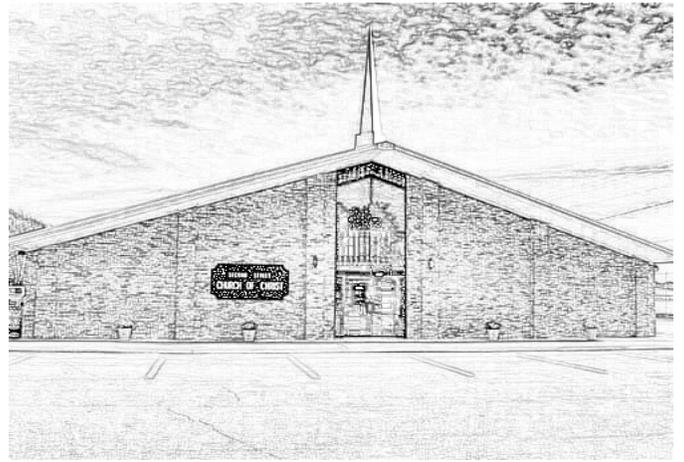


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*Endeavouring to keep
the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3*

Five Steps to “Devil-proofing” your Life

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“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.” (1 Peter 5:6-9, ESV)

We often talk about the devil working as a roaring lion seeking someone to devour, but do we consider what Peter says about how to keep that from happening? Consider five “devil-proofing” steps Peter says we can take:

- 1) Humble yourselves. Know that we cannot fight these battles alone, we need help from above. Humility over pride.
- 2) Cast all your anxieties upon him. It is easy to become overwhelmed, to get caught up in the little things, or to think you must have all the answers to survive. Be willing to give those things over to God and his wisdom.
- 3) Be sober-minded and watchful. Do not forget that he is out there. Do not pretend the danger does not exist. Stand ready for the battle you will face.
- 4) Resist him. This resistance can only be accomplished through your faith. You cannot punch, kick, or bite your attacker for the attack is not physical. The strength of your faith must be your resistance.
- 5) Know that the rest of your brethren face the same fight. Do not be tricked into thinking you are the only one facing these challenges, or that everyone else has it easier than you. Every Christian faces the same foe and must fight it using the same things you have at your disposal.

Yes, Satan is seeking someone to devour with his tricks, deception, and evil – but that doesn’t mean he has to find what he is looking for. Don’t let it be you.

January 25, 2015

What's Going On?

"The devil doesn't want you to be baptized because he knows you'll burn better dry."
-- Marshall Keeble

Lessons from a recovering complainer

A constantly complaining person is like a car with four flat tires. They're stuck in misery while the rest of the world moves on with their lives.

Negativity shapes our worldview so we see the worst in everything and that takes us to the next step of permanent victimhood.

No one but the fellow negativist wants to be around a perennial complainer. While we constantly have rain falling on us, we're obscuring everyone else's sunshine and they want to run away. Nothing grows and thrives in the world of Complaint.

A constant complainer is incapable of happiness and will find problems in school, life, employment and relationships. In fact, they will likely find comfort in their self-fulfilling prophecies of failure.

None of this should be construed as being blind to hard times. In fact, the worst times in my life brought me to this realization. As I faced one calamity after another, I realized that I couldn't control my circumstances but I could take charge of my response.

Chronic pain patients are too often morose individuals because they're constantly in agony. Yet, we control how we respond to pain. While it tries to take our lives, we can fight back with our minds, hearts and faith. It's all we have left.

It's the height of counterintuitive thought, but we can be positive while suffering from constant pain and clinical depression as long as we have Christ in our lives. The Lord begs us to be positive and to think on good things (Proverbs 17:22).

The immensely positive Philippian letter was written by a man who was wrongfully imprisoned (Philippians 1:3-4; 4:8). The secret lies in transformation (Romans 12:1-2). We allow Christ to change us until we develop spiritual vision and heaven becomes our new worldview.

Satan moves swiftly in misery but he's repelled by happiness. Friends, shed the negativity and look for joy, instead (Hebrews 13:6). That's where we will find our lives again.

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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.

Sign up Sheet for singings and fellowship is on the board in the back.

Ladies Fund Due see Rajama or Rada.



Don't forget about your Bible Reading!!

We're writing a gospel, a chapter each day,
By the deeds that we do
and the words that we say;
Men read what we write,
whether faithless or true,
Say, what is the gospel
according to you?
-- GNW

I know better, but . . .

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them” (Romans 1:28-32 NJKV).

How often have we heard someone say, “I know I should not do this, but I am going to do it anyway?” Or, “I probably shouldn’t tell you this, but . . .” The fact is that most of us have probably done those things ourselves. Few, if any, live and act as well as they know how.

With some, such defiance is limited to relatively moderate offences – a little seemingly harmless gossip, eating an extra piece of dessert, etc. But many others commit open sin and blatant crime while confessing that they know that what they are doing is wrong. It is such as these of whom Paul was speaking when he said they not only do vile things, but “also approve of those who practice them” (Romans 1:32).

One of the best examples of truth in advertising I have seen was part of the company logo on a beverage truck. It said, “Follow your folly. Ours is beer.” Such honesty is rare. Not many manufacturers or distributors will admit that their product is foolishness. Sadly, this knowledge was not a deterrent to their behavior.

Wise Solomon advised, “Forsake foolishness and live, and go in the way of understanding” (Proverbs 9:6). Doing wrong while knowing it is wrong is foolish. Pursuing the path of folly is destructive. It will lead to punishment and death.

Why do people do wrong knowingly? Why do they practice foolishness? There may be more than one reason for such behavior, but one obvious and frequent answer is simply that they are following their desires. Someone has observed, “Most men do what they want to do.”

James describes it like this, “Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14-15).

The only way to follow Solomon’s counsel and avoid foolishness is to learn and practice self-discipline. It may not be a coincidence that in Peter’s list of Christian characteristics to be added to our faith, knowledge and self-control are placed consecutively (2 Peter 1:5-7). It is one thing to be aware of righteous behavior; it is quite another to have the discipline over our bodies to be able to consistently do it.

Self-discipline is another way of saying that one lives by the Spirit and not by the flesh (Romans 8:1; Galatians 5:16ff). That is, one’s mind and spirit is dominant in his or her life rather than physical desires. When we are taught the way of God (i.e. truth – John 17:17) and are led by it, we are truly “in the way of understanding” and we will enjoy God’s blessings. Let us strive to “Forsake foolishness and live.”

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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	Joey Pierce
Craig Pierce	Trisha Johnson
Stephanie Moore	Faye Metts
Becky Raper	Debra Wren
Clarence Brown	Phillip Pharr
Cathy Gober	Dianne Vandagriff
Jerry Vandagriff	Deck Taylor
Caleigh Tidwell	

Sympathy

Earline Moore Family
Sandy Collier Family

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