

# SOUTHSIDE NEWS

August 2019

We—the people of God, His prized and immovable treasures—are the “living sacrifices” that God uses to advance His kingdom on earth. But what kinds of “living sacrifices” does a kingdom person make to God? **(1) Our bodies**—“Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship.” By continuing to read through Romans 12, we discover the Apostle Paul is not only talking about the purity of our personal bodies, but also the united sacrifices made by the body of believers, the church. By offering back to Him all the physical abilities and spiritual gifts He has given to us—as individuals and as churches—we fulfill a major part of our priestly duties. **(2) Our worship**—“Therefore, through Him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise that is, the fruit of our lips that confess His name.” Have you ever thought about worship being a priestly sacrifice you can offer to God? This perspective should arrest our attention the next time we approach worship halfheartedly. True worship occurs when we focus on God as the object of our praise and adoration. **(3) Our service**—“Don’t neglect to do good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.” By actively planning to be thoughtful, watchful, caring, and compassionate, we meet the needs of those around us and please our Father at the same time. **(4) Our witness**—Paul talked about being a “priest of God’s good news,” with his purpose being that “the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable” as a result of receiving God’s salvation (Romans 15:16). We saw his sharing of the gospel message as a stewardship, an act of priestly service and obedience, a way to help others experience the joy of Christ’s presence and acceptance. Worship, service, and witness—three ways to love God and love others. You can show your love for God each day by worshipping Him and being His movable possession as you tell others about God’s love. Live each day looking for ways that you can be used by God in building His kingdom!

Until next time...Keep Looking Up, Bro. Howard!

SERMON	August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25
Morning Service “iTruth” Series	iTruths: iPray 1 Thess. 5:17-18	iTruths: iGive Luke 6:38	James Holt	The Great Compromise: What is your Golden Calf?
Evening Service Hebrews Series	Stay in the Running, Part 1 Hebrews 12:1-4	Stay in the Running, Part 2 Hebrews 12:5-29	James Holt	Associaional Annual Meeting (5:00 pm) & Celebration Service FBC Greenwood

Join us on Wednesday evenings through the remainder of the summer as we look at the study,  
“EKG—Empowering Kingdom Growth.”

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<i>There isn't any situation so hard that if you chipped away at it long enough you couldn't create a monument.</i>				1	2	3
4	5	6 Ballman Elementary to provide lunch at 11:30 a.m.	7	8	9	10
11 Deacon's Meeting 8:30	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 James Holt, in both services	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 FBC - Greenwood Concord Baptist Assoc. Annual Meeting 5:00 Celebration Service 6:00	26	27	28	29	30	31



- 10th Ramona Goodson
- 17th Mell Moss
- 24th Scott Taylor

The nominating committee will meet Sunday, August 4th, at 4:30 to begin the work of confirming teachers and ministry leaders for the coming year.

If you feel led to serve as a teacher, or to lead any of the ministries of our church, please contact one of the committee members to discuss it with them.

The committee consists of Janice Bell, Cindy Gilmore, Ken Overbey, Jo'an Short, and BJ Phifer, with Shelley Sikes as the alternate member.

Our August 25th evening services will be moved to First Baptist Church-Greenwood for our Concord Baptist Associational Annual Meeting. The Business portion will be held at 5:00 with a meal being provided. We can have up to 7 messengers, so the first seven SSBC members who show up can be voting messengers. The Celebration Service will be held at 6:00 in the church sanctuary and anyone can attend this service.

If you are interested in being involved in Disaster Relief, this would be a great time to go to our Associational Annual Meeting. The meal that night will be prepared by a Disaster Relief Team and Sam Porter, National Director for Disaster Relief, NAMB, will be the guest speaker for the evening.

Date	Attendance		Giving	
	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Budget Gifts	Design. Gifts
7-7	38	40	\$5418	\$65
7-14	38	41	\$4152	\$24
7-21	40	40	\$2195	\$2
7-28	46	47	\$2871	\$0

2019/2020 Budget	
Annual Budget	\$201,612
Yr/Date Needed	\$65,926
Yr/Date Receipts	\$66,607
+ (-) Budget	\$681
Needed Weekly	\$3878
Weekly Avg.	\$3918

Volunteers in Service	
Date	Morning prayer
8-4	Mike Bell
8-11	David Goodson
8-18	Pete Galvan
8-25	Mike Hicks

It is hard to believe that it is almost time for public schools to be back in session from summer break. So, beginning in September, we will once again be providing goodies for the Ballman Elementary Faculty Staff lounge. We will be taking these treats on the second Thursday of each month. Please make sure your Sunday school class is involved in this ministry opportunity, by signing up your class today! This has been a great outreach that has opened other doors of ministry to the faculty and staff. Thank you to everyone who helped last year and will be helping this year in this ministry!!

We here at South Side Baptist have served as prayer partners with the staff at Ballman Elementary School for a number of years. Each year we have provided lunch for them the week before school begins, and last yer we expanded that to also take treats once a month to the faculty/staff lounge. They have begun to share prayer concerns, trusting us to lift them up as they needed. We have developed a relationship that is year-round rather than just one day in August.

This year, they have asked us to “switch places”. They would like to provide a lunch for any of our members who would come join them here in our fellowship hall on Tuesday, **August 6th, 11:30 a.m.** To enable them to prepare, they need to know how many people plan to be here. If you can come, **please let us know by Sunday morning, August 4th**, so we can give them a number that afternoon.

We encourage as many members as possible to come meet those people who are so important in the lives of our neighborhood children. Let them match faces to the names of those who are praying for them. And let God use us to help them see Him.

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the nursery or in doing yard work so far this summer. You are greatly appreciated.

We still need volunteers in both these areas. If you can help in the nursery occasionally, please let Janice Martin know when you are available.

The yardwork will need to be continued probably through September, at least every two weeks. If you can do the work, we have all the equipment you might need. Just let us know in the office so we can schedule you.



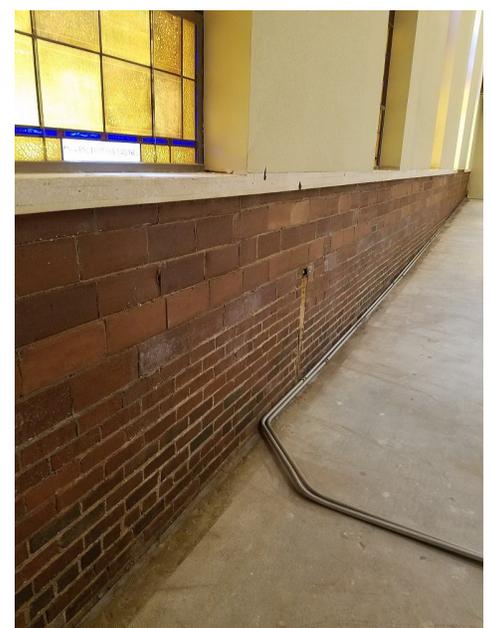
We will be serving dinner at Hope Campus on Sunday evening, September 29th We will need to be there by 4:00 to help prep the food and then serve at 6:00. It will require 6-8 volunteers. The sign-up sheet will be out the first of Septembe for those wanting to serve in this ministry. Looking ahead: we will also be serving dinner on December 29th, so mark your calendars for then also.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STATS:

Total Enrollment:	43
Average Nightly Attendance:	33
Missions Offering/Disaster Relief:	\$551

#### We're Making Progress!

The repairs of water damage on the west sanctuary walls has been completed, and now the damaged lower pieces of wall are down as well. The long hard grinding of the brick is finished, and the brick has been treated with sealer. Work on the wooden trim will resume this month. Thanks go out to everyone who helped, and will help in the future. We will let everyone know the work days as they are scheduled!



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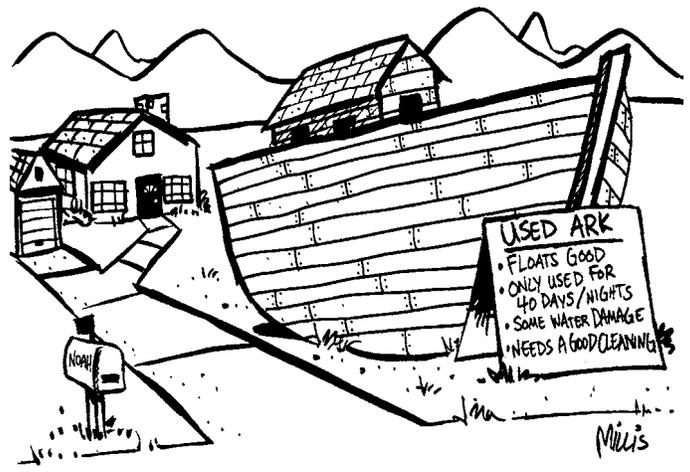
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**Return Service Requested**

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.



**HAPPINESS KEEPS YOU SWEET,  
TRIALS KEEP YOU STRONG,  
SORROWS KEEP YOU HUMAN,  
FAILURES KEEP YOU HUMBLE,  
SUCCESS KEEPS YOU GLOWING,  
BUT ONLY GOD KEEPS YOU GOING!**



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Visit our [website](http://www.ssbconline.org) at [www.ssbconline.org](http://www.ssbconline.org).

The website has been updated and really improved. Sign on to see all the changes.

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Then, check out South Side's [YouTube](#) channel! Just go to YouTube and do a search for **ssbcfortsmith** 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.

*Midweek meals will resume September 4th*