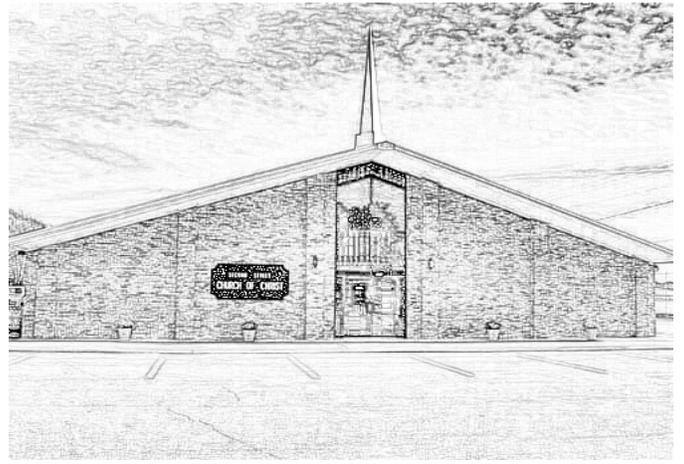


# Second Street Church of Christ



April 5th, 2015

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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*

## God is the Only Licensed Fruit Inspector

Fruit brings beauty, joy and good health to all. Yet, it's also used in Scripture as an example of righteousness and authenticity.

“For a good tree does not bear bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather grapes from a bramble bush” (Luke 6:43-44, NKJV).

From the text we see the responsibility to live properly through the transformation of the gospel (Romans 12:1-2).

First, God strives for authenticity which is why hypocrisy is so evil (Matthew 6:5; Romans 12:9). As servants, our sole purpose is to glorify him in everything (Ephesians 3:20-21; Matthew 5:15-16).

Plants, humans and animals produce after their kind. Apple trees don't produce pears, lizards don't come from fish and monkeys don't give birth to humans.

Likewise, God's people don't follow the dictates of Satan. We're to be holy by God's standards (1 Peter 1:16).

Second, the fruit doesn't decide whether it's ready for the dinner table or market. It's the grower who makes the decision as to the quality of the fruit since he must determine if it's safe to consume or ready for market.

We don't get to decide if we're righteous since only God can make that decision. All we can do is to walk according to his will (Ephesians 4:1). What we say about ourselves has zero bearing on God. Our standards and definitions aren't the judge (John 12:48).

“Not everyone who says to Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

God is the only licensed fruit inspector, not the preacher, .....*cont on pg 2*

# What's Going On?

April 5th, 2015



Welcome Visitors!

Trays for April  
Bonnie Holcomb

**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.

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

**Scripture and Song** and fellowship meal April 12th following morning services.

**Bear Stuffing** April 14th.

*As charcoal to hot embers and wood to fire, so is a quarrelsome man for kindling strife.*

*Prov. 26:21*

April			
"Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful." – Joshua 1:8			
Day	Old Testament I	Old Testament II	New Testament
1	o Lev. 14:33-57	o Psalm 92, 93	o 2 Cor. 10
2	o Lev. 15	o Psalm 94	o 2 Cor. 11
3	o Lev. 16	o Psalm 95, 96	o 2 Cor. 12
4	o Lev. 17-18	o Psalm 97, 98	o 2 Cor. 13
5	o Lev. 19	o Psalm 99, 100, 101	o Luke 1:1-25
6	o Lev. 20	o Psalm 102	o Luke 1:26-45
7	o Lev. 21:1-22:16	o Psalm 103	o Luke 1:46-66
8	o Lev. 22:17-23:14	o Psalm 104	o Luke 1:67-2:7
9	o Lev. 23:15-44	o Psalm 105	o Luke 2:8-32
10	o Lev. 24:1-25:7	o Psalm 106	o Luke 2:33-52
11	o Lev. 25:8-54	o Psalm 107	o Luke 3:1-20
12	o Lev. 26	o Psalm 108	o Luke 3:21-38
13	o Lev. 27	o Psalm 109	o Luke 4:1-30
14	o Num. 1	o Psalm 110, 111, 112	o Luke 4:31-5:11
15	o Num. 2	o Psalm 113, 114, 115	o Luke 5:12-32
16	o Num. 3	o Psalm 116, 117	o Luke 5:33-6:16
17	o Num. 4	o Psalm 118	o Luke 6:17-36
18	o Num. 5	o Psalm 119:1-24	o Luke 6:37-7:10
19	o Num. 6	o Psalm 119:25-48	o Luke 7:11-35
20	o Num. 7:1-35	o Psalm 119:49-72	o Luke 7:36-50
21	o Num. 7:36-89	o Psalm 119:73-96	o Luke 8:1-25
22	o Num. 8	o Psalm 119:97-120	o Luke 8:26-39
23	o Num. 9	o Psalm 119:121-144	o Luke 8:40-56
24	o Num. 10	o Psalm 119:145-176	o Luke 9:1-17
25	o Num. 11	o Psalm 120, 121, 122, 124	o Luke 9:18-36
26	o Num. 12-13	o Psalm 125, 126, 127, 128	o Luke 9:37-56
27	o Num. 14	o Psalm 129, 130, 131, 132	o Luke 9:57-10:24
28	o Num. 15	o Psalm 133, 134, 135	o Luke 10:25-42
29	o Num. 16	o Psalm 136	o Luke 11:1-28
30	o Num. 17-18	o Psalm 137, 138, 139	o Luke 11:29-54

the pope, the church member, the neighbor or the gossip. We all must live up to our calling (John 8:37-47; Matthew 12:30; Galatians 6:7). We'll produce good fruit for God or we won't.

God is waiting and his judgments will be fair and complete. He judges the fruit, not intentions, personalities or social status.

We can judge behavior based on God's Word but we must be humble in doing so. Only God can make the final determination of our soul.

Let's all labor in the fields of the Lord to do his will with all obedience (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3). In him, we labor not for merit but for the glory of our master in heaven (Matthew 9:37-38; Ephesians 1:3) because he will always take care of his laborers (Matthew 6:25-34).

Trust him today.

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# “THE PEOPLE SAID”

*Lessons from the golden calf*

## THE EVENT

- Moses is on Mount Sinai receiving the Law from God.
- Moses has been up on the mountain for nearly 40 days. (Exodus 24:18)
- The people become restless and decide they know what they want. (32:1-6)
- God sends Moses down from the mountain to deal with the issue. (32:7-18)
- When Moses sees what is happening, he throws the tables of stone down, breaking them in pieces. (32:19)
- He confronts Aaron and the people for their actions. (32:20-24)
- The punishment for their sin is swift and deadly. (32:25-29)
- Aaron listened to what “the people said,” should we?

## SO WHAT ABOUT WHEN PEOPLE SAY...

- Let us worship God with mechanical instrumental music.
  - Everyone else does.
  - It’s always been allowed.
- **“Musical instruments in celebrating the praises of God would be no more suitable than the burning of incense, the lighting of lamps, and the restoration of the other shadows of the law.”** *John Calvin, Founder of the Presbyterian Church*
- **“I have no objection to instruments of music in our chapels, provided they are neither seen nor heard.”** *John Wesley, Founder of the Methodist Church*
- **“The organ in the worship service is a sign of Baal.”** *Martin Luther, Founder of the Lutheran Church*
- **“We might as well pray by machinery as sing by it... we do not need them. That would hinder rather than help our praise. Sing unto Him. This is the sweetest and best music. No instrument like the human voice.”** *Charles Spurgeon, Baptist author and preacher*
  - What did God say?
- Let us be accepting of the “alternate lifestyles” around us.
  - Romans 1:24-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

## CONCLUSION

- There are many things that people say, or that the majority of society wants, but that does not drive what the child of God believes and practices. (Matthew 6:33; 1 Samuel 15:22)
- Learn from the lesson of Aaron. Do not give in to what people say, listen to what God says.



*Godly optimism is an attitude that believes in self because self believes in God. [OCM]*

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**Worship**          **10:00am**  
**Evening**           **5:00pm**

### Wednesday

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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	Harriet Colf
Tamri Barnes	Crystal Rich
Manlif Barnes	Ronnie Taylor
GeraldNunley	Kristy Phillips

### April Birthdays



### April Anniversaries

**Jimmy & Bonnie 4/15**

**John & Betty 4/17**

