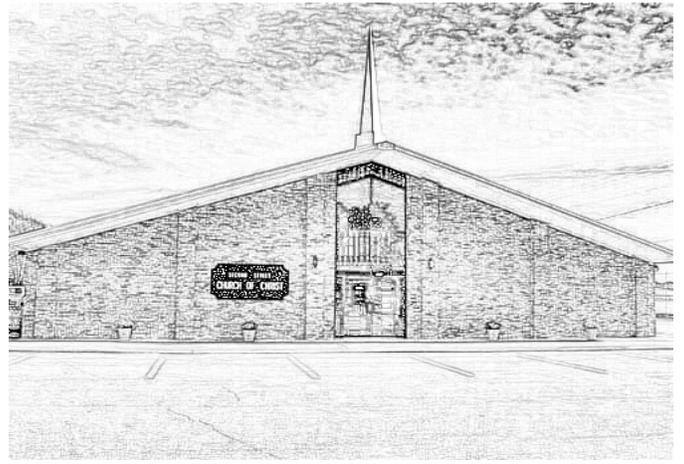


Second Street Church of Christ



June 20th, 2015

Judging: misunderstanding Jesus & Paul

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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*

The question was short and clear. What is judging? Almost immediately, a senior citizen from our weekly Bible study group offered the standard answer, “condemning.”

She is only partially right. A common thought seems to be, as long as I am not denouncing someone or something I am not judging. To judge involves far more than just avoiding condemning something.

To be sure, when Jesus taught, “Do not judge so that you will not be judged” (Matthew 7:1) the reason he provided for abstaining appeals to our desire to avoid being condemned. Jesus then pointed out the irony of focusing on another’s small problem when massive problems may affect our own lives.

However, even Jesus proceeded to prod the crowds to discern what constitutes both good and bad (Matthew 7:17-20). If we wish to heed both Jesus’ warning against judging, as well as Paul’s admonition to “judge nothing before the appointed time” (1 Corinthians 4:5), our understanding needs to rise above the notion that we should retreat from possessing negative assessments about our world.

In fact, part of the function of scripture involves enabling God’s people to teach, reprove, correct and train how to live righteously (2 Timothy 3:16). This requires knowing and applying to our world what God has revealed as being both good and bad. Disciples should be able to identify what is wrong. How else can they “test the spirits” to identify false teachers (1 John 4:1)?

So what is the essence of not judging? To avoid judging begins with our refusal to jump into God’s judgment seat to approve and to condemn. As disciples, we are to live as those who realize we do not determine what is acceptable nor what God rejects.

Yet, how often do disciples of Christ quickly hop into God’s chair when God has been silent to declare, “I think that is perfectly fine” or “I feel there is nothing wrong with this”? Since discipleship requires dying daily to ourselves and our will in order to follow Christ (Luke 9:23), it would appear God’s people should be willing to follow God’s leading, rather than insist upon their own opinions to either condemn or approve where God has been silent.

There is an old adage which values not judging. “We speak where the Bible speaks. We are silent where the Bible is silent.”

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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.

Summer Series on June 24th with Scott Webster.

Summer Youth Series will be June 25th at Saucer Creek. Tony Brown will be speaking on Social Media.

Gospel Meeting at Beans Ferry church of Christ from June 28th- July 1st. Doug Smith will be speaking.

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

Jenell Truelove has moved close to her son for the time being. If you would like to send her a note or a card her new address is:

Beehive
2156 Old West Point Rd.
Starkville, MS 39759

Trays for June
Jan Higginbottom



Count how many times you hear this word:



Father



Draw a picture from today's lesson.

2015 Summer Series

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

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 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

LESSONS FROM THE GREATEST FATHER

Examining lessons to be learned from God about fatherhood

FATHERS MUST HAVE A SELF-SACRIFICING LOVE

- ◆ John 3:16-17
- ◆ 1 John 4:7-16
- ◆ This principle requires that the father seek what is best for others above self.
- ◆ This principle applies in many areas of life (relationship with wife, children, hobbies, work, etc.).

FATHERS MUST DISCIPLINE THEIR CHILDREN

- ◆ Hebrews 12:6-11
- ◆ The father who doesn't discipline his child does not love that child with the love of God. (Proverbs 13:24; 19:18; 23:13; 29:17)
- ◆ Discipline takes many different forms, and should not be done out of hatred or anger, but a loving desire to see the child do right.

FATHERS MUST TEACH THEIR CHILDREN

- ◆ Communication and information are the greatest tools at a father's disposal.
- ◆ Proverbs 1:1-9
- ◆ Ephesians 6:4
- ◆ Proverbs 22:6
- ◆ The entirety of Scripture is the illustration of this principle in God's dealings with man.

FATHERS MUST ALLOW CHILDREN TO REAP THEIR CONSEQUENCES

- ◆ Fathers cannot take on or remove the consequences of their children's actions without ruining them.
- ◆ 1 Samuel 8:6-18
- ◆ Luke 15:11-32
- ◆ This should never mean that the father encourages, endorses, or actively pursues such things, but it must be how such challenges are resolved.

FATHERS MUST BE WILLING TO FORGIVE

- ◆ Luke 15:20-24
- ◆ If there is one aspect of fatherhood that should be most familiar to all of us, it is forgiveness.
- ◆ Luke 17:3 – if it works for brethren, it definitely applies for families.
- ◆ Mark 11:25-26

GOD HAS GIVEN US MANY LESSONS ON WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A FATHER...

ARE WE LISTENING?

Happy Father's Day



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	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	Shirley Stacey
Barbara Livingston	Debra Wren

June Birthdays

Jim Johnson 6/15

Ashlyn Holcomb 6/26

June Anniversaries

Stephanie & Larry 6/7

Jimmy & Jan 6/25

Ronnie & Carol 6/28

