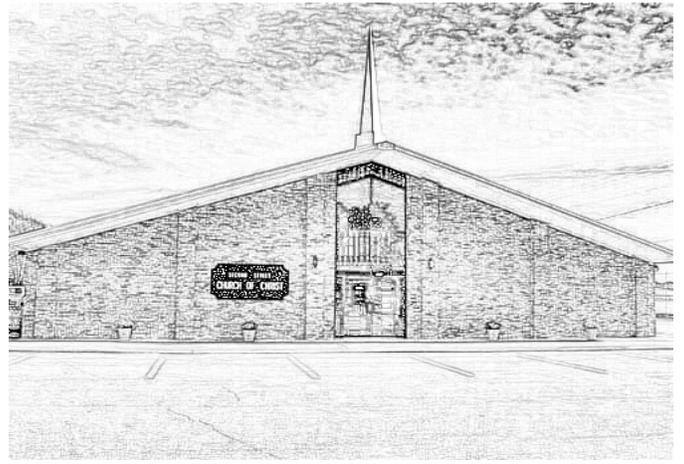


# Second Street Church of Christ



June 14th, 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*

## Better for Christ

Without Christ we're lost in the filth and squalor of sin. Our destinies are doomed without his sacrifice "...for there is no other name under heaven among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12, NKJV).

Jesus is the only way to salvation and subsequently heaven (John 14:6). His blood erases our sin so we can be free of the wretched stain (Revelation 7:14).

God's grace can elevate us above the sinful (Ephesians 2:8-9) and transform us through the gospel (Romans 12:1-2). Therefore, we're strengthened by his mighty power (Ephesians 1:19) to walk in his light (1 John 1:5-7).

We're servants to his glory (John 13; Ephesians 3:20-21) and we're to do all that we can to change the lives around us (Matthew 5:13-16; 28:18-20). Let's never relax and wait for Christ to act since we're created to be Christ's workmanship (Ephesians 2:10).

"A man will remain a rag-picker as long as he has only the vision of a rag-picker." (O.S. Marden).

We're all capable of being better. In Christ, self-improvement has never mattered more or been as realistic. In his hands, we can be better than we've ever been.

The one-talent man couldn't do something great, so he did nothing (Matthew 25:14-31). We allow Christ to mold us every day through humility, prayer, study and fellowship.

Never give God the crumbs because he deserves nothing better than our best (Proverbs 29:18). Langston Hughes said, "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, life is a broken winged bird that cannot fly."

Why would we dishonor Christ with mediocrity? Let us grow and prosper today (3 John 2).

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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 7:00 pm.

**Men's Work Day** coming up this Saturday, the time still hasn't been determined.

**Summer Series** on June 17th with Tom House.

**Summer Youth Series** will be June 18th at Plainview. Mark Lindley will be speaking.

**Gospel Meeting** at Red Bay church of Christ beginning today and going through the 17th. Jimmy Simmons will be doing the speaking.

**Singing** for p.m. services tonight followed by a fellowship meal.

**Geralda Brown** has new phone numbers. They are: Home: 256-822-9065 Cell: 256-436-2865



Notes, Questions,  
or Bible Verses

Count how many  
times you hear  
these words:

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**Soul**

**Conviction**

**Ambitions**

**Love**

**Service**

*Trays for June*  
*Jan Higginbottom*

## 2015 Summer Series

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

**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 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**

## **THE MEASURE OF YOUR SOUL**

*Examining the maturity of the inward man*

### **THE SOUL**

- ◆ The soul/inward man is supposed to grow and develop over time just as the physical man does. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 2:2)
- ◆ You cannot measure the soul with a ruler, only by the mirror of God's Word. (James 1:21-25)

### **THE HEIGHT OF ITS AMBITIONS**

- ◆ Matthew 25:14-31 – the one talent man.
- ◆ What Christ came to do:
  - \*Luke 19:10
  - \*Hebrews 2:9
- ◆ What He told us to do:
  - \*Matthew 28:18-20
  - \*Romans 1:16

### **THE DEPTH OF ITS CONVICTION**

- ◆ Hebrews 11:1
- ◆ Daniel (Daniel 1)
- ◆ Daniel's three friends. (Daniel 3)
- ◆ Joseph (Genesis 39)

### **THE LENGTH OF ITS LOVE**

- ◆ The measure of God's love. (John 3:16)
- ◆ What is the measure of our love for him?
  - \*Matthew 22:37
  - \*Matthew 10:37-38
  - \*John 21:15-19
- ◆ What is the measure of our love for one another?
  - \*1 John 4:7-21

### **THE BREADTH OF ITS SERVICE**

- ◆ How far will our service go?
  - \*John 13:1-15
  - \*Galatians 5:13
- ◆ Is our service affecting souls for good?
  - \*Proverbs 11:30
  - \*1 Corinthians 9:19-23

## **WHAT IS THE MEASURE OF YOUR SOUL?**

## **Can You Count the Apples in a Seed?**

In 1877, James A. Harding (for whom Harding University is named) went to Clark County, Kentucky, where he held a gospel meeting. When asked how the meeting went, one of the elders at the congregation responded, "It was not much of a meeting.

Oh, brother Harding did his usual powerful preaching, the attendance was fair, but the results were negligible. Only little Jimmy Shepherd was baptized."

God doesn't always perceive things the way that we do. When we work hard to serve people in the name of Christ and few respond to our message, it is easy to think, "The results of my work are negligible."

But we must never underestimate the power of one seed that really takes root. In the case of little Jimmy Shepherd, the sole response to Harding's preaching in that gospel meeting, he stayed dedicated to the cause of Christ all of his life. He is better known to some as James W. Shepherd. While he was in college, he began preaching. In 1883, he helped to establish the Berea Church of Christ in Madison County. In 1888, he left with his family to do mission work in New Zealand for several years, preaching all around the country, as well as in Australia.

Upon returning to the states, he worked from 1905 to 1912 as the office editor of the Gospel Advocate, where he both wrote and edited some works that have been treasured for decades.

In Luke 8:8, Jesus is teaching a parable about a sower. Though much seed might never take root or grow, the seed which does take root can produce "one hundred times" what has been sown. Every seed you plant matters, because only God knows just how much good can be done when a person plants a seed through a single act of Christian conviction.

Mark Adams

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

**Bible Study**      **9:00am**  
**Worship**          **10:00am**  
**Evening**          **5:00pm**

### Wednesday

**Bible Study**      **7:00pm**

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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	Jenell Truelove
Elle Sander	

### *June Birthdays*

*Jim Johnson      6/15*

*Ashlyn Holcomb 6/26*

### *June Anniversaries*

*Stephanie & Larry 6/7*

*Jimmy & Jan 6/25*

*Ronnie & Carol 6/28*

