



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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Interrupt Me! Please!

I know! I know! When you go through the book of conversions (Acts), you never find the preacher telling anyone to open their hymnals to "Just As I Am" and sing the first ten verses – and if you want to be a Christian, step out of your pew and come down the aisle! I know! Peter did not offer an **INVITATION** in that manner in Acts 2. The way we handle **INVITATIONS** is simply traditional. I understand that.

But, that being said, Peter did **INVITE** those who interrupted his sermon to do something. Yes, Peter was on a roll in his sermon when those who had been pierced to the heart interrupted him and asked, "Brethren, what shall we do?" I have only been interrupted once in all my years of preaching, and it did not lead into **INVITATION!** But Peter simply responded with an **INVITATION** for his listeners to "Repent, and each of you be immersed in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Sounds like a pretty good **INVITATION** – it should be, it was Holy Spirit inspired! And three thousand people responded to this Gospel **INVITATION**. (Acts 2:37-41)

I do not know if Philip was interrupted by the Ethiopian when he was preaching to him Jesus. But the text tells us in Acts 8 that as they traveled down the road they came to some water. I wonder if the Ethiopian would have ever asked, "what prevents me from being immersed?" had he not been **INVITED** by Philip to do so somewhere in his preaching Jesus to him? And the Ethiopian responded to this Gospel **INVITATION** and was immersed right then! (Acts 8:35-39)

I know that when the first century church gathered, there probably were not any non-Christians gathered with them, if for any other reason, the fear of persecution. So an **INVITATION** to hear, believe, repent, confess, be immersed and live a faithful life may not have been necessary. But in the American culture, 2013, I would venture to say that on any given Sunday, we have non-Christians in attendance. What an opportunity to preach unto them Jesus! What an opportunity to **INVITE** them to become Christians!

Maybe one day I will preach a powerful enough sermon that I get interrupted – "Kevin, tell me, what must I do?" or "Preacher! There is water beside you! What keeps me from being immersed?" But until then, I plan to simply continue **INVITING** my listeners, so that they know what they must do to be saved!



The Diggles Family

Here at South Side Church of Christ

Wednesday, October 23, 2013

6:00 PM (Central)

County Rally

and

Youth Rally

Hosted by

South Side Church of Christ

Sunday, October 6, 2013

6:00 PM (Central)





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.

Elders and Deacons Meeting
Sunday October 6 at 5:00 PM

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

South Side Church of Christ
Coffee Club
Thursdays at 10 AM

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

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Youth Group
Meets every Sunday at 4:30 PM
David Martin: Youth Leader



Elders

- Lawrence Austin.....446-7660
- Larry Holman.....274-7024
- Len McCallister.....799-1070
- Virgil O'Banion.....267-7917
- Myreon Reitsma.....443-2402

Evangelist

- Kevin Ziegler..... 442-7133



Volunteer's go to Pleasant Meadow for a work day, this month the date is October 14, 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



South Side is blessed to have these events.
Please mark your calendar and plan on attending as many as you are can

Men's Breakfast Saturday October 12 at 8:00 AM
at Megdi's in Tilton.
Please Come and join us



Ladies Fellowship
Tuesday October 15
6:00 PM



Devotions — Guest Speaker
Wendy Winterberry

Refreshments
Margaret Cox & Mary Jane Burke



Bible
Book of the Month

October
Haggai and
Zechariah 1-7

Wednesday
Evening
Bible Study
and
Prayer
6:00 PM



Thus says the LORD of hosts,
"Consider your ways!"
Haggai 1:7