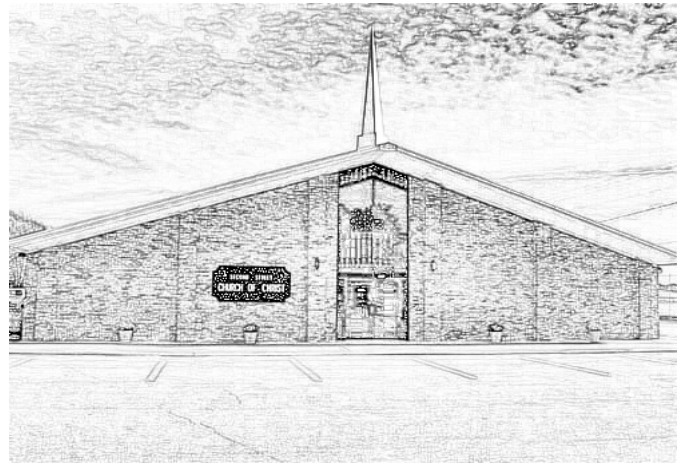


Second Street Church of Christ



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It Matters Where we Finish

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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*

Carrie Berrian of Louisville, Georgia died just short of her 120th birthday. We'll remember her longevity, energy and persistence. But her greatest achievement was her faith in God and she'll receive her eternal home in heaven, as a result (Revelation 21:1-8).

It doesn't matter what we have accomplished early in our lives, because in the end our eternal home will be determined by where we wind up spiritually (Matthew 25:31-46).

To illustrate this point we look to Scripture and the story of two kings whose lives traveled in opposite directions.

Hezekiah, son of the evil King Ahaz, was devoted to God (2 Kings 18:1-16; 2 Chronicles 30:6-9) and was one of the greatest kings of Judah.

Yet, when Hezekiah's health failed, God granted him fifteen extra years of life (Isaiah 38:1-5). However, Hezekiah used that blessing to turn against God (Isaiah 39:3-8).

During Hezekiah's extra fifteen years of life, Manasseh was born and he became one of the most evil kings in Judah's history (2 Kings 21:1-9). He established idolatry throughout the land and led the people of God into apostasy (2 Chronicles 33:1-6).

During that captivity, the Lord spoke and Manasseh listened (2 Chronicles 33:10-13). Manasseh subsequently repented and restored the Lord to the people.

Hezekiah began with honor and ended with shame whereas Manasseh's evil beginning ended with righteousness. To many, Hezekiah's reign was more impressive. But in terms of eternity, Manasseh stands alone.

Paul called himself the chief of sinners (1 Timothy 1:15). Yet, he remained faithful the remainder of his life. Paul said that we must let the past go and charge forward into the future for God (Philippians 3:12-16).

Will we finish strong for the Lord? It doesn't matter how many people we have led to the Lord or our length of service if we abandon God in the end (Hebrews 10:26-31).

"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10, NKJV). Used by permission from Forthright Magazine (forthright.net). Copyright © 2015 Richard Mansel

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 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.

Trays for May
Rada Malone

Consider the Importance of Mother

When many students of the Bible read Matthew chapter one, they are unimpressed and somewhat puzzled by the long list of names of the people in the lineage of Jesus Christ. There are, however, some great lessons in the words of the passage if we carefully look.

Upon closer examination, we see five women mentioned in the genealogy. One commentator said that “Matthew broke the rules doing this because women were not mentioned in the writings of the Rabbis.”

All of these women are mothers. Tamar, who bore twins to her father-in-law, Judah, was accused of “playing the harlot” and was going to be burned until she produced Judah’s signet, cord and staff, according to Genesis 38.

Rahab was the harlot who hid Israel’s spies in Jericho in Joshua 2. Boaz was born through the union of Rahab and Salmon.

Boaz saw Ruth gleaning the fields as she attempted to make a meager living for herself and her mother-in-law. She was not a Jew, but was from Moab. Ruth gave birth to Obed, the father of Jesse who was the father of King David.

Bathsheba was the woman David spied from the roof of his palace as she bathed in 2 Samuel 11. He committed adultery with her and had her husband killed. Solomon was the surviving son from that union.

There were rumors that buzzed around the pregnancy of Mary, betrothed to Joseph, although her son was miraculously conceived (Matthew 1:19).

Not only were some of these women suspected or accused of immoral actions, some of them were Gentiles, also considered as a violation of the rules of propriety.

Yet, each one of these women were mothers who loved their husbands and their sons. That is what mothers do, isn’t it? Each of these mothers also had something important in common. They all played a role in the coming of the son of God.

If there is one important lesson in Matthew chapter one it must be the importance of mother. Perhaps only one of these five mothers knew they were bringing God’s only begotten son into the world, but all of them had a part.

Mothers do such an important job, but, few people notice them because they are usually humble, hard workers. They make great sacrifices to bring their children into the world and nurture them, but few people see their labor. While it may be difficult to see the important work these women did in bringing God the Son into the world, there is no mistaking the impact they had on the history of the world and on our own salvation.

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

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Sunday

Bible Study **9:00am**
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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
Cathy Alexander	Ann Martin
Tamri Barnes	Gerald Nunley
Billy Joe Payne	



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

Mallory Cleveland 05/27

Shea Cozort 05/29

May Anniversaries

Wendell & Doris 5/25

