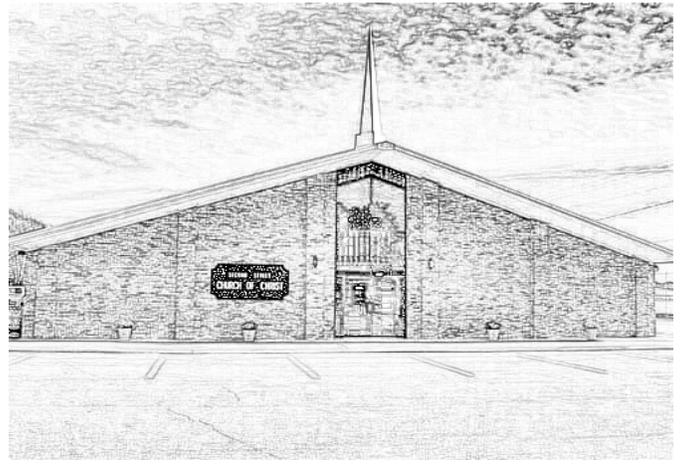


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SERVICE TIMES

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*

Reflections on aging and family

My great aunt's recent passing opens a door of reflection. I've reached the age where most of those who came before me are gone. Shadows fall on their empty chairs. It's the way of time and fragility (Hebrews 9:27).

The gray hair and wrinkles in my mirror demand that I take stock. What legacy will I leave behind? What difference will I make in the lives of my family and those of whom I have influence?

Have I armed my daughters with the information to make the right spiritual decisions? They have their own choices, but I hope my instruction has taken root in their hearts (Ephesians 6:4).

What someone will say at my funeral is secondary to the eulogy of reality I write each day. I must take that very seriously because moments take on special urgency. Without God its meaning is of no more value than a rusting tractor.

“The silver-haired head is a crown of glory, If it is found in the way of righteousness” (Proverbs 16:31, NKJV).

We must amass knowledge and applied wisdom in our years or we'll be of no value to others (Job 12:12; Psalm 90:12; 91:16; Job 32:7). Age isn't sufficient for respect if we've not earned it. Advice and example have degrees of usefulness.

“I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands” (Psalm 143:5).

When we age, time should be heavier with value, responsibility and substance. Making a difference is labor intensive. We must foster maturity while so many of our peers revert to childhood petulance and spite.

Let's leave behind something of lasting value. God, who is all that truly matters in the end, is immune to time, so let's direct others to the rock that is ageless (Psalm 119:89; Psalm 90:2).

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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.

Summer Series will end Wednesday night with Ben Wright speaking on Goodness.

Summer Youth Series July 30th picnic at Plainview Church of Christ.

Ladies Devotionals at Southern Magnolia will resume on August 6th.

Christianity and Islam August 2nd - 5th. Fraley's Chapel Church of Christ in Corinth, Duane Estill speaking. Sun 9:30, 10:30 & 1:30 lunch at noon. Mon - Wed 7:00.

Quote of the day:

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." (Matthew 13:44)

How valuable is the kingdom of Heaven to you? Is it valuable enough to cause you to change your life? Is it valuable enough to you to lose all you have to obtain it?

The rich young ruler was not willing to pay such a price (Matthew 19:16-22), but the apostle Paul was (Philippians 3:4-8). If we truly see the value of the kingdom, there is no price too high.

If we fail to see the value of the kingdom, it will be impossible to obtain.

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A Pool of Sin

Getting into sin is a little like getting into a swimming pool. When you first get into a pool, it feels cold and uncomfortable. However, after just a few minutes, you get used to the water temperature and it doesn't feel uncomfortable anymore. In fact, if you stay in the pool for very long, it may even get to the point to where it is uncomfortable to leave the pool.

When someone first gets into the pool of sin, it usually feels uncomfortable. However, in just a little time, they get used to sin and it doesn't bother them anymore (1 Tim 4:2; Jer. 6:15). In fact, if they stay in the pool of sin for very long, they will likely get to the point to where they don't want to leave the pool at all (John 3:19-20). If they do get out of the pool, many of them will soon go back to it (2 Pet. 2:22).

Wade Webster

2015 Summer Series

Theme: The Fruit of the Spirit

July 29 – Goodness

Ben Wright (West Walker)

2015 Summer Youth Series

Theme: *Conquering Our Giants*

7:00 pm Thursdays

July 30 – Picnic – Plainview Church of Christ

Trays for July

Rada Malone



THREE TYPES OF TEMPTATION

A Consideration of 1 John 2:16

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Defining sin. (1 John 3:4; Romans 3:23)
- ◆ The process by which Satan tries to get us to sin is temptation.
- ◆ However, temptation and sin are not the same thing. (James 1:13-15)

1 JOHN 2:16 - THREE TYPES OF TEMPTATION

- ◆ Every temptation placed before man falls into one of three categories:
- ◆ The desires of the physical body.
- ◆ The desires of sight.
- ◆ The arrogance of life.
- ◆ Each of these centers on the physical. No temptation to sin is from the spiritual side of life.

EXAMPLE #1 - GENESIS 3:1-6

- ◆ These temptations were laid before Eve in the Garden of Eden.
- ◆ She will be as wise as God (pride of life). (4-5)
- ◆ She sees that the fruit is good for food (lust of the flesh). (6)
- ◆ She sees that the fruit is pleasant to behold (lust of the eyes). (6)

EXAMPLE #2 - MATTHEW 4:1-11

- ◆ These temptations were placed before Jesus in the wilderness.
- ◆ Turn these stones to bread (lust of the flesh). (3-4)
- ◆ Cast yourself down (pride of life). (5-6)
- ◆ I will give you all you see (lust of the eyes). (8-9)

CONCLUSION

- ◆ It is not in the temptation itself that sin resides, but in the way we respond to it.
- ◆ The difference between Jesus and Eve is that Jesus responded with God's Word, Eve responded with human reasoning.
- ◆ The only thing that will defeat temptation is the Word of God.

Unseen Dirt

Lord, it's not the dirt and clutter in plain sight that nags at me. It's the hidden dirt, you know, behind the refrigerator, in the closets, under the beds—dirt that no one sees or knows about but me. It's the same way with my life, God, as it's those hidden sins that I can't keep up with. Those petty little grievances, the grudges, the resentments, the unspoken feelings that no one knows about but me...and you, God. Help me Father, to clean my heart as I would my home. Take away all dust and cobwebs of pride, ill feelings, and prejudice. The dirt behind my refrigerator will never hurt anyone. The dirt in my heart will.

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Sunday

Bible Study **9:00am**
Worship **10:00am**
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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
Flora Wanner	Sherry Oswalt
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**

