



By Joshua Fowler

We always thank God for all of you, remembering you constantly in our prayers. We recall, in the presence of our God and Father, your work of faith, labor of love, and endurance of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, knowing your election, brothers loved by God. For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, in the Holy Spirit, and with much assurance. You know what kind of men we were among you for your benefit, and you became imitators of us and of the Lord when, in spite of severe persecution, you welcomed the message with joy from the Holy Spirit. As a result, you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. For the Lord's message rang out from you, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place that your faith in God has gone out.

1 Thessalonians 1:2-8



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**Schedule of Services**

Sunday Morning  
Bible Study – 9:00 AM  
Worship – 10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening  
Worship – 5:30 PM  
Wednesday Evening  
Bible Study – 6:30 PM

*It is the Lord's desire that we love one another. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come to worship. May we all be blessed as we praise God. Thank you for being our guest at the Goodwood Boulevard church of Christ.*

**Order of Worship**

AM

**Welcome**

892 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
We Have Come Into His House

**Prayer**

**Acts 8:1-2**

In Christ Alone

**Communion**

Had it Not Been the Lord

**Acts; Scattered for a Purpose**

288 - I Need Thee Every Hour

717 - Victory In Jesus

**Prayer**

PM

841 – Sing and Be Happy

618 – Sweet Hour of Prayer

**Prayer**

**Revelation 21:6-8**

583 – Sing to Me of Heaven

345 – It Is Well with My Soul

**After Life;**

197 – Have Thine Own Way, Lord

611 – Take the Name of Jesus with You

**Prayer**



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 10/21 ----- Youth Devo
- 10/25 ----- Trunk or Treat
- 10/28 ----- Ladies Night Out

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events and information  
[www.goodwoodchurch.org](http://www.goodwoodchurch.org)

**The Sermon on the Mount—The Invitation**

At the church where I work and worship, at the end of every sermon an invitation is offered, where people are encouraged to respond to the lesson that has been presented. People may come desiring to be baptized, or confessing sin, or requesting the prayers of the church, but the idea is that the sermon that has been presented prompts personal reflection, and the hearers are invited to respond in some way.

That is basically what Jesus does here: He has touched on a lot of topics in the SOTM, and now He is ready to sum up what He has said so far, and conclude with a challenge for His listeners.

Jesus begins this final section with the Golden Rule in Matthew 7.12, which is so famous that it is known to virtually everyone: do unto to others as you would have them to do you. Many ancient teachers taught ideas which are comparable with the Golden Rule, but before Jesus, these ideas were always stated negatively: “do not do to others what you would not have done to yourself.” But really, there is a big difference between not doing harmful things to others and actively seeking to do good for others. Just imagine how much better off the world would be if men and women lived by this one simple rule! How many of the problems that plague our world would immediately disappear?

Jesus then goes on to emphasize the choice that all hearers of the SOTM must make. This has actually been a prominent theme throughout the sermon, as Jesus has talked about two kinds of righteousness, two treasures, and two masters. Now, He confronts us with the choice that we each have to make: will we be a part of His kingdom, or not? Will we follow the world around us, or will we be a part of the alternative community that Jesus has set up? Jesus compares two roads: a hard road with a narrow gate that is lightly traveled but leads to life, and an easy road with a wide gate that a lot of people travel but leads to destruction.

It is obvious why so many people take the road that leads to destruction: it's easy! The gate is wide, and there is apparently room for us to take all of our baggage through with us: our sins, our pride, and our self-righteousness. The other road is much more demanding, however, with a gate so narrow that it requires us to leave all of those things behind.

After talking about the two ways, He now talks about two different kinds of teachers. Jesus warns His disciples to watch out for false prophets who seem harmless like sheep, but are actually as dangerous as wolves. How are we to recognize such teachers? In both 7.16 and 7.20, Jesus says we will recognize them by their fruits: just as it is impossible for a thornbush to produce grapes, a diseased tree to bear good fruit, or for a wolf to act like a sheep for very long, it is impossible for a false teacher to bear good fruit.

Luke Dockery  
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## A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 15

### NEW REQUESTS

#### MONDAY

**Acts 9:2-18**

#### Recent Requests

- \***Arihyanna Bartholomew** needs prayers that her health.
- \***Virginia Guillory** is in need of a very expensive eye surgery.
- \***Paige Philips** has finished chemo and is preparing for surgery.
- \***Gloria Scarborough** passed away on Oct 6th.
- \***Charlie Waller** is recovering from pneumonia.
- \***Shirley Young** is having health issues and needs our prayers.
- \***Jessica Groger** received excellent results from her doctor.
- \***Family of Paul Brown** in his loss this past week.

#### TUESDAY

**Acts 16:25-34**

#### Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins

- \*Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- \*Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

#### WEDNESDAY

**Romans 1:1-7**

#### Those with serious/ongoing health issues

- \*Rose & Adam Butler, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Grant Hitt, Carolyn Howard, Cherry McCullough, Paige Phillips, Lisa Pickett, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother, Jackie Reed, Faith Vallery, Shirley Young

#### THURSDAY

**Romans 3:21-27**

#### Our Other Friends and Family

- \*Niles Bartholomew, Lea Ann Cavalier, Brenda Clayton, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Hailey Decker, Kay Doiron, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Ellen Garver, Harlan Gilbert, Grace Gray, Karen Hanks, Rondo Johnson, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bob Plunket, Bryan Austin Plunket, George Plunket, Candi Prejean, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Tylene Ruckstuhl, Louise Savoy, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis

#### FRIDAY

**Romans 5:1-9**

#### Our Partners in the Gospel

- \*Santiago Bonilla
- \*Candido Huete

#### Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community

- \*David Ecuyer, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

#### SATURDAY

**Romans 7:18-25**

- \*Parents and students in schools
- \*City, State and National elected leaders

**Elders:** Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie, Tommy Phillips **Deacons:** David Andrews, Todd Bell, Bobby Chelette, Jack James, Pat McGibboney, Bert Ruckstuhl, Mitchell Smith, Joshua Young **Ministers:** Joshua Fowler, Jay Plunket **Secretaries:** Heather Fowler, Tara Hitt

**Thank you** to all of you that volunteered your time and creativity, cooked, donated, and helped make this Fall Fest great!!!

#### Youth Devo

Our next Youth Devo will be Saturday, Oct. 21st, 6-7:30pm. It will be hosted by The Ganucheaus, at 13867 Creekstone Ave, in Denham Springs.

### TRUNK OR TREAT

#### WED. OCTOBER 25TH

\* SIDE PARKING LOT \*

\* FOLLOWING SHORT DEVOTIONAL \*

\*COME IN COSTUME \*

\* WIN A PRIZE FOR THE BEST TRUNK \*

Everyone is encouraged to stay, visit, watch the kids trunk or treat and have a good time! Our Wednesday night meal before services will be at 5:30PM. Please see Christie Branton for more information.

### LADIES NIGHT OUT

ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR SPOOK ON? JOIN US ON A HISTORY TOUR OF THE MYRTLES PLANTATION (CIRCA 1796), SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH AT 4PM. SUPPER WILL FOLLOW AT THE FRANCOIS FOR THOSE INTERESTED. SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE ON THE LADIES BULLETIN BOARD. SEE TERRY MCCLURE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

#### Youth Group Fall Retreat info is on the bulletin board.

**Mark your calendars!** Our next Fellowship Meal is set for November 12th after morning services. Please bring food for your family and some extra to share with our guests. After our meal, we will have an afternoon service to complete our day together.

If you have any special needs (including sermon CD/DVD requests), please fill out one of the cards located on the back of the pew with the necessary information and pass it to the inner aisle for pick-up.

#### How Are We Doing?

October 8, 2017

Sunday AM Bible Class..... 86  
 Sunday AM Attendance ..... 126  
 AM Average for Year ..... 149  
 Sunday Contribution..... \$2,658  
 Average for Year ..... \$5,109