

**PRIVILEGED TO SERVE**  
**WEEK OF SUNDAY March 2, 2025**

Announcements	Gary Loftis
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**SUNDAY DOOR GREETERS**

North Side	Allen/ June Cantrell
South Side	Ricky/ Kelly / Payne Davis

**SUNDAY DOOR MONITOR**

Gary Robinson	Ricky Davis
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**MORNING WORSHIP**

Adult Bible Class Prayer	Jere Whitson
Song Leader	Jondan Rothfus
First Prayer	Allen Cantrell
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Jonothan Whitson
Closing Prayer	Bobby Rothfus

**Evening Worship**

Song Leader	Adam Swallows
First Prayer	David Allen
Scripture	Payne Davis
Sermon	John Chowning
Prayers	Levi Swallows/Levi Whitson
Lord's Table	Todd Webb
Closing Prayer	Jonothan Whitson

**Wednesday March 5, 2025**

Song Leader	Jeff Allen
Scripture Reading	Gary Robinson
Devotional Talk	Levi Swallows
Closing Prayer	Levi Whitson

**Wednesday Door Monitor**

Jere Whitson
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Jere Whitson is responsible for worship assignments. If you are going to be absent or need to request changes, please contact him.

Gospel Broadcast Supported  
 Preaching the Gospel, Sunday 7:30 A.M. – Ch. 11

**Important News:**

**2025 THEME**

**Jesus Built His Church**

**Matthew 16:16-19**

**Verse 18 : And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

**THIS WEEK'S TEXTS**

**AM class-Titus 2:2-10**

**AM sermon– Ephesians 5:22-33**

**PM sermon– Ephesians 2:8-10**

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**SUNDAY**

Bible Study .....9:00 AM  
 Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.  
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

**WEDNESDAY**

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.



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**Prove It!**

**John Chowning**

“that in the ages to come He might shew the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus” (Ephesians 2:7).

The state of Missouri is known as the “Show Me” state. Because it is possible for a person to boast (i.e., to exaggerate the truth) and to lie (i.e., to completely misrepresent the truth), a wise listener does not indiscriminately believe everything he hears. The bigger the claim the wiser it is to have a bigger dose of healthy skepticism.

Anyone at any time can claim anything. Therefore, “prove it” is a wise course of action when you feel skeptical about another’s word.

Not only is this true in secular matters, it is equally applicable in the spiritual realm. Biblical faith is not “believing something you know ain’t so” (Mark Twain); it is confi-

dence in God’s word based upon trustworthy evidence (2 Timothy 1:12). The apostle Thomas was not confronted by the living Christ because he sought physical proof of Jesus’ resurrection; his faith was flawed because he refused to believe the testimony of reliable eyewitnesses who had seen the physical evidence (John 20:24-29).

The Bible makes many stupendous claims. Two of its greatest claims concern God’s love and God’s grace.

“God so loved the world” is not an idle boast or a boldfaced lie, because the middle cross at Golgotha proves the width, length, depth, and height of God’s love. It is an infallible proof, an inerasable demonstration of the Bible’s stupendous claim (Romans 5:8).

The same is true about the Bible’s stupendous claim of the exceeding riches of God’s grace. The regeneration of a sinner dead in his/her trespasses and sins, then the adoption of this former criminal into God’s family where he/she enjoys every spiritual blessing are an infallible proof, an inerasable demonstration of the exceeding riches of God’s grace.

The church—the body of Christ—is enduring evidence that God is willing, ready, and able to forgive.

Ignoring this proof does not change or remove the evidence. It only proves the absence of an honest and good heart.

**Good for Nothing  
John Chowning**

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

According to God’s predetermined plan, every Christian ought to be good for nothing.

Clearly, His plan is NOT that His children be of no practical value to Him or humanity. Light and salt are essential in this world; therefore, a righteous disciple of Jesus is of great profit to a spiritually dark and decaying world (Matthew 5:13-16).

To be like Christ—“who went about doing good” (Acts 10:38), His disciple must be zealous for good works (Titus 2:14), rich in good works (1 Timothy 6:18), and learn to carefully maintain good works (Titus 3:8, 14).

The motives for such goodness are enormously important:

- Good works are to be done to glorify God (Matthew 5:16), not receive the praise (Matthew 6:1).
- They are to please God, not produce self-satisfaction.
- They are to help those who can never repay you, not ingratiate you to those who can (Luke 14:12-14).
- Good works fulfill the possibility of imitating God; they cannot possibly place God in your debt through some imaginary accumulation of spiritual extra credit.

A good-for-nothing child of God does good for no other reason than it is the right thing to do. It is a high and holy calling.

Can it truthfully be said you are good for nothing?

**IMPORTANT NEWS**

-Reminder: The bible class on "Studying Sin Seriously" will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 25th in the multipurpose room. The first lesson will be on The Origin of Sin. Everyone is invited.

-Updated supported mission work information is in the foyer.

**ILLNESSES**

**Bonnie Woody**, has a heart doctor appointment on March 31st.

**Carolyn Mason**, will be having back surgery in the near future, once it gets rescheduled.

**Earlene Qualls**, is now at her daughter’s home recovering from pneumonia, no visitors at this time.

**PANTRY ITEM:**  
*Small Jars of Peanut Butter*

**EXTENDED ILLNESS**

Bonnie Stockton, Carol Meadows, Junior and Lou Bryant, Sue Ing, Mike and Lucy Mitchell, and Bill and Betty Barnes.

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