

# “SideLines”

Pastor Tracy Gorman – SouthSide Church of the Nazarene – November 7, 2007

## *Good morning, SouthSide Church!*

On this clear, crisp morning, I treated myself to a hot drink from Starbucks that many of you might enjoy. It’s called the “Carmel Apple Spice Cider.” I just learned about it this morning from Jamie King when I was getting my hair cut, and went across the street on my way to the office and got one of those INCREDIBLE drinks! It’s fantastic, and I highly recommend it to you!!!

OK, enough of the “Food Network!” I just get really excited when we’re talking about food or drink items!!! I hope your week is going well. Mine has been quite good, and believe me when I say that I am thankful for that. It’s much better than the alternative.

Please allow me to take this opportunity to congratulate Jim Mansfield on his victory in the Muncie Mayoral race. As you may know, Jim is a long-time member of SouthSide. With a 9-vote margin of victory, a recount is assured, due to the existence of 13 provisional ballots that must be verified. As we said Sunday, all elections are important. As you can see from the results of our city election, sometimes it comes down to just a few votes separating the winner and the loser. Please keep the mayor-elect and his family in your prayers, and pray for our new mayor as he prepares to assume this new responsibility.

Well, last Sunday was a great day at SouthSide Church! If you were here, you already know that, and if you were not, YOU MISSED OUT!!! God is really moving in this church, and we’re riding a great ‘wave’ that the Lord has given us. We must continue to work hard, pray much, and trust the Lord completely as we move forward. We had a wonderful attendance Sunday morning, and even better than that, I think a lot of people found some really good help. Then on Sunday evening, we had a tremendous time together as we continued our study of “The Purpose Driven Church” book. That’s really going well, and I knew it would, because I truly feel like the Lord wanted us to take the time to go through this book together. Thanks to all who have been a part of the study. We will continue it this Sunday evening at 6:00. **Your lesson sheets will be on the Information Center tonight when you come to Bible Study.**

Now, let’s talk about Sunday morning for a second: I’ll just put it this way…YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS WHAT’S BEING PLANNED!!! It’s Kids’ Day, and also Veteran’s Day. As well, we have a MAJOR surprise during the service, along with the special events I already mentioned. Again, I ask you to trust me when I say that YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS IT!!! Please come for Sunday School at 9:30, and then be ready for a great time together at 10:30. You’ll be given some special instructions when you arrive concerning the service. Please just follow those, and be ready for a wonderful worship service.

Speaking of Sunday School, I believe we had our largest Sunday School attendance since I’ve been the pastor this past weekend. Week by week, our attendance in this important ministry is climbing, and I am so excited about that. Truly, dear friends, there’s a class for everyone! Our classes are relevant to life, and I know you’ll want to be a part of them. Please come and check out what’s going on in each age group this Sunday morning at 9:30!

A week from Sunday evening (November 18<sup>th</sup>), we will have our annual Church Family Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:00 in the Gym. Instructions are available in your weekly Worship Folder, or by contacting the church office at [Office@TrySouthSide.com](mailto:Office@TrySouthSide.com). I do know that the church is providing the turkey! As well, I know that you’re being counted on to provide LOTS and LOTS of the rest of the food. Please check out the details, and plan on coming. We’ll have a very brief devotional, but the primary focus that Sunday evening is FELLOWSHIP! I hope to see you there.

I’ve been so excited to see the advertisements for “Operation Christmas Child.” Please stop by the table display in the Inner-Lobby and pick up what you need to participate. This is a great outreach ministry, and a wonderful way to

get your family involved in helping make a difference in somebody else's life. Stop by THIS SUNDAY and get the needed materials. Thanks for participating!

There are so many other things coming along on our calendar during the months of November and December. Please keep informed of all the events by READING your weekly worship folder, and by checking out the information available on our website at [www.TrySouthSide.com](http://www.TrySouthSide.com).

When you arrive tonight, you'll see that there's some work going on in the Sanctuary. LOTS of guys have been working to rebuild the stage (and more are definitely needed), and some other work will also be completed. I am hoping to be able to give the front of that room a much-needed updated look, but we'll have to see how we're doing time-wise and with our finances. As I previously said, this winter, we're going to do some major renovations on most of our bathrooms, along with the replacement of many (most) of our fixtures (toilets, sinks, etc.). As well, there are some other items that we MUST address. If you'd like to help with this work, please see Doug Boyd (our Facility Manager). As well, we obviously do not have the \$\$\$ lying around to do all this stuff, and if you'd like to help underwrite the cost of these projects, believe me when I say that those dollars would be most welcome! It's great having our facility paid for. Now, we must invest some money in getting it up to the level that I know each of you want it to be at. Our restrooms and the parking lot are two major areas of concern, as is the roof on the Gym and the heating systems in both the old and new sections of the facility. WOW!!! Lots to do! That's OK, though. I know God will see us through, and He'll use each of us to help get this taken care of. These are exciting days! These kinds of updates / renovations are to be expected when you have an aging building. Nothing wrong with that!

I'd also like to see us remove some of the trees in front of our building so we can increase our visibility from the road. If anyone knows anything about doing that type of work, please contact us. Some of the trees are just overgrown, and some are even dying. We need to get the whole place cleaned up! Thanks!!!

Before I go, please remember that the "Total Money Makeover Live Event" with Dave Ramsey is a week from tomorrow evening in Indianapolis. I believe a few tickets are still available from Barry Hickey. Please contact him directly, or contact the church office, if you'd like to go. It's going to be an INCREDIBLE evening!

Well, I have typed longer than I planned. Please continue to pray for my family, and please know that you and your family are prayed for A LOT!!! We love you, and we just want to see God work in your homes, and in your lives as individuals. Remember, **WE EXIST TO CONNECT PEOPLE TO JESUS CHRIST AND TO EACH OTHER!**

Oh, one last thing: If you see Ray and Bea Jenkins, please wish them a VERY HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! They are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> tomorrow!

*With much love,  
Pastor Tracy Gorman*

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