

Second Street Church of Christ



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Living by God's Standards

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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***

Making a difference spiritually requires that we eschew human standards and think as Scripture dictates. An ancient and fresh approach is needed. Men's ideas don't lead to heaven.

By human standards, the Tower of Babel was a visionary project ruined by a jealous God (Genesis 11:1-9). Spiritually, however, they were unified in voice, plan and motivation. The only thing missing was God.

Nothing spiritually positive can happen without the Lord (Ephesians 1:3). Babel is an excellent example of man's naiveté' and narrow-mindedness. Without God, we can't accomplish anything (Psalm 127:1).

God provides all that man needs spiritually but, sadly, we fail to use what has been placed before us (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We're like the vinedresser whose hopes were dashed by the unproductive vineyard (Isaiah 5:1-7).

God asks us to awaken spiritually and to focus our minds and efforts.

Putting him first means that we put human instincts behind us (Romans 12:1-2). Unity occurs vertically. When we each unify with Christ, then and only then, are we unified together (Ephesians 2,4).

Unity only occurs when we place our trust in something larger than ourselves. Let us finally put ourselves completely in his hands.

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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 Wednesday Bible study at 7:00pm.

Summer Series will be beginning June 3rd.

Summer Youth Series will be beginning June 4th.

Sack Supper tonight after services.

Trays for May
Rada Malone

Quote of the day:

"A man of quick temper acts foolishly, and a man of evil devices is hated." (Proverbs 14:17, ESV)

The world around us likes to get angry. We have road rage, race rage, violent domestic disputes, and so much more. In a nutshell - people taking offense and giving it with reckless abandon. In the midst of the roaring fires around us, it is imperative that the servants of God keep cool heads. Not getting caught up in the high emotions and wicked actions of others, but standing for truth and righteousness at every turn.

May we always strive to be a people of self-control and righteousness. *Adam Cozort*

2015 Summer Series

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

June 3 – Love

Rodge Rives (Antioch)

June 10 – Peace

Richard Mansel (Hawk Pride / Tuscumbia)

June 17 – Meekness / Gentleness

Tom House (Plainview)

June 24 – Long Suffering

Scott Webster (Red Bay)

July 1 – Joy

Aaron Cozort (Southaven)

July 8 – Faithfulness

Russ Crosswhite (Fulton)

July 15 – Temperance

David Conley (Liberty)

July 22 – Kindness

Tony Brown (Zions Rest)

July 29 – Goodness

Ben Wright (West Walker)

2015 Summer Youth Series

Theme: *Conquering Our Giants*

7:00 pm Thursdays

June 4 - Fulton Church of Christ

"Self Esteem" (1 Jn 2:28) - *Cody Hardin*

June 11 – Second St Church of Christ

"Self Responsibility" (2 Tim 2:5) - *Jeff Madaris*

June 18 – Plainview Church of Christ

"Turn the Other Cheek" (Matt 5:39) – *Mark Lindley*

June 25 – Gum / Saucer Creek Church of Christ

"Media / Social Media" (Phil 4:8) – *Tony Brown*

July 2 – Tilden Church of Christ

"Physical Appearance" (1 Tim 2:9) – *Evan Kirby*

July 16 – Beans Ferry Church of Christ

"Culture" (Rom 12:1-2) - *Mark Neaves*

July 23 – Pine Grove Church of Christ

"Growing Up" (Luke 2:52) – *Adam Miller*

July 30 – Picnic – Plainview Church of Christ

“PROVIDE THINGS HONEST”

Understanding the importance of honesty

Honest/Honesty – from the Greek *kalos* meaning “good, admirable, becoming, honorable, with esteem.” *Vine’s Expository Dictionary*

PRINCIPLES OF HONESTY

- We are to be honest before all men. (Romans 12:17; 2 Corinthians 8:21; 1 Peter 2:12)
- We are to be honest before God. (2 Corinthians 13:5-8)
- Honesty/honor is to be a part of every facet of life. (Philippians 4:8 – here the term used is *semnos* meaning “reverent, venerable, honorable”)

THE IMPORTANCE OF HONESTY

- It provides the heart that will accept God’s Word. (Luke 8:15)
- It is a goal of Christian life. (1 Timothy 2:2)
- It is a sign of maturity in Christ. (Romans 12:17-18; Matthew 5:44-45)
- It is what commends us to the entire world, even when they do not like us. (2 Corinthians 4:1-2; 1 Peter 2:12)

CONCLUSION

- The principles of sowing and reaping emphasize the necessity of honesty in life. (Galatians 6:7-9)
- Are we upholding the standards of honesty in our lives?

"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation." So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls." (Acts 2:37-41, ESV)

On the day of Pentecost, as Peter preaches the first Gospel sermon, his words prick the hearts of a number who hear him. They ask him what they should do about their situation and he tells them to repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of their sins.

The phrase, "for the forgiveness of your sins" has been one of controversy for many people over the years because the English term "for" can mean "in order to obtain," or it can mean, "because you have obtained." Therefore, one person says that Peter told them to be baptized in order to have their sins forgiven, another says that Peter told them to be baptized because their sins have already been forgiven. Which is right?

Thankfully, in the original language there is not such ambiguity. The word translated "for" in this passage is the Greek term "eis." It is a preposition that means "into, to, in." Greek grammars are unanimous in observing that it specifically denotes moving into or toward something that has not yet been entered. Therefore, the phrase cannot mean that Peter is calling upon these men to be baptized because they have already had their sins forgiven. It must mean that this was to be done to accomplish that task.

However, it should never be argued that baptism is more important than any other part of the salvation process. Notice that here it is coupled with the necessity of repentance. Additionally, the crowd has already shown they believe the words of Peter by being cut to the heart with his words and asking what needs to be done to remedy the situation. Dunking a person in water who does not truly believe and is not willing to turn from sin does nothing more than get that person wet. However, having a person who believes but is unwilling to be baptized for the remission of sins is equally useless as a remedy for sin.

By the grace and mercy of God, through the blood of Christ, we have a means of forgiveness and salvation. We can ask the same question today and we will receive the same answer. Have we obeyed the command? *Adam Cozort*

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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	David Livingston
Faye Metts	Billy Joe Payne
Becky Raper	Barbara Blackman
Phillip Pharr	Kristy Phillips
Cathy Alexander	Ann Martin
Tamri Barnes	Gerald Nunley



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

