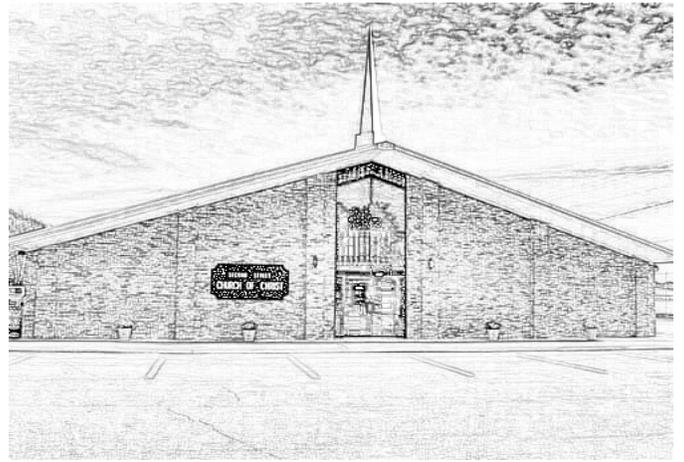


# Second Street Church of Christ



June 7th, 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*

## We Stand Between Ourselves and Heaven

The comic strip character Pogo said in 1970, "We have met the enemy and he is us." This adage is quite true. However it never carries as much weight as it does in the spiritual realm. Let's examine why.

A police officer recently talked to a group of young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. He then asked them what career they hoped to be pursuing by the time they were 25 years old. Three of them wanted to be engineers, two aspired to be athletes and another hoped to be a nurse practitioner.

The officer then asked, "How could drugs and alcohol help them fulfill their career dreams?" He went on to enumerate the devastation that alcohol and substance abuse have done to countless lives.

His powerful question can be applied to our spiritual lives. Almost all Christians would list going to heaven as their chief spiritual goal. Yet, are we willing to pay the price?

Adapting the police officer's approach, let's ask some thought-provoking questions.

- How does being persistent in sin help us go to heaven? (1 John 1:6).
- How does sin help us become closer to Jesus? (2 Corinthians 5:21).
- How does walking in spiritual darkness magnify God? (John 8:12; 1 John 1:5).
- How does our disobedient sin glorify Christ in our daily lives? (Ephesians 3:20-21).
- How does living by Satan's calling help the cause of Christ? (Ephesians 4:1).
- How does a spiritually immoral life edify the body of Christ? (Romans 12:1-2).
- How does a divisive spirit help the Lord's Church grow? (1 Corinthians 1:10).
- How can false doctrine bring souls to Christ? (Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 1:6-9).

Heaven will never be attained by the path of sin and disobedience. God's perspectives bring some uncomfortable truths when we seek to do our own will. Let's give God our all!

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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** June 10th with Richard Mansel.

**Summer Youth Series** will be here June 11th with Jeff Madaris.

Trays for June  
Jan Higginbottom

Quote of the day: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death." (Proverbs 14:12, NKJV)

We live in a world where people live by their feelings. What seems right, feels right, looks right is what must be right. However, the wise king admonishes that there are paths before men that seem right, but they lead to death.

When people make decisions by feeling or emotion they negate the principles of reason and truth that tell them to go another direction. When we make decisions based upon what we think should be right, we have neglected to take into consideration what is right.

What path are you following in life? Is it the one you feel is right, or the one that is right? Is it the one someone else told you is right, or the one that God stated is right? Do not be fooled by your own reasoning and ideas, let God show you what is right through his word. Remember the words of Jeremiah 10:23: "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps."

*Adam Cozort*

## 2015 Summer Series

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

### 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 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

## BUILDING WITH A PURPOSE

*Learning from Nehemiah*

### ⇒ Examining Nehemiah

- ◆ Chapter 1 – Learning the facts.
- ◆ Chapter 2 – Seeing the situation.
- ◆ Chapter 3 – Setting to work
- ◆ Chapter 4 – Facing opposition
- ◆ Chapter 5 – Fixing problems
- ◆ Chapter 6 – Finishing the task

### ⇒ Principles for Building with a Purpose

- ◆ Leadership (2:12-20)
- ◆ Organization (3)
- ◆ Fortitude (4)
- ◆ Unity (5)
- ◆ Commitment (6)

## June

### Reading

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

Day	Old Testament I	Old Testament II	New Testament
1	o Deut. 16:18-18:8	o Prov. 27	o Acts 4:23-36
2	o Deut. 18:9-19:21	o Prov. 28	o Acts 5:1-16
3	o Deut. 20:1-21:17	o Prov. 29	o Acts 5:17-42
4	o Deut. 21:18-22:30	o Prov. 30	o Acts 6
5	o Deut. 23-24	o Prov. 31	o Acts 7:1-29
6	o Deut. 25-26	o Ecc. 1:1-2:11	o Acts 7:30-53
7	o Deut. 27:1-28:14	o Ecc. 2:12-3:22	o Acts 7:54-8:25
8	o Deut. 28:15-68	o Ecc. 4:1-5:7	o Acts 8:26-40
9	o Deut. 29	o Ecc. 5:8-6:12	o Acts 9:1-19
10	o Deut. 30:1-31:29	o Ecc. 7:1-8:1	o Acts 9:20-43
11	o Deut. 31:30-32:52	o Ecc. 8:2-9:12	o Acts 10:1-23
12	o Deut. 33-34	o Ecc. 9:13-10:20	o Acts 10:24-48
13	o Joshua 1,2	o Ecc. 11, 12	o Acts 11
14	o Joshua 3,4	o Song 1:1-2:13	o Acts 12
15	o Joshua 5,6	o Song 2:14-3:11	o Acts 13:1-25
16	o Joshua 7	o Song 4:1-5:8	o Acts 13:26-52
17	o Joshua 8	o Song 5:9-6:13	o Acts 14:1-20
18	o Joshua 9	o Song 6:14-8:14	o Acts 14:21-15:21
19	o Joshua 10	o Isa. 1	o Acts 15:22-41
20	o Joshua 11,12	o Isa. 2	o Acts 16:1-15
21	o Joshua 13	o Isa. 3:1-4:6	o Acts 16:16-40
22	o Joshua 14:1-15:19	o Isa. 5	o Acts 17:1-15
23	o Joshua 15:20-63	o Isa. 6	o Acts 17:16-34
24	o Joshua 16,17	o Isa. 7	o Acts 18
25	o Joshua 18	o Isa. 8	o Acts 19:1-22
26	o Joshua 19	o Isa. 9:1-10:4	o Acts 19:23-41
27	o Joshua 20,21	o Isa. 10:5-34	o Acts 20
28	o Joshua 22	o Isa. 11	o Acts 21:1-26
29	o Joshua 23	o Isa. 12, 13	o Acts 21:27-22:21
30	o Joshua 24	o Isa. 14	o Acts 22:22-23:11

**Quote of the day:** "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil. I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matthew 12:33-37, ESV)

We have all heard the lie: "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words can never hurt me." We recognize that words have great power. They can hurt or heal. But just as much as my words can hurt someone else, Jesus says my words can be spiritually damaging to me as well.

You see, the words that I say tell what is truly in my heart. People will often try to apologize for something they've said by making a statement like: "I spoke without thinking." What they do not realize is what that statement says about them. It means that whatever dirty, foul, rotten, or mean thing that was said was what was actually in their heart. It is the true reaction of the heart.

It is sad how many times you hear an individual who claims to love God use his name as a curse. Or to hear one who is supposed to bear the love of Christ spout such foul expressions as are found on the tongues of the most ungodly people. What they do not realize is that they are showing their true selves before God and man. Jesus shows that a man who is truly good will not be found cursing and swearing, realizing that everyone will be held accountable for the things they say.

What are your words saying about you? *Adam Cozort*

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**Worship**          **10:00am**  
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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
Mike Whitley	Ms Truelove



### *June Birthdays*

*Jim Johnson 6/15*

*Ashlyn Holcomb 6/26*

### *June Anniversaries*

*Stephanie & Larry 6/7*

*Jimmy & Jan 6/25*

*Ronnie & Carol 6/28*

