

GATHERED WORSHIP SERVICE

for the
**Glory of God
and the**

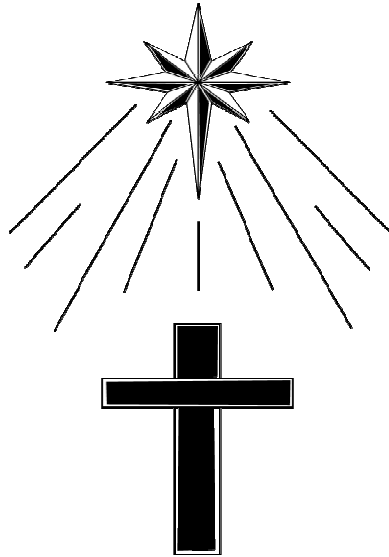
Renewal of His People

January 22, 2012

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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(If the temperature of the building is too cool, please avail yourself of shawls in the lobby near our water fountain)

*To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;  
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;  
to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;  
and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors  
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*



Southside Community Church exists as a *community*  
*redeemed* by and *dependent* upon *God's grace*,  
that we might be  
engaged in and renewed by the *worship* of the triune God,  
*matured* by His truth, as evidenced by *love*,  
and engaged in His *mission of renewal* to *His world*.

## REFLECTION and PREPARATION

It's a brand new day  
The sun is shining  
It's a brand new day  
For the first time  
In such a long long time  
I know  
I'll be ok

Most kind of stories  
Save the best part for last  
Most stories have a hero who finds  
You make your past your past  
Ya you make your past your past

It's a brand new day  
The sun is shining  
It's a brand new day  
For the first time  
In such a long long time  
I know  
I'll be ok

This cycle never ends  
Gotta fall in order to mend

And it's a brand new day  
It's a brand new day  
For the first time  
In such a long long time  
I know  
I'll be ok

*Joshua Radin, song - "Brand New Day"*

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## BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT... THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM

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(\*Indicates where congregation is invited to stand, as able)

### **\*CALL to WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 103*

*Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me  
bless his holy name!*

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and forget not all his benefits.**

*Leader: who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

**People: As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame;  
he remembers that we are dust.**

*Leader: As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.*

**People: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting  
on those who fear him.**

*Leader: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,  
and his kingdom rules over all.*

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

SONGS of ADORATION

**Bless His Holy Name**

Words and Music: Andrae Crouch

Bless the Lord, O, my soul  
And all that is within me;  
Bless His holy name.

He has done great things;  
He has done great things;  
He has done great things;  
Bless His holy name.

**My Tribute**

Words and Music: Andraé Crouch

How can I say thanks for the things  
You have done for me;  
Things so undeserved,  
Yet, You give to prove Your love for me.  
The voices of a million angels  
Could not express my gratitude;  
All that I am and ever hope to be  
I owe it all to Thee.

*Chorus:*

*To God be the glory;  
To God be the glory;  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done.  
With His blood He has saved me;  
With His pow'r He has raised me;  
To God be the glory  
For the things He has done.*

\*PRAYER of ADORATION

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

from Matthew 3 & 4

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said,

“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

*The Temptation of Jesus*

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. And the tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.”<sup>4</sup> But he answered, “It is written,

“Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

<sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple<sup>6</sup> and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

“‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and  
“‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.’”

<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, “Again it is written,

‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

<sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.<sup>9</sup> And he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.”<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, “Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

“‘You shall worship the Lord your God  
and him only shall you serve.’”

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN...

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### CONFESSION of SIN

*Hebrews 4*

...the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

*Consider the temptations of Christ:*

- *To control nature to get what you want when you need it.*
- *To prove you are able to do something so to defend your name or image.*
- *To have power and authority over others.*

*(please, take this time to confess your sin and weakness against these temptations, silently;  
the music team will lead us forward)*

**Before the Throne of God Above**

Charitie Lees Bancroft and Vikki Cook, 1997

Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free,  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him, there, the Risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless Righteousness.  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The King of Glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God;  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God;  
With Christ my Savior and my God.

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## FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED

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### \*WORDS of ASSURANCE

from *Hebrews 4*

*Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.  
Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.*

**People: And also with you.**

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## BLESSED ARE THE MEEK...FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE EARTH

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### \*SONG of CELEBRATION

#### **By the Grace of God**

Words and Music: Johnny Vogt

By the grace of God alone, heaven's Son has come to me;  
Through the cross my sins are gone, He died the Lamb and rose the King.

Sing for joy and celebrate, dance with those who once were lame;  
Deaf ears hear them as they sing, I have been healed in Jesus' Name.

*Chorus:*

*(Oh) By the grace of God alone,  
We can stand and testify.  
Through the blood of Christ the Son,  
We have received eternal life.*

Hear the Savior calling home, ev'ry soul that's lost their way;  
See them turn away from sin, as they call out the Savior's Name.

*Bridge:*

*Hallelujah, He is worthy. Hallelujah, Christ the Son;  
Hallelujah, He is holy.  
So lift your voice to the Holy One.  
Hallelujah, He is worthy. Hallelujah, Christ the Son;  
Hallelujah, He is holy;  
So lift your voice to the Holy One.*

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**BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, PURE IN HEART,  
PEACE MAKERS, PERSECUTED...**

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**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

*Fellowship Books.* Please take a moment to fill out the information on the attendance pads located underneath the seat on the inner aisles, providing any information to enable us to better serve you. When you finish, please pass the pads down the row so everyone has the opportunity to do so.

**PRAYER of COMMITMENT for our OFFERINGS**

**GIVING of OFFERINGS**

*Childrens' Worship.* We welcome children in our entire worship service. However, if you feel a child would benefit from a setting specifically designed for 4-8 years of age, you may escort them to Children's Worship down the west hallway of our building after our offering.

**PRAYER for GOD'S PEOPLE and HIS WORLD**

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## BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS...THEY SHALL BE SATISFIED

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### READING of GOD'S WORD

*Ecclesiastes 9*

#### *Death Comes to All*

<sup>1</sup> But all this I laid to heart, examining it all, how the righteous and the wise and their deeds are in the hand of God.

Whether it is love or hate, man does not know; both are before him. <sup>2</sup> It is the same for all, since the same event happens to the righteous and the wicked, to the good and the evil, to the clean and the unclean, to him who sacrifices and him who does not sacrifice. As the good one is, so is the sinner, and he who swears is as he who shuns an oath. <sup>3</sup> This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that the same event happens to all.

Also, the hearts of the children of man are full of evil, and madness is in their hearts while they live, and after that they go to the dead. <sup>4</sup> But he who is joined with all the living has hope, for a living dog is better than a dead lion. <sup>5</sup> For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup> Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun.

#### *Enjoy Life*

<sup>7</sup> Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

<sup>8</sup> Let your garments be always white. Let not oil be lacking on your head.

<sup>9</sup> Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going.

#### *Wisdom Better than Folly*

<sup>11</sup> Again I saw that under the sun the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor bread to the wise, nor riches to the intelligent, nor favor to those with knowledge, but time and chance happen to them all. <sup>12</sup> For man does not know his time. Like fish that are taken in an evil net, and like birds that are caught in a snare, so the children of man are snared at an evil time, when it suddenly falls upon them.

<sup>13</sup> I have also seen this example of wisdom under the sun, and it seemed great to me. <sup>14</sup> There was a little city with few men in it, and a great king came against it and besieged it, building great siegeworks against it. <sup>15</sup> But there was found in it a poor, wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city. Yet no one remembered that poor man. <sup>16</sup> But I say that wisdom is better than might, though the poor man's wisdom is despised and his words are not heard. <sup>17</sup> The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the shouting of a ruler among fools. <sup>18</sup> Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

### HOMILY

*"Wise, Full Living while Fully Aware of Death"*

*from the series,*

*"Wisdom for Living in a World with Jesus as King"*

\*SONG of RESPONSE

**Blessed Be Your Name**

Words and Music: Matt & Beth Redman

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow,  
Blessed be Your name  
And blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness,  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
And when the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name."

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be."  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering,  
Blessed be Your name.

Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
And when the darkness closes in Lord, still I will say,  
"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name."

You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord blessed be Your name."  
*(Repeat)*

"Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord,  
Blessed be Your glorious name."  
*(Repeat)*

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...FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

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**\*\*BENEDICTION**

from *Jude 24-25*

*Minister: Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.*

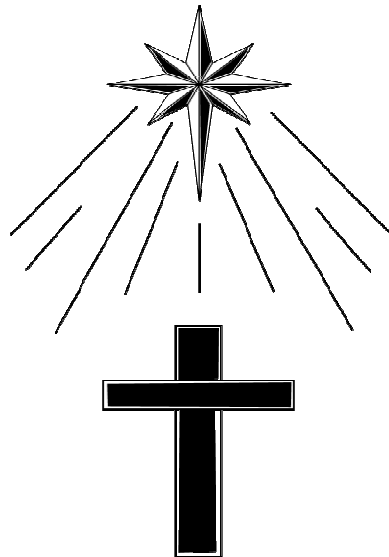
**People:** *(Loudly)* Alleluia! **Amen!**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*We praise the Lord for our accompanists this morning  
– vocalists and instrumentalists and audio and video technicians.*

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**Opportunities to Know, Connect, and Serve**

*Today*

**Opportunities to serve Carlene Johnson and Neal Marsh.** To serve Carlene, please contact Harry Lundgaard or Emily Weaver. To serve Neal Marsh, please contact Johnny Cotton or Ken Peden, as Neal has a significant backyard project that will need some manual labor and lifting/hauling.

**Lunch Bunch.** The congregation is invited to join the lunch bunch at Luby's, 5730 Saratoga, following our worship service.

**New CCEF (Christian Counseling and Education Foundation) resources are available in the narthex,** providing counsel and encouragement to a number of the trials we encounter in our lives.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed.** Currently we have 17 volunteers for Sunday Worship as of January 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to volunteer for this ministry please contact LaVaughn Lundgaard at [lt\\_1@cobridge.tv](mailto:lt_1@cobridge.tv) or 361.727.1527

**Closure (partial) of Airline Road.** Airline Road will be closed between Saratoga and Cousteau. Access will remain to Southside via Airline from the south and from Rodd Field road. *Note: Given that the area of closure on Airline could change at anytime, planning to come to Southside via Rodd Field road will be to the advantage of all.*

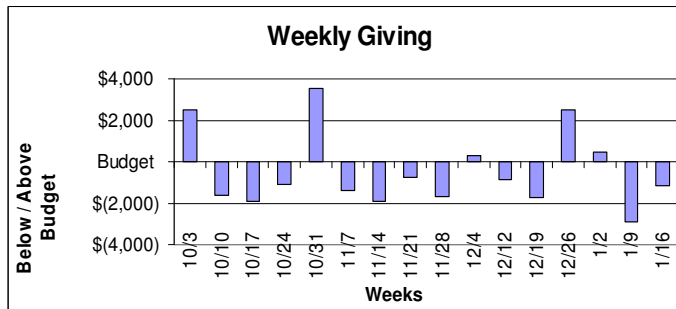
*Upcoming*

**Women's Lunch Fellowship** will meet Tuesday January 24, at 12 noon, at Judy Arvin's home, 4822 Olympia Dr. Bring a sack lunch. This is for all the women in the church that are available to come at this time.

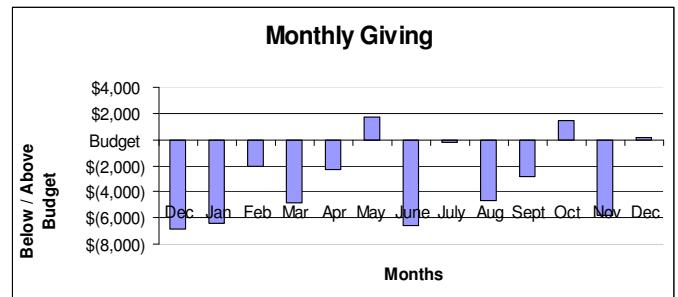
**Fellowship Luncheon. January 29<sup>th</sup>.** All are invited to stay after the Worship Service for this monthly covered dish meal. Families are asked to bring a main dish and either a side dish or dessert, with a view to accommodating our guests.

**Feed lunch to Habitat for Humanity builders. March 19-23, 26-30.** Anyone able to coordinate lunch to feed 16-20 adults on a Wednesday or Friday during the dates above, please contact Ada Davis, volunteer coordinator for Habitat at 361-289-1740.

**Financial Update**



*Giving Month-to-Date: \$ 14,334.00*  
*Budget Month-to-Date: \$ 17,973.00*



*Giving Year-to-Date: \$ 231,400.00*  
*Budget Year-to-Date: \$ 255,123.00*

**Save the Date**

- **Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly session meeting (**reschedule date**)
- **Jan. 27-28<sup>th</sup>** – South Texas Presbytery meeting, Austin
- **Jan 29<sup>th</sup>** – Monthly Fellowship Luncheon

**\*\*Ongoing Bible Study and Opportunities for Service with Groups**

**Sunday Christian Education Classes – 9:15 - 10:15**

**Ages 2 - 3** *A Sure Foundation*  
**Ages 4 - 9** *Camp Southside – “...so they set their hope in God”*  
**Ages 10-13** *Serve Camp Southside*  
**Ages 14 - 18** *Serve Camp Southside*  
**Adults** *The Pauline Epistles*

**Sunday Morning Worship Service 10:30 am**

4-8 Years, Children’s Worship (children dismissed prior to Homily)  
Staffed nursery for newborns - 3 years for Education Hour and Worship Service

**Weekly Meetings**

**Tuesday Morning @ Town & Country Café**

**6:30 am Men’s Study** *The Minor Prophets*, by James Boice

**7 :00 am Women’s Breakfast**

Contacts: Bill and Jean Newberry at 537-0549 or 537-9681 or Gordon and Linda Landreth at 992-3046.

**Wednesday**

**Fall Midweek Study 11:00 am** Study *-Through His Eyes, God’s Perspective on Women in the Bible* and meal.  
Contact Meredith Hood at MeredithHood730@yahoo.com or 361-232-1364.

**Youth Gathering** Fellowship with study and food, 7:00pm.  
Contact Stephen Shepperd at 537.2281 or Shepshep3@gmail.com

**Monthly Meetings**

**Women’s Book Club** Contact Jeanie Cotten @ 991-6478 or jcotten@stx.rr.com

**Tuesday Women’s Noon Fellowship** Contact Andy Beaver @ 442-2721

January 24, at 12 noon, at Judy Arvin’s home, 4822 Olympia Drive

**Mercy and Service Opportunities**

**Mission 911 “The Center Peace”** Contact Paige Peden @ 290.2174 or hydrangeasplendor@yahoo.com  
Nutrition, Reading and Fun. If interested in volunteering please contact Paige for more details.

**Elder on Call**

Johnny Cotten  
Ed Arvin

Jan 22 – 28  
Feb 5 – Feb 11

Rob Sigler  
Andy Folley

Jan 29 – Feb 4  
Feb 12 – Feb 18

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