



SOUTHSIDE NEWS

February 2019

Mankind is by nature sinful and needs the righteousness of God. We must be separated from sin and set apart to righteousness. If we are to approach God, we must do so on God's terms—we must have new lives in which our sins have been forgiven. It is one thing to be convinced of the need for the new life, but it is an entirely different thing to acquire the new life. When we are "saved" we are said to be a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17); to have passed from death to life (John 5:24); to have been transferred from the rule of darkness to the kingdom of God's Son (Col. 1:13); to have been born again (John 3:3); and to have been adopted by God (Galatians 4:4-5). These wonderful results of having new life in Christ are offered freely to all who trust in Christ for salvation. One of the most thrilling benefits of finding new life in Christ is "everlasting (eternal) life." We enter a new, personal relationship with God that gives us a fullness of spiritual vitality, and this new life is a gift which will never die. God can accomplish a life-changing transformation for all who truly believe in Christ. So, what are the results of the new life? We read in John 5:24, **"I assure you: Anyone who hears My word and believes Hi who sent Me has eternal life and will not come under judgment but has passed from death to life."** One benefit of finding new life in Christ is called in the Bible, "eternal" life." The character of this great reality may be summarized by carefully looking at each word. The word "life" stresses the quality of this new relationship with God. It does not mean, of course, that we are not physically alive before salvation; it simply stresses the fact that we enter a new, personal relationship with God that gives us a fullness of spiritual vitality that we lacked before. The word "eternal" emphasizes life without end. Though it will not be completely fulfilled until our future bodily redemption, it is still a present possession that can never perish. Eternal life must not be conceived of as an exclusively future possession. Rather, its possession is clearly seen in our actions. We read in 1 John 3:14, **"We know that we have passed from death to life because we love our brothers. The one who does not love remains in death."** Love is the confirming evidence that we do, in fact, have eternal life. The greatness of this spiritual reality constitutes a wonderful incentive to vigorously proclaim the gospel to those who are still **"dead in trespasses and sins."** (Ephesians 2:1) As we begin the year 2019, let me ask you, or let me challenge you to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with at least one person this year. The Southern Baptist Convention has a new theme for 2019 and it is "Who's Your One?" Well, who will be your one? Who will be that person that you will share Christ with so they can experience this new life in Christ, so they can become a new creation? I am going to be praying that you will have the desire to share Christ with someone and then praying that you will do it!

Until Next Time...Keep Looking Up, Bro. Howard

SERMON	February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Morning : "RETURNING TO YOUR FIRST LOVE " and "RETURN TO HOLINESS"	"Making God's Kingdom a Priority" Matthew 6:19	"Caring For God's People" 2 Corinthians 1:3-4	RETURN TO HOLINESS: "Sins of Thought" Romans 12:1-2	"Sins of Attitude" Revelation 3:15-16
Evening HEBREWS Series	"Jesus, Greater Than Aaron The High Priest" Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10	"Pilgrims Should Make Progress" Hebrews 5:11 - 6:20	"Mysterious Melchizedek" Hebrews 7	"The Better Covenant" Hebrews 8

We will continue our study through "The Disciples Path" on Wednesday evenings

FEBRUARY

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3	4	5 Men's Class Breakfast at Ms. Anna's	6 Chicken & Dumplings Green Beans, Corn- bread, Choc. Cake	7 Food Pantry Distribution 1:30—3:00	8	9													
10 Deacon's Meeting 8:30	11	12 Men's Class Breakfast at Ms. Anna's	13 Baked Potatoes, Chili, Pudding	14  Goodies for Ballman Elem.	15	16													
17	18  Presidents' Day	19 Men's Class Breakfast at Ms. Anna's	20 Beans, Cornbread, Oven Fried Potatoes, Apple Crisp	21 Food Pantry Distribution 1:30—3:00	22	23													
24	25	26 Men's Class Breakfast at Ms. Anna's	27 Chicken Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cheesecake	28	<table border="1"> <tr> <td rowspan="6" style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Volunteers in Service</td> <td>Date</td> <td>Morning prayer</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-3</td> <td>Mike Bell</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-10</td> <td>David Goodson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-17</td> <td>Mike Hicks</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2-24</td> <td>Scott Taylor</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ushers</td> <td>Mell, Martha, Pat</td> </tr> </table>		Volunteers in Service	Date	Morning prayer	2-3	Mike Bell	2-10	David Goodson	2-17	Mike Hicks	2-24	Scott Taylor	Ushers	Mell, Martha, Pat
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- 3rd **Betty Welch**
- 7th **Bill Bardrick**
- 13th **Christy Lou Stipe**
- 20th **Jo'an Short**
- 26th **Anita Kover**

Ballman Elementary as a Ministry

South Side Baptist will be providing goodies on once-a-month basis for Ballman Elementary School's faculty / staff lounge. We would like to thank the Children's Sunday School classes for providing goodies in December. This month the Lydia class will be providing the treats for Thursday, Feb. 14. Please have your goodies at SSBC by Wednesday evening so they can be delivered the first thing Thursday morning. Thank you for taking part in this ministry.

Hospital regulations required a wheelchair for patients being discharged, but the orderly was greeted by one elderly gentleman insisting he didn't need help to leave. After talking about rules being rules, he finally agreed to use the wheelchair. On the way down, the orderly asked him if his wife was meeting him. "I don't know," he said. "She's still upstairs in the bathroom changing out of her hospital gown."

2018/2019 Budget

Annual Budget	\$228,483
Yr/Date Needed	\$189,684
Yr/Date Receipts	\$140,895
+ (-) Budget	(\$48,789)
Needed Weekly	\$4311
Weekly Avg.	\$3202

Volunteers in Service

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Date	Attendance		Giving	
	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Budget Gifts	Design. Gifts
1-6	45	47	\$4646	\$296
1-13	36	37	\$3179	\$30
1-20	31	31	\$357	\$89
1-27	38	43	\$1147	\$40



Cooler temperatures keep us inside the house. Come find a good book to keep you occupied. The library has been cleaned and organized over the last few months, and we would love for you to come see the changes and go through the many books that have been donated the past year!

If South Side needs to cancel any worship services due to bad weather, please tune to TV station channel 40/29 or check the church website at ssbconline.org or our Facebook page.

If the Fort Smith public school system cancels classes due to bad weather on Wednesday, our services will also be cancelled that evening.



The Lydia Sunday School Class will be providing goodies, Thursday, February 14, for the Ballman Elementary School teacher's lounge. Please have your goodies here by Wednesday evening, February 13, so they can be delivered on Thursday morning. Thank you all very much!



South Side Baptist will be helping to serve dinner at **HOPE Campus**, Sunday night, March 31, 2019 from 4:00 - 7:00ish. In fact, every month with 5 Sundays we will be serving at HOPE Campus. The mission of HOPE Campus is to provide, through a network of regional partners, comprehensive services to impoverished individuals in the River Valley, to help transform lives, and to strengthen the community. HOPE Campus 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, however children and families are welcome for all other services, including meals, classes and laundry. South Side will be partnering with HOPE Campus in 2019 as we help them serve our community. More information will be forthcoming as we prepare to serve our community! Mark it down on your calendar March 31, 2019, from 4:00 to about 7:00 !! HOPE Campus is located at 301 South E Street, Fort Smith

Believe in Better on the Border: Smaller Church and Bi-vocational Conference will be held on Sunday, March 31, from 4:00-8:00 at First Baptist Church, Fort Smith. First Baptist is located at 1400 Grand Ave. This year's featured speaker will be Joe Wright who is the Bi-vocational and Small Church Leadership Network Executive Director. Everyone that will not be helped at HOPE Campus on this evening is welcome, and encouraged to attend. You will be able to choose two breakout sessions to attend. A meal will be provided.

Be watching the March newsletter for information on the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Our church goal this year is \$1000.



Planning will be beginning soon for the 2019 Vacation Bible School. Begin praying and planning now to help us reach out to children in our area. VBS is one of the largest outreach to the lost. There are many children in our neighborhood, and this is our opportunity to reach them now, before the world can! We hope to have an early organizational meeting this month, and will let you know the date as soon as possible.



"It's impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible," G. Washington

"Freedom is not the right to do what we want, but what we ought. Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it." A. Lincoln

"It is better to offer no excuse than a bad one." G. Washington

"Be sure you put your feet in the right place, then stand firm." A. Lincoln

Because not all of the issues with my email program were fixed last month, some people did not receive the January newsletter. On behalf of those who sent these notes, I am including them with the February newsletter as well. Thank you for your understanding. Paula

The big Thank You goes out to everyone who helped to serve at Hope Campus in the year of 2018. We had many people take part in this ministry to prepare and serve dinner at Hope Campus to the homeless. My plans are for us to continue this ministry in the year 2019. So, there will be more opportunities for you to serve and minister at HOPE!!!

Dear Church Family:

Thanks to each of you so very much for coming to sing the wonderful Christmas songs. It was good to see each of you and would love to have been able to visit, but know you were on a tight schedule. Do come again sometime. I was concerned at first if Earl would be confused, but Wednesday was a good day for him. He mentioned after you left that he enjoyed you all coming. I could tell by his smile and think maybe faces were familiar to him. Thank you again and may God bless each of you. - Earl and Loretta Lininger

Dearest Friends:

This day after your visit I am wearing a grin. You can never know the joy each of you brought. It truly was a joy as I looked at each of you as we sang together. You won't get this card of course, but I hope you can put my message to each who brought me joy. - In His Love, Joan Warburton

Dear South Side Baptist Church:

Thank you so much for the yummy snacks you recently brought to Ballman. It sure made our day extra good, and we appreciated your sincere care and kindness. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! -

Sincerely, Lori Griffin and Ballman Staff

We are sincerely grateful for the many Christmas gifts your church has donated for children in our foster homes. This season can be difficult for kids who are away from their families and these presents will make it a little easier. We thank God for your generous spirit He has given to the people of South Side Baptist Church. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. Please remember us in your prayers. - Merry Christmas,

Lynn (Fort Smith area Director Connected Foster Care), and Renata

Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Lottie Moon International Missions Offering. Our church's goal was \$1750. By the end of December, the total given was \$6242!

We would like to thank everyone for your gracious gifts during the Christmas season. Your monetary and personal gifts were greatly received and appreciated. But, most of all, we appreciate your prayers and kind words of encouragement! God is good all the time!

#BecauseWeBelieve - Bro. Howard & Sherry

Thank you so much for the very generous gift you gave me for Christmas. I enjoy working with and seeing you all each week. Kerrie Ganes

Thank you so much for the Christ gift! It has been such a blessing to my family.

Melissa Mitch

Thank you so much to all of you at South Side. Every year you are so generous. I am so glad to work here for you. Melissa Taylor

Thank you so much for all the love and generosity you have shown towards me and BJ; not just during the holidays, but all throughout 2018. Even more, your prayers and friendship are overwhelming to us. We are so blessed to have you as friends ... and our church family!

Paula and BJ



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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.



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

Find us on [Facebook](#) under "South Side Baptist Church" Like and Share our page to help your family and friends see what is going on a SSBC.

Share this information with friends to let them know who we are here at South Side, and to keep up with all our activities.

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please call, write or email us at southside@ssbconline.org

Wednesday Night Menu

February 6
Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Cornbread, Cake

February 13
Baked Potatoes, Chili, Pudding

February 20
Beans, Cornbread, Salad, Cake

February 27
Chicken Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad, Cheesecake