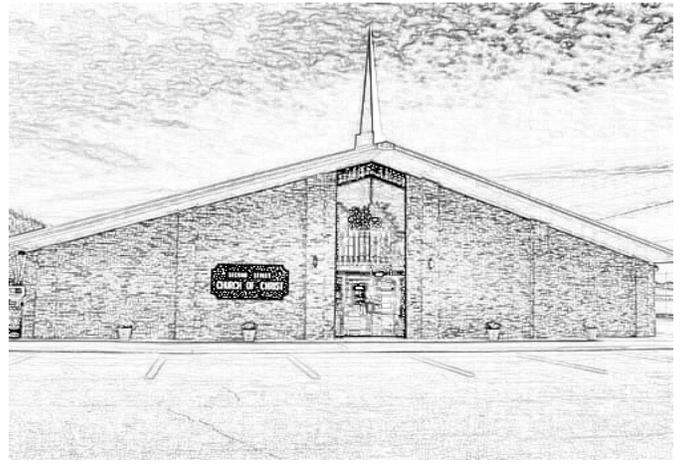


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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class.....9:00am
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*Endeavouring to keep
the unity of the Spirit in
the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3*

Books, Movies and Marriage

The foundation of fiction or narrative nonfiction is conflict. Without it, there isn't a story. Writers devise problems for the sake of perpetuating the story and engaging their readers.

If David Copperfield had lived in a perfect world, Dickens wouldn't have had anything to say. In fact, books, films or television shows would cease to exist without problems. Life is painful and difficult and art reflects that fact.

Yet, it's more complex than that.

Filmmakers are often activists who're trying to raise awareness. They champion moral issues and hope to influence people to change their minds.

Viewers watch their work and feel like everyone else is more enlightened. It creates peer pressure to conform. Yet, it's largely faulty thinking on our part. Most people in America may think a certain behavior is reprehensible but a film presents it as an accepted practice.

We must be wise to tell the difference.

Solomon said that "the fear of man brings a snare" (Proverbs 29:25, NKJV). We should never be afraid of the faces of the sinful (Jeremiah 1:8). We must "obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

A movie about a happy marriage would be boring to most unless some calamity happened to them. Therefore, we misunderstand when filmmakers or writers portray unhappy marriages or divorces. Happy marriages are indeed possible and are happening all over America.

Statistics say half of all marriages fail but those numbers are corrupted by all those who have multiple divorces. One person who has five divorces counts for five other couples whose marriages are a success. Statistics are often very misleading.

Let's trust God and his plan for marriage (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6). He knows what he's talking about and in the end, his approval is all that really matters (John 12:48; Revelation 20:11-15).

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What's Going On?

Trays for May
Rada Malone

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 Wednesday Bible study at 7:00pm.

Gospel Meeting Saucer Creek May 17th -20th. Details on the bulletin board.

Fish Fry next Saturday May 9th at 3:00pm. Invite your family and friends to come out.

Bear Stuffing May 12th.

WHETHER YES OR NO OR MORE OR LESS – GIVE THANKS TO GOD

There is much that each person can do for himself and much that one can get only from others. And when he gets something from others he should certainly acknowledge it and be grateful.

In Luke 17:10-19 Jesus told a story in which nine out of ten did not even say thanks for a great gift of healing – from leprosy. All ten had the same problem, all asked for and received mercy and help, all were healed and cleansed. All received the same charge. All should have made the same acknowledgment of gratitude. Nine failed.

Humans do not seem to be “naturally” grateful. Not to parents. Not to each other. Not even to God. For what should a Christian thank God? For every good thing, for every YES answer to a prayer. Can one be thankful for burdens and troubles, hardships? Perhaps not for the thing itself, but certainly for the lessons learned, and more than that, for the strength God supplies so one can keep the faith even in difficult times. If nothing else, trouble can open one’s eyes to his need for God.

Here are a few things you may not have thought of, for which you owe God thanks.

- If you have more health than illness, thank God. Millions of people will not survive this week.
- Hundreds of millions have endured battle, imprisonment, and the pangs of starvation this year. Thank God if you are not one of them.
- If you can meet in the name of God for worship without fear of harassment, persecution, loss of possessions or loss of life, you are more blessed than three billion others in the world. Thank God.
- If you have enough food, a safe shelter, a little money in the bank, and do not have to worry about whether you will have those things tomorrow, you are better off than 92% of the people in the world.
- No matter what you age, if your parents are still alive and married to each other, you are in a very select minority.
- If you hold up your head and smile and are truly thankful, whether you have little or much, you are a true blessing. Almost everybody can, but most do not.

May

“I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Day	Old Testament I	Old Testament II	New Testament
1	o Num. 19	o Psalm 140, 141	o Luke 12:1-21
2	o Num. 20	o Psalm 142, 143, 144	o Luke 12:22-48
3	o Num. 21	o Psalm 145, 146	o Luke 12:49-13:9
4	o Num. 22	o Psalm 147	o Luke 13:10-30
5	o Num. 23:1-26	o Psalm 148, 149, 150	o Luke 13:31-14:14
6	o Num. 23:27-24:25	o Prov. 1	o Luke 14:15-35
7	o Num. 25:1-26:27	o Prov. 2	o Luke 15
8	o Num. 26:28-65	o Prov. 3	o Luke 16:1-15
9	o Num. 27	o Prov. 4	o Luke 16:16-31
10	o Num. 28	o Prov. 5	o Luke 17:1-19
11	o Num. 29	o Prov. 6	o Luke 17:20-37
12	o Num. 30:1-31:24	o Prov. 7	o Luke 18:1-17
13	o Num. 31:25-54	o Prov. 8	o Luke 18:18-43
14	o Num. 32	o Prov. 9	o Luke 19:1-27
15	o Num. 33	o Prov. 10	o Luke 19:28-48
16	o Num. 34	o Prov. 11	o Luke 20:1-19
17	o Num. 35	o Prov. 12	o Luke 20:20-47
18	o Num. 36	o Prov. 13	o Luke 21:1-24
19	o Deut. 1 o Prov. 14		o Luke 21:25-22:6
20	o Deut. 2 o Prov. 15		o Luke 22:7-38
21	o Deut. 3 o Prov. 16		o Luke 22:39-62
22	o Deut. 4 o Prov. 17		o Luke 22:63-23:25
23	o Deut. 5 o Prov. 18		o Luke 23:26-43
24	o Deut. 6 o Prov. 19		o Luke 23:44-24:12
25	o Deut. 7 o Prov. 20		o Luke 24:13-35
26	o Deut. 8 o Prov. 21		o Luke 24:36-53
27	o Deut. 9 o Prov. 22		o Acts 1
28	o Deut. 10-11	o Prov. 23	o Acts 2:1-21
29	o Deut. 12	o Prov. 24	o Acts 2:22-47
30	o Deut. 13-14	o Prov. 25	o Acts 3
31	o Deut. 15:1-16:17	o Prov. 26	o Acts 4:1-22

WHO AM I?

Considering David's Question

INTRODUCTION

- David wants to build a house for the Lord. (2 Samuel 7:1-3)
- The Lord tells David that will not be allowed. (7:4-7)
- God promises David great blessings for the nation and his family. (7:8-17)
- David's response – "Who am I?" (7:18; Psalm 8:4)

The Statement of David

- David was a man after God's own heart. (1 Samuel 13:14; Acts 13:22)
- David's statement was one of humility. (7:19-21; Micah 6:8; Ephesians 4:1-2)
- David's statement was one of homage and respect. (7:22-29)

"Who Am I?"

- I am a creation of God. (7:8-9; Genesis 1:26-27; Colossians 1:15-17)
- I am the object of God's love. (7:8-9; John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-11; Romans 5:8)
- I am the object of God's promises. (7:12-16; Matthew 7:13-14; Revelation 2:10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8)

CONCLUSION

- There is great depth to the question David asks.
- God loves and cares for each person equally.
- Do we truly recognize who we are to God?

You dont really know another person intimately unless you share a common inheritance in heaven. Unless, perchance, you share a common inheritance elsewhere

SERVICE TIMES

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

Paula Wanner	Crystal Rich
Norma Taylor	Joey Pierce
Craig Pierce	David Livingston
Faye Metts	Carla Carlson
Becky Raper	Barbara Blackman
Phillip Pharr	Kristy Phillips
Dianne Vandagriff	Cathy Alexander
Tamri Barnes	Brett Burton
Billy Joe Payne	Gerald Nunley
Ann Martin (hospital Florence)	
Gina Kelly	



Sympathy

Johnson Family

May Birthdays

Rada Malone 5/4
Caleigh Tidwell 05/09
Stephanie Harris 05/16
Stella Higginbottom 05/17
Debra Wren 05/18

May Anniversaries

Wendell & Doris 5/25

