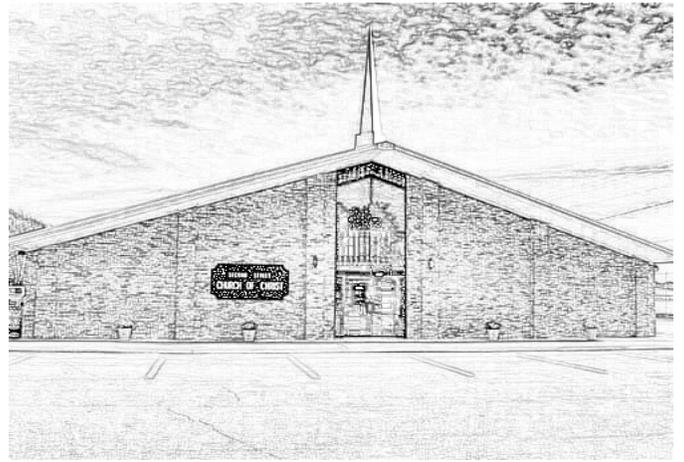


Second Street Church of Christ



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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*

Judgment Day Excuses That Won't Work

We can imagine that on “the judgment of the great day” (Jude 6), there will be many excuses. Let’s consider some.

“But, Lord, what about all of the good that I have done?” This sounds like Matthew 7:22, “Many will say to me in that day, Lord Lord have we not...done many wonderful works?” But what will Jesus say? “I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity” (Matthew 7:23). What was their shortcoming? They failed to do the Father’s will (Matthew 7:21). The Lord wants us to be “zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14), but all the good works in the world cannot cover sin.

“But, Lord, I was just doing what other folks were doing.” Christ taught that this course of action leads to destruction, “Enter ye in at the strait (narrow) gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat” (Matthew 7:13). Remember, something is not right in God’s sight just because a lot of people are doing it.

“But, Lord, I was always so busy with work and everything that I didn’t have time for church.” A more truthful statement is that one does not make time. Jesus warned, “And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word” (Mark 4:19).

“Lord, I am sorry for the way that I lived. If I had a chance to do it again, I would do better.” None gets a second chance. “It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this—the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27). Let us all be certain that we are prepared for that day, so we won’t need any excuses.

*Roger Campbell
via Findlay church of Christ
Sparta, TN
via BULLETDIGEST.com*

Your Obituary Has Not Yet Been Written

Toward the end of the nineteenth century, Swedish chemist Alfred Nobel awoke one morning to read his own obituary in the local newspaper:

“Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite, who died yesterday, devised a way for more people to be killed in a war than ever before, and he died a very rich man.”

Actually, it was Alfred’s older brother who had died; a newspaper reporter had bungled the epitaph. But the account had a profound effect on Nobel. He decided he wanted to be known for something other than developing the means to kill people efficiently and for amassing a fortune in the process. So he initiated the Nobel Prize, the award for scientists and writers who foster peace. Today he is more widely known for the Nobel Peace Prize than he is for inventing dynamite. Nobel is quoted as saying, “Every man ought to have the chance to correct his epitaph in midstream and write a new one.”

As I read this quote, I was hit with a very arresting thought: My obituary has not yet been written. Whatever it is that men think of me, I still have the opportunity to make it better. Whatever mistakes I have made in the past, the possibility still exists for me to correct them. Whatever it is that I have yet not done, but should have, I still have time. As long as God gives me life and liberty, I can make of it something meaningful and lasting. As long as I have breath and desire, I can do my part to improve myself, my family, my neighborhood, the church, even the world.

Everyone still has the opportunity to correct his epitaph, up until the day he dies. Of course, the best thing that could ever be written in our obituary is that we were a faithful Christian. And certainly there are many wonderful things we can add to that. And if you awoke this morning and are able to read this, there’s still time to make sure that is the case. *Edd Sterchi*

“Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is” (Eph. 5:15-17, ESV).

Kids Corner

Draw a picture from today’s lesson:

Count how many times you hear these words or phrases.



Race

Christian/Christianity

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.

Scripture and Song tonight and fellowship meal after services.
A Gospel Meeting starts today. Detail are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

THE CHRISTIAN RACE

Learning the principles of running the spiritual race

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ There are many comparisons made to Christianity throughout Scripture.
- ◆ One of the most frequently used is the comparison between Christianity and a race. (Hebrews 12:1-3; 1 Corinthians 9:24-27)
- ◆ Why would this comparison be made, and what can races teach us about Christianity?

A RACE REQUIRES RULES

- ◆ An individual cannot win a race unless he achieves it according to the rules. (2 Timothy 2:5)
- ◆ Rules must be the same for everyone. (Philippians 3:16)
- ◆ Rules for qualification. (plan of salvation)
- ◆ Rules for fulfillment of the race.
- ◆ Rules determining the winners of the race.

A RACE HAS A COURSE

- ◆ In order for there to be a race, there must be a defined place to run. (Hebrews 10:19-20)
- ◆ The course is the “straight” and “narrow way.” (Matthew 7:13-14)
- ◆ The course is not the world, it is the way of Christ. (John 14:6)
- ◆ You cannot cheat the course and win: you either follow the course or not. (John 15:4)

A RACE NEEDS PREPARATION

- ◆ The Christian race is a marathon, not a sprint.
- ◆ One can only be built up for the rigors of the race through the word of God. (Acts 20:32; 1 Corinthians 16:13)
- ◆ It is an endurance race that must be seen through to the end. (Matthew 24:13; Revelation 2:10)
- ◆ You cannot run the race weighed down. (Hebrews 12:1; Matthew 11:28-30)

HOW TO WIN THE RACE

- ◆ Start early. (Ecclesiastes 12:1)
- ◆ Practice self-control. (Jude 20-21)
- ◆ Keep your eyes on Jesus. (Hebrews 12:2)
- ◆ Run with all your might. (1 Corinthians 9:25)
- ◆ Realize you are not running against anyone but yourself. (Acts 20:24)
- ◆ Get up when you stumble. (Hebrews 12:12-13)
- ◆ Finish the race. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

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.

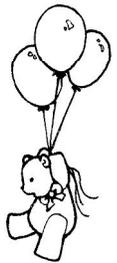
Prayer List



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	Debra Wren
Flora Wanner	John Tate
Tommy Gerard	Lou Dodson
Mary Gilley	Marilyn Pharr
Larry Harris	Lily Robinson
Ronnie Jourdan	

September Birthdays

Josiah Cozort *9/1*
Adam Cozort *9/5*
Janey Dees *9/20*
Betty Williams *9/28*
Carol Taylor *9/30*



September Anniversaries

Jeffrey & LaSha *9/23*

Sympathy