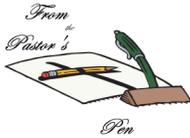


SOUTHSIDE NEWS

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The Declaration of Independence has been and continues to be the model for freedom around the world. America is the longest surviving democratic republic because of the principles that are recorded in this document. There is a reason that over the past 200 years that millions of immigrants have come to our shores. The American dream is fundamentally about the principle of freedom! But make no mistake the American dream of freedom was birthed by those who were seeking religious freedom, people who had been persecuted and driven from their homes came to America to freely practice their religious faith. You will find references to the God that they worshipped four times in the words of the Declaration of Independence and it is evident that these men traced their rights to this freedom, not to a human government or an earthly monarch but to the Creator and Supreme Judge of the universe. We could learn a lesson from their acknowledgment. We today hear a lot of people talking about freedom. How do we really experience true freedom? In John 8:31-32 we see the true "Prescription for Freedom." **"So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed Him, 'If you continue in My word, you really are My disciples. You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.'"** Jesus offers real freedom to every man. This freedom may be realized by believing in Jesus. What are the elements of belief? First there is: **A) Assent to the truth.** What do I mean when I say that belief includes an assent to the truth? It means that we agree that God is the source of all truth and we agree with God about the scope of the truth. It is the truth about us, **"for all have sinned"** and that **"the wages of sin is death,"** and that **"the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord"** Then we have the **B) Acceptance of the truth.** We read in John 1:12, **"But to all who did receive Him, He gave them the right to be children of God, to those who believe in His name."** Implicit in the idea of assent or agreement is that when we truly agree with the truth we will also apply the truth. It is not just believing the right thing, it is accepting what Christ did on the cross of Calvary as truth. Then, last we see: **C) Abiding in the truth.** Future loyalty to His teaching will prove the reality of your present profession. So, the conclusion of this future condition is put in the present tense. As then, so now. It is not enough to receive God's truth - we must retain and walk in it. And it is only when we receive the truth, love it, keep it, and walk in it, that we are the genuine disciples of Christ and then, and only then, are we truly free!

Keep Looking Up Bro. Howard

SERMON	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 22	July 29
Morning THE SCHOOL OF FAITH	"A Saving Faith" Mark 4:35-41	Bro. James Holt	"Advancing in Faith" Matthew 14:22-33	"The Stages of Our Faith" Hebrews 11:1-3,6	"Suffering a Faith Failure" Number 14:1-2
Evening	"Patience in the Midst of Suffering" James 5:1-12	Bro. James Holt	"Hey, That's Our Church" James 5:13-16	SINGSPARATION	Serving at River-view Hope Campus 4:00 pm-7:00 pm

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

Members of the Month: Lisa & Justin Barholm			July			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3		5	6	7
8 Deacons meet at 8:30 a.m. James Holt leading in both services	9	10	11 Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cheesecake	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22  23	23	24	25 Tacos, Nachos, Refried Beans, Jell-O with Fruit	26	27	28
29 Serving at Hope Campus, 4-7 pm	30	31	THE UNITED STATES IS THE ONLY COUNTRY WITH A KNOWN BIRTHDAY			



- 5th Steven Taylor
- 12th Carol O'Neal
- 14th Pete Galvan
- 22nd Robin Tinkler
- 29th Brian Sweeten

Our Bi-Monthly Business Meeting is July 11th, at 6:00 p.m. All members are urged to join us as we discuss the business and ministries of our church.

There will be no services Wednesday, July 4th. The office will be closed that day as well. Have a great, and safe, Independence Day celebration.

The messages on July 8th will be given by Bro. James Holt. Br. Holt has filled in for Bro. Howard several times in the past. Join us that day to make him feel welcome once again.

Our next Singspiration Service is scheduled for July 22nd at 6:00 p.m. If you have any special music you would like to share that evening, please let Sherry know as soon as possible so she can make the plans. Also, be prepared to let us know your favorite hymn for us to sing together!

Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, Who has given us this good land for our heritage, we beseech Thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of Thy favor and glad to do Thy will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning and pure manners.

Save us from violence, discord and confusion; from pride and arrogance and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought higher out of many kindreds and tongues.

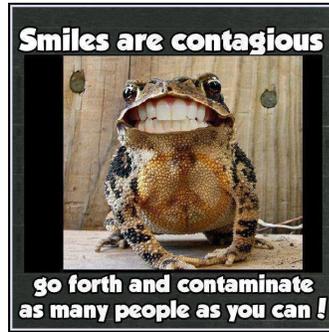
Endow with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that through obedience to Thy law, we may show forth Thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in days of trouble, suffer not our trust in Thee to fail; all of which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. ~ Thomas Jefferson

Dear Church Family,

Thank you does not seem enough to say for all your prayers, monetary gifts, cards, calls, Facebook messages, and texts for us during this time of our lives. But, we are so very grateful! THANK YOU!!! God has blessed us so much through you all. We are in awe of God's goodness and protection and provision as we discovered what the real medical condition was and how He provided the medical team and all the staff at UAMS. We still ask for your prayers as we continue through future treatments.

We love you all! - Bro. Howard and Sherry



Smiling is infectious,
 you catch it like the flu.
 When someone smiled at me today,
 I started smiling too.
 I walked around the corner
 and someone saw me grin;
 When he smiled I realized
 I had passed it on to him.
 I thought about the smile
 and then realized its worth.
 A single smile like mine
 could travel round the earth.
 So if you feel a smile begin,
 don't leave it undetected;
 Start an epidemic
 and get the world infected.
 -Spike Milligan

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!

I would like to thank everyone that made our God and Country Day a success! From those who decorated, smoked the meat, cooked the sides, and all those desserts!! Wow!! If you left physically hungry, then it really was your fault! We were blessed by Bro. Herb Wilson in the morning worship service! Then in the afternoon we were blessed by the Gospel Fest Quartet! If you left spiritually hungry, then it was really your fault too! What an awesome day we had. - Bro. Howard

The next time you feel like God can't use you, just remember...

- Noah was a drunk.
- Abraham was old.
- Isaac was a daydreamer.
- Jacob was a liar.
- Joseph was abused.
- Moses stuttered.
- Gideon was afraid.
- Rahab was a prostitute.
- Jeremiah and Timothy were young.
- David was an adulterer and murderer.
- Elijah was suicidal.
- Jonah ran from God.
- Naomi was a widow.
- Job went bankrupt.
- John the Baptist ate bugs.
- Peter denied Christ.
- Martha was a worrier.
- Zaccheus was too small....and
- Lazarus was dead!

NO MORE EXCUSES! Remember, you aren't the message, you are the messenger.

2018/2019 Budget		Attendance		Giving		
		Date	Sunday School	Morning Worship	Budget Gifts	Design. Gifts
Annual Budget	\$228,483	6-3	46	57	\$5286	\$80
Yr/Date Needed	\$56,043	6-10	43	51	\$2097	\$79
Yr/Date Receipts	\$43,202	6-17	43	54	\$4573	\$10
+ (-) Budget	\$12,841	6-24	38	64	\$2517	\$166
Needed Weekly	\$4311					
Weekly Avg.	\$3323					

Volunteers in Service

Date	Morning prayer
7-1	Brian Sweeten
7-8	David Goodson
7-15	Mike Hicks
7-22	Scott Taylor
7-29	Brian Sweeten

Just a reminder: We will be going to help at [Hope Campus](#) again on July 29th So, if you weren't able to help in April, you will have three more opportunities to do so this year! [#servingGodbyservingourcommunity](#)

The [HOPE Campus](#) 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 over-night 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 on the fifth Sundays in July, September and December as we help them serve our community.

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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.

Then, 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 **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.

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

July 4
No Mid-week Service

July 11
Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Cheesecake

July 18
Chef Salad, Fruit Salad

July 25
Tacos, Nachos, Refried Beans, Jell-O with Fruit