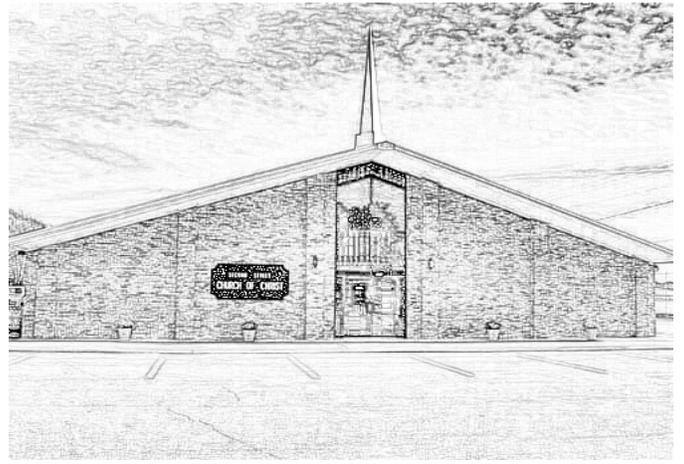


Second Street Church of Christ



July 12th, 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*

Quote of the day:

"I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, whom I have begotten while in my chains, who once was unprofitable to you, but now is profitable to you and to me. I am sending him back. You therefore receive him, that is, my own heart, Whom I wished to keep with me, that on your behalf he might minister to me in my chains for the gospel. But without your consent I wanted to do nothing, that your good deed might not be by compulsion, as it were, but voluntary. For perhaps he departed for a while for this purpose, that you might receive him forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave—a beloved brother, especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord." (Philemon 10-16)

Paul's short letter to Philemon is about repentance and second chances. Onesimus had run from Philemon in the past, but now he is a Christian, has changed his life, and is seeking to make things right. Paul wants Onesimus to stay and help him while he is in prison in Rome, but he cannot do so without Philemon's approval and forgiveness of this man who has wronged him. Paul is pleading with Philemon to do the right thing when Onesimus returns.

There is so much that needs to be learned from this little letter. We need to learn that repentance doesn't mean our bad decisions just go away: we turn and face them by doing what is right. We need to learn, if we are to have the love of Jesus, that forgiveness is a part of life that must be readily utilized. It is easy to hold grudges, allow anger and hurt to control reactions, and seek vengeance on others just because we can. It is far more difficult to swallow ill feelings and forgive when someone has repented and is seeking to do right.

We need to learn the lessons of Philemon and Onesimus. For there will be times in our lives where we are Onesimus seeking Philemon; and other times we are Philemon receiving Onesimus. *Adam Cozort*

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 July 15th "Temperance" David Conley.

Summer Youth Series July 16th Beans Ferry Church of Christ. "Culture" Mark Neaves.

Vacation Bible School Fulton Church of Christ begins today.

Vacation Bible School Red Bay Church of Christ begins today.

Devo at Southern Magnolia will resume Aug. 6th.

Trays for July
Rada Malone

"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it." (Psalm 139:1-6)

Consider the depth of the knowledge and recognition of God. There is no place one can go that is beyond him. Nothing one can do that is hidden from him. No time in one's life that is without him. While the wicked may find that terrifying, to the righteous it is of great comfort.

Let us praise the God of our creation, and remember the constant nature of his knowledge and presence. *Adam Cozort*

How Things Have Changed

"Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon the teachings of the Redeemer of Mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent, our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian." US Supreme Court 1892

2015 Summer Series

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

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

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

WHEN THE RIGHTEOUS GET IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW

Taking a fresh look at Daniel in the lion's den

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ In Daniel 6 the prophet has been in captivity for nearly 70 years, making him close to 90 years old.
- ◆ However, Daniel has become one of three Presidents put in place by King Darius. (Daniel 6:1-2)
- ◆ Daniel has an “excellent spirit.”

He was in trouble because wicked men made the laws - Verses 4-9

He was in trouble because he refused to bend to political pressure - Verses 10-16

He survived his trouble with the law by his faith - Verses 17-23

CONCLUSION

- ◆ Daniel kept his faith in God, no matter the circumstances.
- ◆ In a world that is increasingly demanding that Christians change their views and reject their faith, we must remember the lesson of Daniel.
- ◆ Like Daniel, if we ever get in trouble with the law, let it be because we held to what was right – not gave in to what was wrong.

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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	Virginia Higginbottom
Norma Taylor	Joey Pierce
Craig Pierce	Buddy Saylor
Faye Metts	Billy Joe Payne
Becky Raper	Barbara Blackman
Phillip Pharr	Kristy Phillips
Cathy Alexander	Ann Martin
Tamri Barnes	Gerald Nunley
Jenell Truelove	Willa Dean Thomas
Elle Sander	Shirley Stacey
David Powers	Odell Jourdan
Flora Wanner room 174 NMMC	
John Tate	

July Birthdays

James Holcomb 7/18
LaSha Higginbottom 7/18
Barbara Livingston 7/22
Miranda Holcomb 7/30

July Anniversaries

Wallace & Glenda 7/1
Rajama & Randy 7/2
Adam & Shea 7/29

