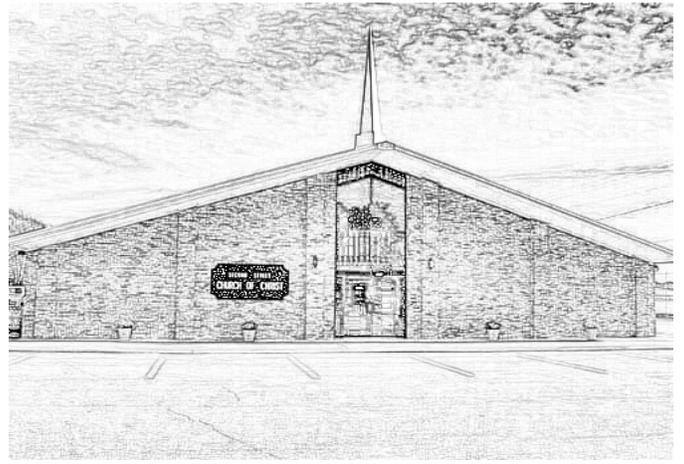


Second Street Church of Christ



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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*

Parents, listen to testimony before judging

When a prisoner stands before the judge, he defends himself through his attorney. Even if found guilty, he knows he presented his case for innocence.

In our legal system, we're innocent until proven guilty. We cherish this freedom and we'd do all within our power to retain that civil right. Sadly, too many children lack this privilege in their own homes.

Parents make judgments relating to their children in matters large and small. Like judges, they should legislate with wisdom and patience within a clearly defined standard. However, when unfairness exists, they can't be recalled like a rogue judge.

Good parents must be cautious to avoid insecurity, immaturity, fear or haste as they determine guilt or innocence. Like an astute judge, they must listen carefully to their children's testimony (2 Kings 3:16-28).

Far too often, we take the easy route by issuing a verdict on the barest of evidence. We fail to listen to their story or to consider extenuating circumstances because we fear our authority being questioned.

The adage goes that we shouldn't buy groceries while hungry. Similarly, we shouldn't judge our children in anger, wrath or with vengeance. They don't stand a chance when we do.

Listen to their testimony and try to understand their perspective. Punishment can still be brought but they will bear it better when they've had their say. Respect them enough to let them speak. Their insight will contextualize the situation.

Don't be guilty of "provoking your children to wrath" and possibly turning them against the Lord (Ephesians 6:4, NKJV). Their confidence and faith in us is earned and we must use it wisely.

Our goal should always be to help them become better people. So listen carefully because their future depends on it. Be the adult and the teacher.

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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.

Trays for September Edna Gibson

Singing and Fellowship Sept 3rd. 6:30 at Adam & Shea's house.



*If you talk about your troubles,
And tell them o'er and o'er,*

*The world will think you like
them, And give you more and
more!*



Quote of the day:

"And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ha! Thou that destroyest the temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself, and come down from the cross. In like manner also the chief priests mocking him among themselves with the scribes said, He saved others; himself he cannot save. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reproached him." (Mark 15:29-32)

Jesus did not just endure physical destruction with his crucifixion, but great verbal abuse as well. There was a constant barrage of hateful and derogatory things stated over the hours he was on the cross coming from all quarters - from the chief priests down to the men crucified with him. Yet, Jesus never responded. There were many ways he could have, but he never opened his mouth to refute, deflect, or engage the rhetoric sent his way.

We need to learn from Jesus. When people send hateful, mean or rude comments our way we must not bring ourselves down to their level. Instead, we press on to the accomplishment of what needs to be done for our service to God and proclamation of his Word. Let our actions and God's message do the talking.

Adam Cozort

It's Hard to Convince Your Children

- ◆ It's hard to convince your children that the church is the most important thing in the world when you are negligent about attending its services and supporting its work.
- ◆ It's hard to convince your children that the church is the greatest institution in the world when you permit them to miss services to go elsewhere
- ◆ It's hard to convince your children that the church is to be held higher than anything when you insist that they do their homework for public school but permit them to neglect their Bible study.
- ◆ It's hard to convince your children that the church is the most important institution when you give little to help finance its work and encourage them to do likewise.
- ◆ It's hard to convince your children that they should respect the church when you continually criticize the leadership, belittle the teacher's work and appear a habitual faultfinder.Continued on page 3

“REMEMBER NOW YOUR CREATOR”

Learning from Ecclesiastes 12:1

KEYS TO PONDER

1. Remember – to recall, keep in your mind.
2. Creator – The one who made you and is responsible for your existence. Now – In the present, not down the line or in the future, but in your current place in life.

REJOICING IN YOUTH

1. The time of youth is to be one of joy and cheerfulness. (11:9)
2. However, joy does not require ungodliness and sin. Part of remembering our Creator is remembering that we are accountable. (11:9-10)

THE PARENT’S PART

1. In order for it to be possible for our youth to remember their Creator, he must constantly be before them. (12:13-14)
2. Joy in youth is not about finding what they like, no matter what, it is about learning the joy of living for God in all things. This is not modern parenting, nor is it easy parenting, but it is godly parenting.

CONCLUSION

1. The time to remember God, no matter your age, is right now. (12:13-14)
2. Days come in life when it gets harder to find the joy in the arrival of a new day, but when each day is focused on God every day is better.
3. Are we remembering our Creator each day?

- ◆ It’s hard to convince your children the work of the church is important, when you have no part in what work is being done, either financially or personally.
- ◆ It’s hard to convince your children sin is a serious matter when they know you do things that are wrong, and you are not concerned about making the necessary corrections in life.
- ◆ It’s hard to convince your children there is really a heaven, and a hell, when they realize that this life is the most important thing there is to you, and they don’t see you making much preparation for a life after death.
- ◆ It’s hard to convince your children, when you don’t even try to convince them of much of anything—just let them do their thing.

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	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
Elle Sander	Shirley Stacey
R C Byram	Flora Wanner
John Tate	Debra Wren

Ann Martin is in room 18 at Southern Magnolia

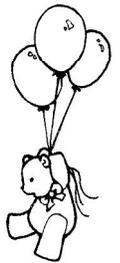
Sympathy

Latan/Pharr Family

Oswalt Family

Birthdays

<i>Rajama Johnson</i>	<i>8/30</i>
<i>Josiah Cozort</i>	<i>9/1</i>
<i>Adam Cozort</i>	<i>9/5</i>
<i>Janey Dees</i>	<i>9/20</i>
<i>Betty Williams</i>	<i>9/28</i>
<i>Carol Taylor</i>	<i>9/30</i>



September Anniversaries

Jeffrey & LaSha *9/23*

Happy Anniversary