

# Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”  
John 4:24



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## Whose Bible Are You Following?

By Edd Sterchi

Recently I read an article that listed some of the statements from the introductory chapters of the Satanic Bible. Here are just three of them (note: there are many more).

- Satan represents indulgence instead of abstinence!
- Satan represents vengeance instead of turning the other cheek!
- Satan represents all of the so-called sins, as they all lead to physical, mental or emotional gratification.

Did you notice anything concerning today's society in that list? These are some philosophies that are very present in "modern" thinking. We shouldn't be surprised at people thinking only of themselves and demanding that their sinful lifestyles be accepted by society. Jesus told us that many would take that path (which leads to destruction, Matt. 7:13). As children of God, we need to not only be appalled by these philosophies of unrighteousness, but we need to expose them for what they really are (centered around Satan). "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:11)

We are either following the doctrine of Satan or God, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." (Matt. 12:30). Whose Bible are you following and professing?

### SUNDAY MORNING

Triple E  
Edify, Exhort,  
Evangelize  
When Shovels Break  
8:30 AM

### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Thru the Bible in  
52 Weeks - 1 Timothy  
9:30 AM

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

Worship Service  
10:30 AM

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Study of the Book of Acts  
7:00 PM



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"Study to shew thyself  
approved unto God, a  
workman that needeth  
not to be ashamed,  
rightly dividing the word  
of truth."

2 Timothy 2:15

### Make Someone's Day

By Joe Barnett

University freshman Ben Byrum was lonely.

Ben had been to a nearby church a few times but didn't feel connected or wanted. He decided to go one more time. He would walk in and sit down. If no one spoke to him before the service started, he would walk out and not return.

A countdown timer at the front of the sanctuary indicated the time remaining before the service would begin; five minutes to go.

People wandered in, gathered in cliques, slapped backs, gossiped, chuckled. No one spoke to him. Occasionally someone looked his way. He hoped they would smile or nod; he would count that a greeting and stay. Didn't happen.

With thirty-seconds remaining, Ben got ready to leave. He would go back to his room and stay there alone for the rest of the day.

With fifteen-seconds left on the countdown clock, his math professor, seated two rows in front of him, turned around, smiled and said, "I'm glad you're here, Ben."

He stayed.

He doesn't remember the sermon or what hymns were sung. What he remembers is being noticed. "People may forget what you say," said Maya Angelou, "but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Don't make the mistake of limiting this to Sunday morning church. Everyone wants to be wanted. Everyone needs to be noticed. Being ignored is rejection, pure and simple. And it hurts.



A man in his thirties left his San Francisco apartment, walked to the Golden Gate Bridge, and jumped to his death.

A suicide letter, found on the dresser in his apartment said, "I'm going to walk to the bridge. If one person smiles at me on the way, I won't jump."

You have to wonder how far the walk was from his apartment to the bridge and how many people he passed on the way—any one of whom could have saved a life with a smile.



At 9:00 p.m. on a November night in 2015, Desmond Powell was walking home from a basketball game in Manchester, New Hampshire. Approaching the Granite Street Bridge, he saw a man sitting on the cement railing over the Merrimack River, 100 feet below.

"Hey buddy, what are you doing?" Powell asked.

"I'm gonna jump," the man said.

For the next ten minutes they talked, the stranger alternating between crying and staring at the churning black water below. "I'm having a rough time," he said. "I don't have a job, I'm hungry, and I'm addicted to heroin."

Powell inched closer, expressed his concern and told him the two-year-old daughter he had told him about loved and needed him. He held out his hand. The fellow gripped it and climbed down.

"I'm Desmond," Powell said. "Let me buy you something to eat." They ate and talked. After a while, the man said, "Desmond, can you call the police so I can get help?"

Fifteen minutes later, the police arrived. As he climbed into the patrol car, he turned to Powell. "Thank you," he said. "You are my hero." (This story excerpted and edited from Reader's Digest, September 2017.)

Today let it be your smile, your "hello," your word of encouragement that makes someone's day.

### Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Maxine Powell)
- All those affected by COVID-19
- Greg Powell (recovering knee surgery)
- Ann Lowe (Keren Thrash mom, stroke)
- Gerri Thrash
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### Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2021 is in foyer
- May -
- June -
- July -

### Announcements

- Graduation celebration for Laila McKenzie Today following worship service.
- Baby Shower for Auburn Rowell on May 23rd following worship service. All ladies encouraged to attend.

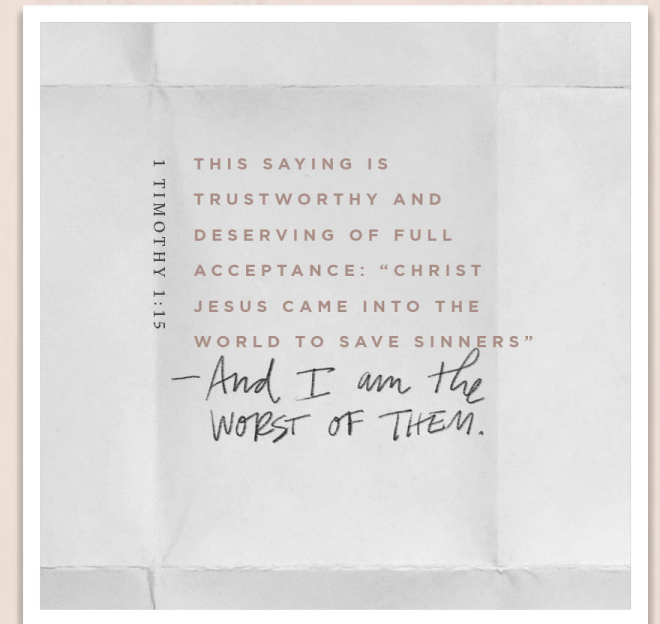
### May Birthdays & Anniversary's

- Austin Dudley - 4th
- James Johnson - 19th
- Lauren Wooldridge - 7th
- Anthony Juliano - 30th
- Larry & Connie Montgomery - 20th
- Tristan & Auburn Rowell - 23rd
- Shay & Robbi Cooper - 31st

Every Sunday Morning

@ 8:00 AM

on WTOK-TV



Sermon Notes

### Men to Serve

Announcements/Opening Prayer - Don Potts  
 Scripture Reading - 1 Timothy 6:3 - 10  
 Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell  
 Head of Lord's Table - Larry Montgomery  
 Assist on Lord's Table - Anthony Juliano  
 Scripture Reading - Luke 22:14 - 22  
 Closing Prayer - Scott Williams

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