



## South Side “Side-Lites”



*A People of the Book*

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Contend for the faith which was once delivered. — Jude 1:3

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# Flipping Houses

Over the past several months we have been involved in “flipping” a house. We still have a long way to go. Flipping houses is a very lucrative adventure if you have the vision, money, time and patience to see it through. We watch several shows on TV where houses are purchased and then remodeled for big profit. The difference between us and the ones who do it on the television shows is that they make lots of money! We are not planning on selling our home for profit, but to live in it. The TV flippers take houses that most of us would not even consider buying and fix them up for great profit.

Many people have probably already flipped their normal everyday living quarters into a holiday festive atmosphere. Of course they did this in the stores months ago, I believe!

As an evangelist, working with the elders here at South Side, I consider our leadership as a “flipper” team. No, it is not our job to flip houses, but rather to flip lives. And if need be, to flip the church back to the “one Lord, one faith, one immersion” when she gets off track!

That is what restoration is all about. When a person responds in faith, repentance, confession and immersion, we are part of the process of restoring a broken relationship with our God. Enmity was between the seed of woman (people of God) and the seed of the serpent (people of the world) since the very first sin (Genesis 3:15). Paul said that we all sin and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23).

What a great ministry—flipping a life that is outside of Christ to a life in Christ! Offering someone the free gift of God—the only hope for mankind—

Jesus Christ is exciting (Romans 6:23)! What a great joy it is to witness someone who is not living for God turn their life around. Paul described some in the Corinthian church who had done some major flipping in their lives. After listing out several things that would keep people out of the Kingdom (the church), he writes, “Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God” (I Corinthians 6:11).



And what a great ministry to assist a church in restoring back to the New Testament pattern! Sometimes after years of renovations, flipping the church back to the New Testament can be difficult—not impossible, but difficult. For instance, we would love to find the original floor plan for our home. Having been renovated very early on into three apartments has made that a rather challenging task—not impossible, just challenging. I believe the church is easier—we have the New Testament as our source of authority!

As we settle in for Christmas, may we look for lives that need flipped. We may need to look first at ourselves. But after being redeemed, we can share the Prince of Peace with our family and friends so that they too can have their

lives flipped!

And if you want some hands on experience flipping a house, come talk with me! I even know about a \$2000 house! But more importantly, lets work together flipping lives here at South Side!

One of your “flippers”,

Kevin

**Letters to a Troubled Church Bible Study**  
 Wednesdays at 6:00 PM  
 Come join this time of study and prayer.



**CONFUSED?**  
**Ask the Preacher Night**  
**Every 4th Sunday**  
**Evening Service**  
 Submit questions pertaining to the Bible/Life, etc. to Kevin and he will attempt to answer them during that service.



**Men's Breakfast**  
 December 8—8:00 AM  
 At the Deluxe

**Elders and Deacons**  
 Sunday, December 2 at 5:00PM

Remember to watch  
**Christian Viewpoint** on WAND-TV on Sundays  
 at 6:30 AM with **John Butler Book**  
 You can also check out his website at  
[www.johnbutlerbook.com](http://www.johnbutlerbook.com)



**Coffee Club Bible Study**  
 Thursdays at 10 AM  
 Another opportunity to grow in God's Word!

**Vermilion County**  
**Church of Christ**  
**Christian Churches**  
 December 11—700 PM  
 At Crossroads Christian Church

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[southside.restorationplea.com](http://southside.restorationplea.com)  
 Have you been one of them?



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- Len McCallister ..... 446-4253
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- Richard Thompson ..... 446-7694

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- Kevin Ziegler ..... 442-7133



Some of the ladies of the church volunteer each month at Pleasant Meadows. This month they will be going on **December 10**, leaving the church building at 8:30 AM. Plan to join them if you can!

**Restoration Heralds** are available on the back table. This is a great monthly periodical published by the Christian Restoration Association.



**Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus**  
*Ladies Fellowship*  
**No Meeting this month**

**Christmas Dinner**  
 December 1—5:30 PM  
 in the Fellowship Hall



**From the Pulpit**

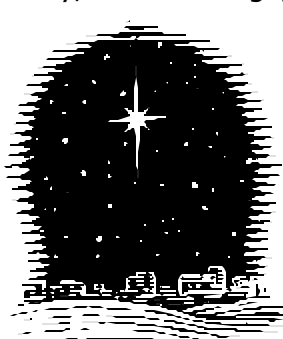


**AM Services**  
 Do You Know My Jesus?

**PM Services**  
 Studies in the Minor Prophets



Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child.



While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Luke 2:4-7