many times have we doubted Jesus to come through, even though we have experienced it time after time in our lives? Each of us experience many things in life. Some of us have experienced cancer, migraine headaches, loss of limbs, death of loved ones, children rebelling, parents or spouses dealing with dementia or Alzheimer’s, and the list goes on and on. And, if we are honest with one another, our faith at times becomes shaken. Will we believe what we know is truth? Will we believe that even through the hard circumstances of life, God is still God and He is still in control? Will we believe that no matter what happens, He still loves us, and He still does want His best for us? If we do not, we will be counted among those that have “deserted Him and ran away.” I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to be named among that group? I want to be named among the group that continued to trust, believe and no matter what happens, God really does want His best for me. We have many in our local church body that are struggling with many different issues of life. We are told in Hebrews 10:25, “not to stay away from our meetings, as some habitually do.” Then we are told why we need to be active, functioning members of South Side, “but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” What the writer of Hebrews is saying is, “We need each other.” Let us not be deserters during the hour of need. Aren’t you glad that Jesus didn’t desert us that day when they nailed Him to the cross? If He had asked for legions of angels to come and take Him away, we would never have had the Resurrection. I wonder what we have missed out on, during our times of running away? Happy Resurrection Day to everyone!—

Until Next Time, Keep Looking Up, Bro. Howard

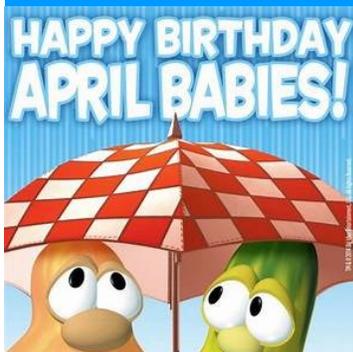
SERMON	April 1	April 8	April 15	April 22	April 29
<b>Morning</b> <b>THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH</b>	<b>Choir Musical</b> “Because We Believe”	“The Proclamation of the Church” 2 Timothy 4;1-4	“The Witness of the Church” Act 1:8	“The Impact of the Local Body in the Community We Live” Ephesians 2:10	“Why Am I Here?” Jeremiah 29:1-14
<b>Evening</b>	<b>No Evening Service</b>	“Being No Respector of Person” James 2:1-13	“True Faith Avoids Inactive Profession” James 2:14-26	“The Use and Abuse of the Tongue” James 3:1-12	<b>Serving at Hope Campus</b> 4:00-7:00

We will continue our “Journey Through the Bible” on Wednesday evenings!

# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <i>Easter Sunday</i> No Evening Service	2	3	4 Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Strawberry Cake	5	6	7
8 Deacons' Meeting @ 8:30 a.m.	9	10	11 Chicken & dressing, Green Beans, Rolls, Cake	12	13	14
15 Hope Campus Speaker	16	17	18 Beef & Noodle Casserole, Corn, Bread, Cake	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Sloppy Joes, Chips, Cole Slaw, Beans, Cookies	26	27	28
29 "Help at Hope"-4 pm	30		<b>APRIL MEMBERS OF THE MONTH:</b> <b>Mike and Janice Bell</b>			

- 8th Justin Barholm  
Cheyenne Boyle
- 9th Ben Jordan
- 15th Katie Jacks  
Tom Raymond  
Lenora Scoggins
- 17th Deborah Balsler
- 18th Janice Bell
- 24th Sherry Huddle
- 27th Dawn Taylor



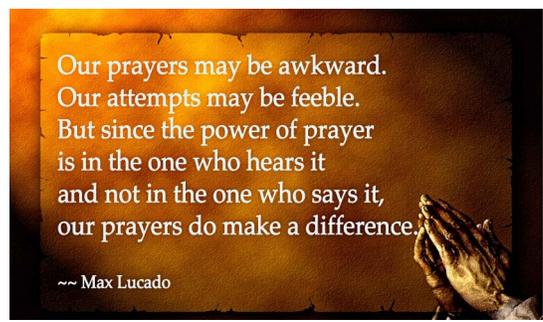
Date	Attendance		Giving	
	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Budget Gifts	Design. Gifts
3-4	42	43	\$6695	\$509
3-11	47	59	\$2346	\$203
3-18	47	49	\$2812	\$1340
3-25	47	40	\$2404	\$1555

2018/2019 Budget	
Annual Budget	\$224154
Yr/Date Needed	
Yr/Date Receipts	
+ (-) Budget	
Needed Weekly	\$4286
Weekly Avg.	

Date	Morning prayer
4-1	Mike Hicks
4-8	Pete Galvan
4-15	David Goodson
4-22	Brian Sweeten
4-29	Mike Hicks
Ushers	Martha, Mell,

Sun.	Pre-service Choir	9:00 a.m.
	Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
	Morning Worship	10:50 a.m.
	Choir practice (full)	5:00 p.m.
	Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Prayer & Bible Study	6:00 p.m.
	Children's activities	5:45 p.m.

We are asking EVERYONE to be in prayer for Sherry and Bro. Howard this week, and especially Monday morning (April 2), as Sherry undergoes surgery for a mass found on her brain this past week. Ask friends, family and every prayer warrior you know to keep them in their prayers! The surgeon is named Dr. Rodriguez, and we want to pray God keeps His hand on her and the entire surgical team Monday, and on those caring for Sherry through all of this as well. God is good and we are trusting Him to take care of our sister and our pastor.



It's that time again! Plenty of rain and sunshine and warmer weather.....GRASS IS GROWING! If you can help mow the yard this summer, please sign up on the sheet outside the office as soon as possible. We have all the equipment you will need. All you will need to supply is time and effort! THANK YOU!



## Easter Brunch

The BYKOTA women's class is again hosting a potluck brunch on Easter morning, April 1st, at 9:30 a.m. Bring your favorite items for breakfast, or lunch, to share with other church family members and our guests. We will have coffee and other beverages available. Invite family members and friends to join us for the brunch, followed by our Resurrection Service at 10:50. The choir will be presenting the musical "Because We Believe".

We will not have an evening service that day, allowing time to spend with family and friends.

### ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The Annie Armstrong Emphasis was during the month of March. They asked not only for financial support, but for your prayers of support. They need that past March, of course. The goal for gifts from South Side Baptist was \$1000. We met and exceeded that goal, with a total of \$1375 in offerings as of March 25th. Thank you to everyone who gave. To God be all glory!!!! Bro. Howard

Plans have started for our Vacation Bible School, which will be June 4-8. The theme this year is "Game On." Our theme Bible verse is: "His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and goodness." - 2 Peter 1:3.

Our students will be learning that:

1. Jesus Cares About Me.
2. Jesus Gives Me Hope.
3. Jesus Helps Me Believe.
4. Jesus Loves Me.
5. Jesus Gives Me Joy.



We look forward to reaching out to our community through this great opportunity!! Mark this date on your calendar and begin to invite..invite...invite...!!

There is a sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. We are still needing some volunteers! Check it out and see where you will working the week of VBS. VBS will be for thos who were in Kindergarten through 6th grade this school year. Those who are currently in 7th-12th grades are able to help in VBS.

South Side Baptist will be helping to serve dinner at HOPE Campus, Sunday night, **April 29** from 4:00-7:00ish. We will leave South Side at 3:45 pm for those who want to follow us there. We need 6-8 people to help. If you miss out on this time of serving, we will do it again on the 5th Sunday in July, September, and December, also. We hope everyone will find time to participate in this ministry.

The Executive Director of Hope Campus, Chris Joannides, will be with us on April 15th to speak for 10-15 minutes on the purpose and work of Hope Campus. This is the only campus-model homeless prevention and management nonprofit in the State of Arkansas and is open to any individual in need. They provide help for the chronically homeless and for those who are downtrodden. The overnight dormitory is designated for adults only, with children and families welcome for all other services including meals, classes, and laundry. South Side will be partnering with HOPE Campus in 2018 as we help them serve our community. They are located at 301 South E Street.

Check out South Side's new **YouTube** channel! If you have internet, a computer, smartphone or tablet, just go to YouTube and do a search for **sbcbfortsmith** in the YouTube search engine. When our channel comes up, please subscribe to it, then click on the icon that looks like a bell to have a notification sent to your email when we post a new sermon video. We will be putting videos of our morning preaching service on this channel. If you need help in finding us on YouTube, just ask Bro. Howard, Brian Sweeten, or Paula Phifer and we will help you get connected! Share this information with family and friends!



**On Sunday, June 24, we will be having our "God and Country Day" at South Side. Herb Wilson will be our special speaker that morning with a catered lunch following our morning worship service. We will only need to bring desserts! Can't get much easier than that, can it? Then, at 1:30 we will go back into the sanctuary for a time of worship with Steve Stewart (Music Minister at Rye Hill Baptist) and his brothers! It will be a great day!**

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It's God's part to do the wonders, ours is the simplest: to TRUST and PRAY.**

**Check out our website at [www.ssbconline.org](http://www.ssbconline.org).**

The website has been updated and really improved. Sign on to see all the changes. If you have suggestions as to things you would like to see on the webpage, please let us know.

**South Side also has a Facebook presence as well. It has been updated as well. If you will "like" our page, you'll get updated information as it is added. Sharing the page with your friends will help spread the word as to what we are doing here at South Side Baptist.**

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please call, write or email us at [southside@ssbconline.org](mailto:southside@ssbconline.org)

**Wednesday Night Menu**

**April 4**  
*Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Rolls, Cake*

**April 11**  
*Chicken & Dressing, Green Beans, Rolls, Cake*

**April 18**  
*Beef & Noodle Casserole, Corn, Bread, Cake*

**April 25**  
*Sloppy Joes, Chip, Coleslaw, Beans, Cookies*