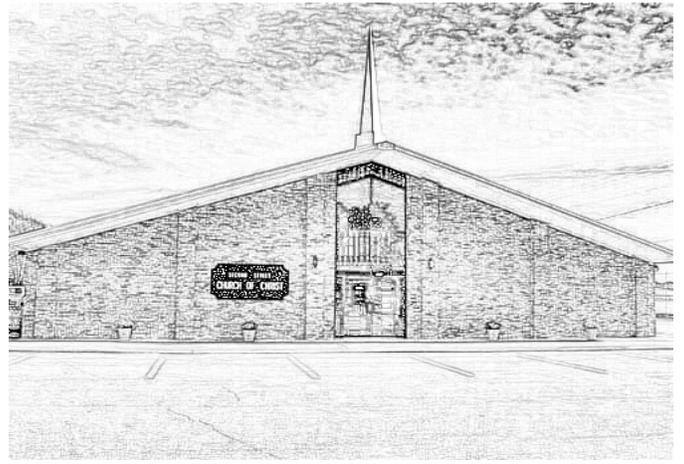


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Time, tapestry and God

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*Endeavouring to keep
the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3*

We're sitting in the auditorium in the congregation we attend. Facing the pulpit, we look at the walls to the right and the left and imagine a powerful string stretched from one to the other.

On that string, we see a beautiful, brightly colored tapestry. The tapestry begins on the right wall and ends on the left and it represents time as we know it.

On the right wall is creation (Genesis 1-2) and on the left wall is the return of Christ and judgment (John 14:1-6; Revelation 20:11-15). In the middle, we have the measurable days of the human existence.

That tapestry is all we know, which is why we wrestle with the infinite nature of God (Deuteronomy 33:27). It doesn't register in our finite existence. We in the flesh, limited by time and space, can nonetheless be boundless in our spirit through faith (Hebrews 11:1).

God is not limited by our conception of time (Psalm 90:4). We must constantly fight the fleshly impulse to restrain him there. He's unleashed by infinity so time is meaningless to him (2 Peter 3:8).

“Forever, O Lord, Your word is settled in heaven” (Psalm 119:89).

God's Word was established and finalized before the tapestry existed. Before humanity was the Word (John 1:1) and it will still be authoritative after the end of time. It's beyond our reach and we're hopeless to change it.

We can try to eradicate the Word but it's settled in heaven and we'll be judged by it (John 12:48). We can't do anything to stop the books from being opened. We can only submit (James 4:10) or disobey (Romans 1:18). It's our choice (Ezekiel 18:19-23).

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What's Going On?

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. Colossians 3:16



Welcome Visitors!

Trays for January

Michelle Holcomb

Trays for 2015 - There is a sign up list on the board in the back. If you can please sign up for a month.

Read the entire Bible in one year.
Each month we will add that month's reading plan.

January

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Day	Old Testament I	Old Testament II	New Testament
1	o Gen 1-2:3	o Job 1-2	o Matt. 1
2	o Gen 2:4-25	o Job 3	o Matt. 2
3	o Gen 3	o Job 4	o Matt. 3
4	o Gen 4-5	o Job 5	o Matt. 4
5	o Gen 6:1-7:10	o Job 6	o Matt. 5:1-20
6	o Gen 7:11-8:22	o Job 7	o Matt. 5:21-48
7	o Gen 9	o Job 8	o Matt. 6:1-18
8	o Gen 10	o Job 9	o Matt. 6:19-7:6
9	o Gen 11	o Job 10	o Matt. 7:7-29
10	o Gen 12-13	o Job 11	o Matt. 8:1-22
11	o Gen 14-15	o Job 12	o Matt. 8:23-9:8
12	o Gen 16-17	o Job 13	o Matt. 9:9-38
13	o Gen 18	o Job 14	o Matt. 10:1-20
14	o Gen 19	o Job 15	o Matt. 10:21-42
15	o Gen 20-21	o Job 16,17	o Matt. 11:1-24
16	o Gen 22	o Job 18	o Matt. 11:25-12:14
17	o Gen 23	o Job 19	o Matt. 12:15-37
18	o Gen 24	o Job 20	o Matt. 12:38-50
19	o Gen 25	o Job 21	o Matt. 13:1-23
20	o Gen 26	o Job 22	o Matt. 13:24-43
21	o Gen 27:1-40	o Job 23	o Matt. 13:44-14:12
22	o Gen 27:41-28:22	o Job 24, 25	o Matt. 14:13-36
23	o Gen 29:1-30	o Job 26, 27	o Matt. 15:1-20
24	o Gen 29:31-30:43	o Job 28	o Matt. 15:21-39
25	o Gen 31	o Job 29	o Matt. 16
26	o Gen 32	o Job 30	o Matt. 17
27	o Gen 33-34	o Job 31	o Matt. 18:1-20
28	o Gen 35	o Job 32	o Matt. 18:21-19:15
29	o Gen 36	o Job 33	o Matt. 19:16-30
30	o Gen 37	o Job 34	o Matt. 20:1-19
31	o Gen 38	o Job 35, 36	o Matt. 20:20-21:11

A wise old owl sat on an oak,
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
Why aren't we like that wise old bird?
(Edward H. Richards)

A New Year's Thought

Adam Cozort

Quote of the Day: “He who corrects a scoffer gets shame for himself, and he who rebukes a wicked man only harms himself. Do not correct a scoffer, lest he hate you; rebuke a wise man, and he will love you. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. For by me your days will be multiplied, and years of life will be added to you.” (Proverbs 9:7-11, NKJV)

As we begin a new year there are many options available to each of us. We can be the scoffer, who cares nothing for God and mocks those who consider God's Word important. We can be a wicked person, whose only desire is for himself and who seeks to destroy anyone who stands in his way. Or we can be the wise and just person who heeds the will of God, learns from mistakes and seeks to do better in the future. As we begin the new year, which will you be? There is only one place to start if you seek wisdom, knowledge, and understanding – that is with a reverence for God and his word. God's Word is the only source of lasting wisdom. Will we seek it?

Don't Give Me Riches

Adam Cozort

“Two things I ask of you; deny them not to me before I die: Remove far from me falsehood and lying; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, “Who is the LORD?” or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God.” (Proverbs 30:7-9, ESV)

There are two things that the writer, Agur, is asking of God. He starts by showing that he wants truth, no more, no less. Then he asks God for something interesting: he wants neither riches nor poverty. We often hear people today speak of serving God with the expectation of physical prosperity. Yet, that is not what this writer desires. He asks God not to give him riches because he might forget God and deny him in his leisure. He also asks that he not be left with nothing lest he act and say things he shouldn't as a servant of God. So today's question is: are we content asking for enough? Not asking God for riches or great wealth, not asking for all of the financial problems of this world to magically disappear, but to ask God to see to our needs and we will be content. Paul said it best when he said: “But godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6)

You will never have a friend on earth if you must have one without a fault.

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Sunday

Bible Study **9:00am**
Worship **10:00am**
Evening **5:00pm**

Wednesday

Bible Study **7:00pm**

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

The process for becoming a Christian is the same as it was over 2000 years ago! To become a Christian, one must:

Hear the Gospel - Rom. 10:17

Believe the Gospel - Heb. 11:6

Repent of Sins - Luke 13:3

Confess Christ - Rom. 10:10

Be Immersed Into Christ - Acts 2:38

Live a Faithful Life - Rev. 2:10

None of these alone will make you a Christian. These commands are from God and must be obeyed from the heart to become a Christian.

Prayer List



Faye Johnson	Paula Wanner
Norma Taylor	Jane Latan
Wayne Taylor	Joey Pierce
Craig Pierce	Jerry Vandagriff
Trisha Johnson	Angie Wilemon
Stephanie Moore	Brooke Cannon
Larry Wells	Becky Raper
Clarence Brown	Randy Johnson
Phillip Pharr	Betty Bryant

January Birthdays



Bonnie Holcomb 1/1

Geralda Brown 1/6

Corey Tidwell 1/10

Doris Vandagriff 1/17

Jzaac Johnson 1/29

John Williams 1/29

January Anniversaries