



SOUTHSIDE

CHURCH of CHRIST

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Welcome!

If you are visiting with us today please feel free to participate. We will sing and pray to the Lord and express our adoration and thanksgiving for all the blessings He freely gives. We will have an offering this morning and we do not want our visitors to feel obligated in any way. There is a nursery located through the double doors located to the left of the pulpit. A children's worship is provided for children ages 2 through 5 on the second floor which will be announced during our service. **Please turn your cell phone ringers off during our service.**

Sunday Morning Worship February 12, 2023

9 AM—Bible School Classes

Basement—Adult Class—Momentum (The Beatitudes)—Freddy Farmer
Basement Classroom Adult Class—The Holy Spirit—Tim Arvin
Auditorium Adult Class—Lessons From The Kings—Tom Rogers
Nursery and 1-year-old class—Main Level
2-year-old — 6th Grade—Main Building Upstairs Classrooms
Teens—Education Building Youth Room

10 AM Service

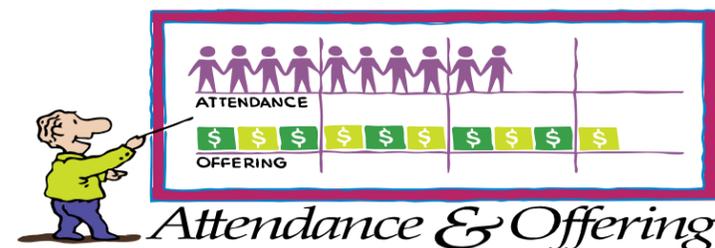
Song Director....Scott Cowan
 Opening PrayerFreddy Farmer
 Preside at CommunionEd Staley
 SpeakerBryan Dill
 Sermon.....*The Mystery of Christ*
 Dismissal PrayerJohn Wheeler

Children's Worship Teachers—Freddy & Teresa Farmer
 Helpers—Ryan Staley and Allison Delahunt

Nursery Attendants—Dawn Ray and Judy Thomas

Sunday Evening Worship

Prayer and Song Service at 5 PM in the Education Building basement



Last Sunday's contribution—\$8,999.00
 Weekly budget—\$8,504.00
 Sunday school attendance last week—119
 Worship service attendance last week—196

KINGDOM KIDS

4-year-old—6th Grade
Check the monitor located at the foot of the stairs near the Welcome Center for your class room (Sun., Jan 22—Wed. Feb 15)

Holy Word Theater—Tracia Gray/David & Lindsey Howell
 Daily Prophet (iPads)—Mark & Lauren Burman
 Creation Station (Crafts)—Teresa Farmer/Cathy Dougherty
 Noah's Arkade (Games)—Dana Gary

2/3 year old class

Emily Vierra and Dana Staley



Birthdays

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| Jimmy Stamps | Feb. 14 |
| Wayne Finn | Feb. 15 |
| Betty Hayes | Feb. 15 |
| Jonah Howell | Feb. 16 |
| Maryanne Jo Wells | Feb. 17 |
| Lisa Bridges | Feb. 18 |
| Daphne Dixon | Feb. 20 |

Anniversaries

Terry & Carla Dodson—Feb. 17

Pray this week for:

Feb. 13—Donnie Dixon
 Feb. 14—Kara Dixon
 Feb. 15—Grayson Dixon
 Feb. 16—Seldon Dixon
 Feb. 17—Barbara Dixon
 Feb. 18—Terry Dodson
 Feb. 19—Carla Dodson

Elders

Scott Cowan
 Mike Dougherty
 Freddy Farmer
 Pete Harry
 Ed Staley
 John Wheeler

Minister

Bryan Dill
 502-320-0007
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Youth Minister

Jackson Wells
 270-847-8511
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Missionaries

Ricardo Alvarado
Costa Rica
 Allan Lopez
Panama
 Dorian Flynn
Africa

Sunday Services

Bible School 9:00 AM
 Worship 10:00 AM
 Evening Worship
 5:00 PM

Wednesday Services

Bible Class 6:30 PM

Internet Home Page

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I've told you about my Pike's Peak experience. Now I must share with you my experience at Garden of the Gods and a guy from Austria whose name wasn't Bob.

After a long day of sitting in lectures, there was enough daylight left to make it to The Garden of the Gods, a piece of land donated to the city by a very wealthy man under the condition that it be free for anyone to enter. It had snowed several days earlier so the paths were slightly treacherous, and after seeing three people fall me and Eli decided that it would be time to get a touristy picture and head to our next destination: supper. While we were posing ourselves to take a selfie a man approached us and asked if we'd like for him to take our picture. We said yes and returned the favor. I noticed he had an interesting accent so I asked where he was from. He said Austria. I asked what his name was. He said we probably couldn't pronounce his name but that most people just called him Bob. After a brief conversation about why he was in America and how he'd walked 6 hours to get to the garden, we said our farewells and started walking to the car. As I reached for the door handle, we heard someone sort of yell in our direction. It was Bob. He was asking if we were going to see the Balanced Rock. We were, so we let him hop in the car with us and after a wrong turn, a short walk, and a couple more pictures taken it was getting dark enough that we needed to start thinking about heading back to town.

We let Bob ride with us and we were just going to take him back to the place he was staying, but Eli got this look in his eye and I knew what he was about to ask me.

"You think we should ask Bob if he wants to come eat with us?" Eli asked.

My response was, "Yeah. I think that would be cool."

Several more youth ministers were going to meet us at a restaurant and with Bob in tow we found ourselves at a BBQ restaurant on the west side of Colorado Springs. I like to think that I can eat a lot. Austrians must have some of the biggest appetites known to man. Bob ate as much food as me and Eli combined, but we could tell that he enjoyed every bite of it. After denying dessert and paying, we left and took Bob back to his hotel.

He was grateful. He was grateful that we had paid for his meal. That we had driven him around. That we had asked him about his life in Austria. I was grateful to learn about his family history and how he had grandparents that fought in WW2 and how his dad was a businessman and how his mom missed him and was ready for him to get back. He was excited to talk to us about skiing in Austria and how it was much better than skiing in America. But there was one thing he told me that disappointed me. He had been in America for almost a year and was leaving the following week and his experience with me and Eli had been his first where people had gone out of their way to simply show kindness.

I'm not telling you this story so you'll pat me on the back because I treated someone with kindness; I'm telling it to you because there are so many times that I haven't. That we haven't. How often do we dismiss opportunities to show the kindness of Christ because we're in a rush? How often do we convince ourselves that there will be bigger and better opportunities later? The answer to both of those questions is way more than we should.

Cherish the opportunities you have to share Christ, show his love, and be kind. You never know when you're going to meet someone who isn't from a country that has church. I asked Bob what the church was like in Austria. He didn't have much to say other than if you wanted to go to church, Romania was more likely to suit your standards. The night with Bob didn't end in a baptism and an awesome salvation story, but I hope that Eli and I planted a seed. Regardless of whether or not it grows, plant every chance you can.

Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

Jackson

Going out of our way

In mid-2022, Mediterranean Shipping Company, a world leader in container transport, voluntarily changed its routes, on the advice of scientists, to protect large populations of blue whales off the Sri Lankan coast. Going out of its way 15 nautical miles has led to a whopping 95% drop in whale strikes.

Jesus counseled people to go out of their way for one another, especially for the vulnerable: "If anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." Further, "whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water ... will by no means lose his reward" (Matthew 5:40-41; 10:42, ESV).

Paul likewise urged his listeners to voluntarily give up eating meat, even if they didn't believe in and weren't challenged by the idols to which it had been sacrificed, for the sake of new believers with weaker faith (Romans 14).

Faith calls us to go out of our way for the sake of others; sometimes a wealthy corporation opts to do the same. God's hand is at work in both, protecting vulnerable humans and nonhumans alike.



When the baseball team in Savannah, Georgia, got new owners in 2016, it also received a new name and identity — the Bananas! Adding pep to what often seemed a long, boring game, Jesse and Emily Cole offered a creative new experience, full of entertainment and spectacle. Players wear all-yellow uniforms (sometimes kilts), and the mascot is a banana named Split. Cheering on the team are the Banana Nanas senior-citizen dancers and the Man-Nanas Dad Bod Cheering Squad. The entire organization sets out to bring hospitality and joy, sending people home thinking, "This was the best experience of my life!"

What if Christians, individually and as a community, fully embraced our new name and identity, sharing radical hospitality and profound joy with everyone? Jesus has bought us from our former owner, sin, and given us a new name: Beloved of God. This identity may seem silly to some, just as the Savannah Bananas raised eyebrows initially. But before long, the delighted fans were going bananas for them!

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A seasonal reminder

Signs of spring remind us of God's promises.

Directions: Use the picture code and clues to complete Isaiah 61:11, NIV.

- plants grow here
- seeds are planted in this
- to coil and jump (also a season of the year)
- when watered, these make plants
- to expand and get bigger
- another word for seedling

For as the _____ makes the _____

_____ come up and a _____ causes _____

_____ to _____, so the _____

Sovereign LORD will make righteousness _____

and praise _____ up before all nations.

ISAIAH 61:11, NIV

thank you

Thank you, dear Southside Family, for the lovely floral arrangement that offered such beauty and comfort at the Malcolm Oatts funeral. Your kind expressions of condolences and provision of the family and friends meal are greatly appreciated.

The Malcolm Oatts Family



Brittney Richardson will be offering a Your Lifestyle Matters Workshop including lecture and low impact workout on February 23rd at 10 AM and again at 4 PM. Contact Brittney for more information!

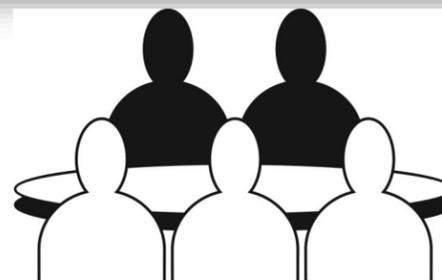
Murder Mystery Dinner

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

For our older and wiser members, sponsored by the youth group

Tuesday, Feb. 14th at 5 PM

Sign up in the welcome center or call the office to reserve your spot



Elders & Deacons Meeting

Today at 4 PM in the Youth Room

In Loving Memory

Contributions have been made to our 2023 VBS in memory of Malcolm Oatts by Daniel & Jannifer Heltsley and Larry & Barbara Lizotte



IN NEED OF PRAYER

David Minchey, brother of Shaye Wheeler, had tests last week. Josh Bridges had a procedure last week to deal with afibrillation. Randy Boren will be having lung biopsies on Feb. 15th. His wife Christy has undergone her last treatment. Barbara Lassiter had a procedure on her knee last week. Jean Trapp has been on a heart monitor and Jean's sister will be consulting with a surgeon following her biopsy report. Elizabeth Morris is having health issues. Remember these also: Paul Arvin, Randy and Christy Boren, Judy Batey Conley, Bill Cornell, Betsy Dunn, Susan Edwards, Wayne Finn, Richard and Bettye Grogan, Hilda Hall, Ricky Hunt, Jesse and Elsie Lancaster, Barbara Moore, Dottie O'Nan, Freddie Sweeney, David Turner and Lindah and Bob Winstead.

GREETERS SCHEDULE

- Door 1—Mark & Lauren Burman
- Door 2—Tom & Stacey Rogers
- Door 3—Roy & Dana Staley
- Door 4—Tyler & Carrie Stallons



CYC in Gatlinburg February 24-26, 2023
Pay online at our website or use the QR code. See Jackson for any questions.

NEW PATHWAYS for children

Southside will be collecting cereals, Pop-tarts and breakfast bars during the month of February. Please place your donations in the Welcome Center.