

# South Gate Church of Christ

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**Joe Macer - Speaker**

# Informer



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## I am a Saint

In our culture whenever someone is admitting to making mistakes in their life they may exclaim “I am not a saint”. Many times they say this because of the way the Catholic religion has used the word to describe those they believe are above reproach and exceedingly holy as judged by their church. It wasn’t until 993AD that a pope “canonized” a saint, and though it is hard to determine, one source states they have named over 10,000 individuals as saints. In scripture, however this is not the case. In God’s word every committed believer in Jesus is referred to as a saint.

Many times as Paul addresses a church in a letter he would address his letter to the saints in that city. In Romans 1:7 he writes to those in the church of Rome called by God to be saints. To Ephesians saints he tells them in 1:18 that they will receive an inheritance from God. The book of Philippians that we are studying this month is addressed in 1:1 to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi. To be a saint in the Bible meant that you were a sanctified one. You were set apart for God’s use in this world. He had forgiven you of your sins and you then separated yourself from this world to be his servant in holiness and in your actions. It was God’s work that now controlled the actions of a new saint. May we embrace this title, and strive to live up to the calling of being a saint! See you Sunday!

John

## Why They Preach

Philippians 1:15 It is true that some preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill.

Why do men preach the saving message of the gospel of Christ? The answers are varied. Some of them are legitimate while others are improper reasons. As humans we may not know the motivation but God does. The heart of men is known by God. In this passage, Paul was aware of his motivation as well as some others who were preaching. Certain men considered preaching as competition with Paul. Their motivations were envy and rivalry. They were trying to outdo Paul as they built their reputation among believers. They wanted Paul to look bad. Selfish ambition caused this disregard for a fellow minister. Later in the second chapter, Paul taught we are to consider others better than ourselves. This lesson had not been learned by these men.

Paul stated that many preach out of goodwill. These men cared about people and their eternal soul. Most men today preach in order to help people. Their desire is to please God and to help people to be right with God. Motivated by love they preach what was needed to improve the lives of those that listen. They want to minister to the needs of people through both the physical and spiritual aspects of life. God was to be glorified and his kingdom built up by what they did. Paul only wanted the Lord to receive the praise. Paul concluded this thought by saying, "The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice."

Joe

**KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**OUR MEMBERS**

- Mike Andrews
- Alice Bolton
- Ann Brady - Life Care, Rm. 313-B
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- Virginia Staggs - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 6
- Donald White
- Elaine Whitehead

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Kenny Jones, son of Reba, Wanda Nix, sister of Debbie Massey, Helen Deen - mother of Sharon Davis, Barbara Skelley, mother of Tommy, Tony Rummage - brother of Ray, Linda Hanback, friend of the Mobley's - cancer, Linda Collier - sister-in-law of Linda Mabry, Alene Cox - sister of JoAnn Coleman, Stacey Brown - niece of Cindy Hargrove double lung transplant, Ricky Harrington - uncle of Kaye Beard's grandson, Jean Posey - sister of Jean Sims, Natalie Kuykendall - undergoing chemo, Glenda Collins - sister of John & Eldridge Mayberry - Life Care, Rm. 141A, Clarence Weaver, Beverly Dawson, Jack & Daisy White, Mary Robb - Poplar Estates, The Gardens, Rm. 8

**Working For The Master**  
**Sunday, July 16, following evening worship**  
**Cost - \$3 each    Bring Desserts if you wish**  
**Menu: Barbeque (potatoes and sandwiches)**

**WORSHIP LEADERS JULY 16, 2017**

**SUNDAY 9:00 A.M**

Welcome.....Jerry Wilson  
 Song Leader.....Nathan Hixson  
 Prayer.....Alex Jones  
 Lord's Supper: Presiding.....Chris Mobley  
     Jim Pollard                      Barrow Brown  
     Ryan Grice                        Eli Cadle  
     David Thomas                    James Cadle  
     John Allen Thomas              Larry Nicholson  
 Read: Philippians 1:3-8.....Trent Hill  
 Sermon: Partners In Joy.....John Thomas  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Wilson

**SUNDAY 5:30 P.M.**

Welcome/Song Leader.....Shaun Townsend  
 Prayer.....Richard Farris  
 Read: Philippians 1:12-21.....Tracey Wilkins  
 Sermon: Courageous Joy.....John Thomas  
 Presiding.....Mike Kinzer  
 Announcements/Closing Prayer.....Jerry Ballard

Ushers: Jason Kelley, Brennon White, Chase Thomason  
 Greeters: Jerry & Judy Barber, Mike & Teresa Lyle  
 Visual: Chris Mobley, Jacob Pollard  
 Security Team: A.M.& P.M. - Greg Lusk, Ryan Massey

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**NURSERY CARE**

A.M.....Katherine Nicholson, Teri Hill  
 P.M.....Lisa Kelley

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017**

Song Leader:..... Sam Quirk  
 Prayer:..... David Thomas  
 Speaker: ..... Blair Keeling