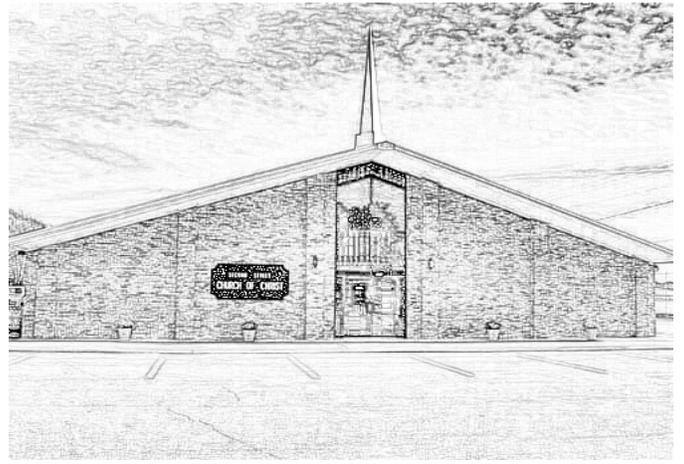


Second Street Church of Christ



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The Next Generation

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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*

“In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Zechariah, the son of Berechiah, son of Iddo, saying, “The LORD was very angry with your fathers. Therefore say to them, Thus declares the LORD of hosts: Return to me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. Do not be like your fathers, to whom the former prophets cried out, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, Return from your evil ways and from your evil deeds.’ But they did not hear or pay attention to me, declares the LORD. Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, As the LORD of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us.” (Zechariah 1:1-6, ESV)

One of the great lessons to learn about mankind is the ways in which the decisions of men work in cycles. A study of history shows that over the centuries men have continued the same series of ebb and flow in the choices they make. On the one hand, such realizations are infuriating, because they show that most people refuse to learn from the mistakes of those that lived earlier. On the other hand, it breeds hope, because each generation has an opportunity to change their direction, for it has been done in the past.

Such a pronouncement is being made in this passage. The previous generations had refused God’s will. They had been rebellious and evil in their deeds and had been punished accordingly. However, this is a new generation, with a chance for a fresh start.

As Christians who are trying to reach people with the Gospel, we need to realize that each generation is another chance. We often proclaim how bad things are getting and how morally corrupt our society has become, but it doesn’t have to remain that way. Each generation is a renewed opportunity to turn from those evil ways and embrace the righteousness of God.

However, we can only bring about that change if we continue to teach the pure Gospel of Christ. We cannot water it down, or change it to fit the times, or seek to make it more palatable, it must be presented in its purest form in order to have the impact on man’s heart. How devoted are we to making sure the pure message of Christ is available to the next generation?

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.

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

Monthly Singing and fellowship April 23rd, 6:30 at Jeffrey & Lasha's.

April 19th, 2015

*Trays for April
Bonnie Holcomb*



Welcome Visitors!

Ladies Devotional at the Assisted Living

April 30th

Devotional : Glenda Williams

Prayer : Edna Gibson

Singing : Shea Cozort

Refreshments : Bonnie Holcomb

Faith Brings Optimism By Ken Stegall

The interesting thing about a pessimist and an optimist is that they are both right. Just ask them. They will be more than happy to share their evidence.

We all tend to find what we are looking for in life. It's the old adage "Is the glass half full or half empty?" The answer is "Yes, " Happiness, peace and success in life are determined, not by circumstances, but by your attitude.

If you look for problems, you'll find them. If you look for solutions, you may or may not find them, but you will find the strength to endure through your problems. And endurance quite often brings the solution.

The difference between a pessimist and an optimist is that an optimist focuses on the future and a pessimist focuses on the immediate circumstances. If that's true, then we as Christians have every reason to be optimistic. Our God has promised us an incredibly bright future. And we trust Him. That's what the Bible calls faith.

Every pessimist considers himself to be a "realist." The implication being-"If you are optimistic, you are ignoring the facts!" But one can be optimistic even in dire circumstances. . . IF he believes that someone who 1) loves him and 2) is powerful enough to control every situation IS, in fact, IN CONTROL. However, if you believe that things are truly out of control, and/or that God doesn't truly love you, there is no basis for optimism. So when we find ourselves becoming pessimistic, we need to focus on those two things.

I'm an optimist. And, I like to believe that I'm also a realist. That means that when it looks like things are out of control in my life, or in the world, I need to remind myself that what I'm really feeling is that things are out of MY control. And I pray for faith to remind me to be at peace knowing that my loving Father is in control.

I don't always understand His ways. That's because He's bigger than I am. I'm thankful for that. He can see all the way to the end of my life and He certainly knows that I need some struggles to give me reason to trust Him.

Why Affection is so Important to Marriage

Richard Mansel

Thomas and Maggie sat in marriage counseling. Maggie dabbed at her swollen eyes as she cried about Thomas' refusal to be affectionate to his wife of 32 years.

The counselor asked Thomas why he was cold towards her.

"That's silly stuff. I won't do it."

"Maggie, did Thomas kiss you when you were dating?"

"All the time! I had to fight him off. Thomas even kissed me on our first date."

"Did he hold your hand?"

Maggie smiled. "Absolutely! He was so romantic, bringing me flowers and candy."

"Thomas, what changed?"

Thomas frowned. "Isn't it obvious? I was a kid then. Look at me now!"

"Thomas, do you still love her?"

"Yeah."

"Then what's the problem?"

"This is stupid. I'm leaving."

Thomas slammed the door and Maggie was crushed.

A year later, the counselor saw Thomas in the park holding hands and kissing a new woman. Clearly, he had forgotten he was too old for affection.

A marriage without affection is like being frozen. We must be connected intimately with our spouse. Skin hunger is a very real thing.

Living without that connectivity leaves us empty. We cannot be one flesh with another person without affection. Being married roommates is desperately sad.

God commands us to be intimate. We are to be one in every way with our spouse (Genesis 2:18-25). Solomon begins his ode to passion in marriage, with the Shulamite woman saying, "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth" (Song of Solomon 1:2).

We must never let the passion die in our marriage. Marital love cannot breathe without affection. Our bodies are not ours and we must be fully engaged with our partner (1 Corinthians 7:1-5).

Start today with a touch, a hug and a kiss and rediscover what you have lost!



** Parent their heart and soul, not their behavior. The latter is a symptom of a problem with the former.*

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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	Crystal Rich
Norma Taylor	Joey Pierce
Craig Pierce	Trisha Johnson
Stephanie Moore	Faye Metts
Becky Raper	Barbara Blackman
Phillip Pharr	Kristy Phillips
Dianne Vandagriff	Cathy Alexander
Rumell Thomas	Tamri Barnes
Billy Joe Payne	Gerald Nunley
Jan Higginbottom (ECM hospital Florence)	
Jimmy Higginbottom	Brett Burton

Sympathy

Brown Family

April Birthdays



April Anniversaries

Jimmy & Bonnie 4/15

John & Betty 4/17

