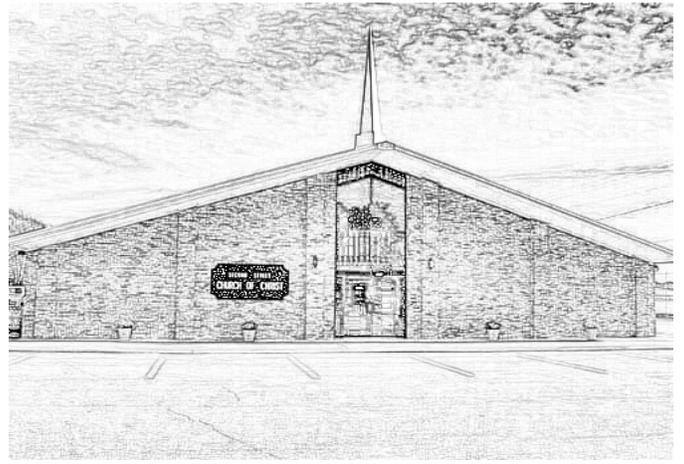


Second Street Church of Christ



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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*

Is there life before and after death?

Job's question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14, NKJV) still resonates today. People throughout history have been convinced that the after-life exists. It's only a matter of what form it would take.

God says that when we die, we'll enter the afterlife (Matthew 25:46) either to paradise or torment in the Hadean realm (Luke 16:19-31; 23:43). This will be followed by judgment day based on how we have chosen to live (Revelation 20:11-15).

Yet, we can also ask if there is life before death in a world steeped in sin and depravity. As the world worsens, we feel increasingly isolated and discouraged by what we see.

"In an age where we have concluded that there is nothing worth dying for, there is also nothing worth living for" (Chuck Colson).

Knowing what we needed in the core of our being, Jesus offered the abundant life in the Spirit (John 10:10; Galatians 5:16-25). The spiritual arena is our new existence and we must learn how to live there bearing fruit within our new world (Ephesians 4:1; Galatians 2:20).

Being certain that the spiritual battle rages throughout humanity (Ephesians 6:10-17), we understand why people behave as they do and that the world's broken standards are Satan's work (John 8:44).

Our citizenship is in heaven and we're unencumbered by the trash of this world when we begin living as God desires (Philippians 3:20). Let's learn to focus on eternal things so we can truly find the happiness that God has provided (Philippians 4:6-7).

When our definitions of happiness, peace and contentment change as a result of our spiritual transformation (Romans 12:1-2), we find that true happiness is only found in Christ because it is a taste of heaven to come.

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The Trouble Tree

A preacher told of hiring a carpenter to restore an old farm house. On the first day when the carpenter was to report for work, he was an hour late. His tardiness, he said, was because he found that his electric saw was not working, and in addition, he had found a flat tire on his old truck.

Nevertheless, he put in a full day's work. When finished; he got in his aged truck and turned the key in the ignition only to find that the stubborn vehicle refused to start. Seeing the problem, the preacher offered to take the carpenter home and the tradesman got in the preacher's car. They engaged in friendly conversation on the way and soon arrived at the man's home. Before exiting the car, the carpenter invited the preacher in to meet his family. They both got out and started toward the front entrance.

As they walked by a tree in the yard, the carpenter stopped for a second and touched the tips of several branches of the tree without comment. Entering the home, the smiling carpenter kissed his wife and hugged his two small children who had joyfully wrapped them-selves about his legs. It was obvious that the family was close and quite happy.

After visiting awhile, the preacher made his way to his car with the carpenter accompanying him. As they passed by the tree again, the preacher said that he had noticed the tradesman had touched several branches of the tree with both hands when they had passed by earlier. "Why did you do that?," asked the curious preacher. "Oh," said the carpenter, "that's my trouble tree. I know can't help having trouble but I try to keep trouble out of my house as much as I can. When I come home each day, I touch the branches of the tree and symbolically leave my troubles on the tree. In the morning, I pick them up again. But, strangely, it always seems that when I am ready to deal with my troubles in the morning, I don't seem to have as many as I had the evening before."

Writing about this to his church members, the preacher suggested that Christians could use Christ as the "trouble tree." Thus we Christians could begin each new day with the love, compassion, hope and courage Christ provides to each of us.

*via Keltonburg church of Christ (Bulletin Digest)
Smithville, TN*

Kids Corner

Draw a picture from today's lesson:

Count how many times you hear these words.



Believe

God

“I BELIEVE GOD”

Having Paul’s faith in our lives today

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ In Acts 27, Paul is a prisoner on a ship bound for Rome.
- ◆ They have docked at Fair Havens on the island of Crete.
- ◆ Ignoring Paul’s admonishments, they pressed on, trying to make Phenice before winter.
- ◆ In the midst of the tempestuous storm Paul makes the statement for our study. (25)

BELIEVING GOD ABOUT MORALITY

- ◆ Stating we believe God is easy, actually following through when it is ourselves or our family is hard.
- ◆ Do we believe God about sexuality/marriage? (Matthew 19:1-9; Hebrews 13:4)
- ◆ Do we believe God about gossip, lying, and backbiting? (John 8:44-45; Ephesians 4:31-32; Revelation 21:8)

BELIEVING GOD ABOUT JUDGMENT

- ◆ We live in a world that does not want to believe God will judge anyone to be lost except those we don’t like.
- ◆ Do we believe what God said about judgment? (2 Corinthians 5:10-11; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9)
- ◆ Do we believe that much of the world (including many of the people we know) will be lost? (Matthew 7:13-14; John 12:48)

BELIEVING GOD ABOUT SALVATION

- ◆ The religious world wants buffet salvation.
- ◆ Do we believe what Jesus said about salvation? (Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:3-5; Mark 16:15-16; John 15:14)
- ◆ Do we believe what was taught those of the first century? (Acts 2:37-38; 16:30-33; 22:16)
- ◆ Do we believe that is the only way into Christ? (John 14:6; 14:15; Romans 6:3-4)

DO WE TRULY BELIEVE GOD?

"Now bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord who stand nightly in the house of the Lord. Lift your hands toward the sanctuary and bless the Lord. May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth, bless you from Zion." (Psalm 134)

The term "bless" in this verse is from the Hebrew word "barak," meaning to praise, bless, or salute. As the servants of God, we are to be constantly before him. Our actions a constant service of blessing in word and deed. He reciprocates with blessings of his own. While we often look for the blessings of God, we need to recognize that they are coupled with the blessings we extend toward our Creator.

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Sunday

Bible Study **9:00am**
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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	Matthew Horton
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 Garrard	Lou Dodson
Mary Gilley	Marilyn Pharr
Larry Harris	Lily Robinson
Barbara Livingston	

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

Malone family (Jim and Jan's neighbor)
Jourdan Family
Waddle family
Jarrell family