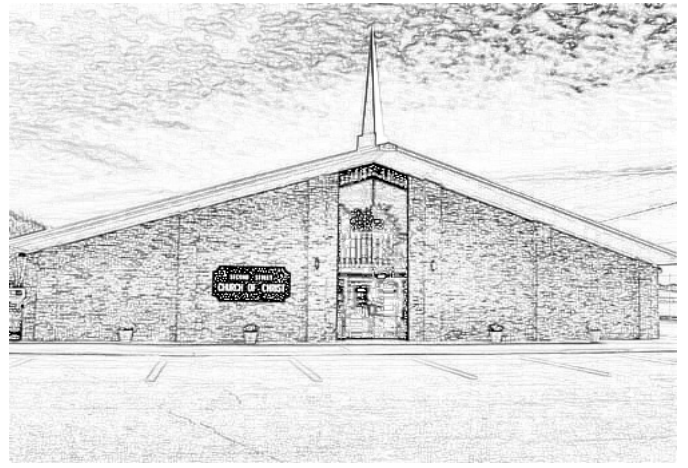


# Second Street Church of Christ



March 29, 2015

## Abide in The Vine

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### SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class.....9:00am  
Sunday Morn. Worship.10:00am  
Sunday Evening.....5:00pm  
Wednesday Evening.....7:00pm

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

My wife loves to grow things. Whether it is flowers, trees, vegetables or whatever, she loves to plant, water and watch things grow.

But, there is one thing all plants have in common. They must be attached to a root system. If the bloom, fruit or plant is cut from its stem or vine, *it will die*. I learned this one summer when I mowed over some of my wife's flowers. Needless to say, she was unhappy.

Jesus made a comparison about a vine. The Lord said, "Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" ([John 15:4-5 NASB](#)).

Wood cut from the vine really has no purpose. One cannot make anything useful out of vine wood. The only useful purpose for the vine is when it gives life to and bears fruit. Jesus said, "As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself," we cannot bear fruit unless we are attached to Jesus.

F.F. Bruce wrote, "Paul does not use Johannine idiom but he expresses the same truth when he says, 'It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me' ([Galatians 2:20](#)), and 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' ([Philippians 4:13](#))."

There are people who think they can be religious while not connected to the church. Well, if the church is the body of Christ ([Ephesians 5:23, 30](#)), and if we must remain connected to Jesus and abide in him, then how can we do that by spurning and leaving his body?

If we decide to stop obeying the commandments of Christ and think we can remain in a saved condition, we are fooling ourselves. In this same context, Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love" ([John 15:10](#)).

If you have severed your connection to Jesus, you risk much. You should reestablish that connection by repentance. If a connection between you and the Lord never existed, you must obey the gospel and keep on abiding in the love of Jesus by obeying his commandments.

Unless we abide in him, our place in eternity is jeopardized. Jesus also said, "If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch and is withered; and men gather them and cast these into the fire, and they are burned" ([John 15:6 KJV](#)).

If you wish to live, come to him. Obey him. Live for him. Abide in him.

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# What's Going On?

Welcome Visitors!! You are our honored guest, and we are glad you came our way! We invite you back to our evening services at 5:00 and any time you can make it back.

March 29, 2015



Welcome Visitors!

Trays for March  
Debra Brewer

## Ladies Assisted Living Devotional Schedule For April 2nd:

Devo - Shea Cozort  
Prayer - Doris Vandagriff  
Singing - Glenda Williams  
Refreshments - 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.

Sack Supper tonight after church.



### Kid's Corner!

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Songs We Sang:

No.	No.	No.	No.
No.	No.	No.	No.

### HOW MANY TIMES?

Mark down how many times you hear these words:

1. Jesus/Lord

2. Promised

3. God



### Draw A Picture From Today's Lesson.

### Notes or Questions

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## Some Things God Never Promised

### God Never Promised...

- **To save by means other than the gospel of Christ.**
  - Ephesians 4:5
  - Romans 1:16
  - Romans 6:17-18
  - 1 Peter 4:17
  
- **To save those who refuse to be baptized into Christ.**
  - John 3:3, 5
  - Acts 2:38
  - Galatians 3:26-27
  - 1 Peter 3:18-21
  - Romans 6:3-4, 20-23
  
- **To give us all we want.**
  - Matthew 6:24-33
  - Philippians 4:11-13
  
- **To exempt us from trials.**
  - Romans 5:3-5
  - Acts 5:41
  - 1 Peter 4:12-19
  - 1 Corinthians 10:12-13



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"When you can't see the bright side, polish the dull side"  
(source: The Beacon, Burlington, NC)

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**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*

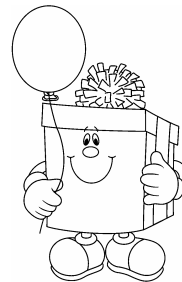
None of these alone will make you a Christian. These commands are from God and must be obeyed from the heart to become a Christian.

### Prayer List



Paula Wanner	Ann Martin
Norma Taylor	Joey Pierce
Craig Pierce	Trisha Johnson
Stephanie Moore	Faye Metts
Becky Raper	Barbara Blackman
Clarence Brown	Phillip Pharr
Dianne Vandagriff	Cathy Alexander
Rumell Thomas	Patsy Wanner
Tamri Barnes	Crystal Rich
Manlif Barnes	

### March Birthdays



*Jonah Meeks 3/03*  
*Jimmy Higginbottom 3/15*  
*Lena Hammet 3/15*  
*Shawn Robinson 3/15*  
*Ann Martin 3/23*  
*Michelle Holcomb 3/26*

### March Anniversaries

*Jerry & Janie 3/2*  
*Barry & Debra 3/17*

