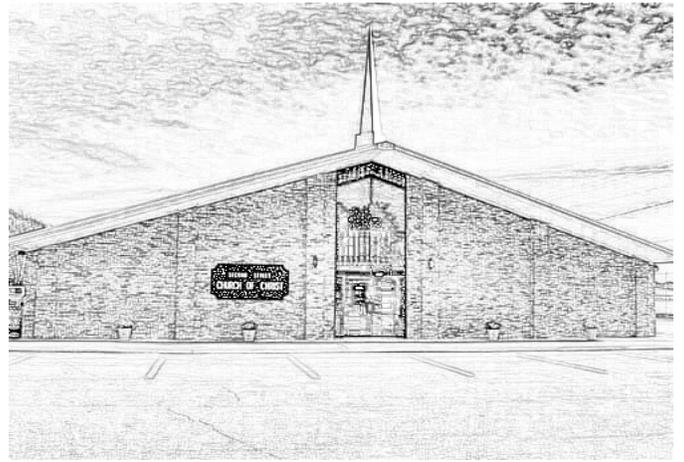


# Second Street Church of Christ



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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*

## Why won't people accept the truth on baptism?

The New Testament is very clear on the necessity of baptism in salvation. Yet, no matter how hard we try, people refuse to see the simple words on the page. Instead of digging deep to discover why, we dismiss them with insults and hurt the work of the Lord.

Baptism is immersion for the remission of our sins (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:38; 22:16). It allows us to be added to the church (Acts 2:47) and to enter Christ (Galatians 3:27; 1 Corinthians 12:13).

Yet, people disagree on doctrinal grounds, not just because they want to be lost. Most religious group practice some form of water baptism, but they fail to understand the truth because their other teachings disallow it.

“Teaching the lost, the gospel must affect them at the point of their misunderstanding. Otherwise, it’s just an academic argument. We must be wise and see the source of contention so we can reach their souls with the good news.”/1

Our doctrinal beliefs are largely determined by our presuppositions. Denominational Bible students go astray in their understanding of grace, faith and works. As long as we refuse to engage them on these core matters, we will find the same obstinacy.

We need to go much deeper in our understanding of salvation in passages such as Romans 5-6. Going straight to Acts 2:38 will not work with most denominational Bible students. We must develop a fuller picture in our own minds first and then open it up for them.

We must dig deeply into grace and works if we wish to succeed. Unless we do so, they will always see baptism as a meritorious work and a violation of their understanding of grace.

We need to attack the real problem harder than we have been. We need more engagement on grace, works and faith if we want to save the world. If we refuse, then we have failed the Lord’s Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

Just yelling about baptism isn’t sufficient and we must attack the core issues as exhaustively as we can.

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# What's Going On?

## Six Questions Lawyers Actually Asked

**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 October** Glenda Williams

**Scripture and Song** next Sunday night.

**Bear Stuffing** will be Tuesday the 13th at 6:00.

“How many times have you committed suicide?”  
“Were you alone or by yourself?”  
“Was it you or your brother who was killed?”  
“Without saying anything, tell the jury what you did next.”  
“Was that the same nose you broke as a child?”  
“Now, doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?”

## You Preach First

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you.

You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you bring your Bible.

You preach a message of good cheer when you say “Good morning!” to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway and classroom.

You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing enthusiastically during the song service.

You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together.

You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively while the preacher is speaking.

You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors.

You preach a message about faith when you give your offering.

Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received.

Come each Sunday prepared to preach your sermon.

*via Northridge church of Christ  
Dayton, OH*

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# The Keys to Overcoming the World

In Revelation, there is a lot of figurative language and many difficult symbols. Because of that we often avoid reading the book. But in it are some great Bible helps. One of them is found in chapter 12, where we learn how Christians are to overcome the world.

To preface what is going on, in verses 7-10 we read about war breaking out in heaven, and Michael and his angels fighting with the dragon and his followers. We see that the dragon did not prevail and he was cast out of heaven. Because of this, Satan (the dragon) roamed the earth persecuting and tempting God's people. Then, in verse 11, we read what the Christians possessed to overcome Satan and his worldly ways: "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." In this passage are the three keys to overcoming the world. Let's examine them in a little more detail.

**The Blood of the Lamb.** We need to always remember what Jesus did to make salvation possible. It is only because of His sacrifice upon the cross that we have the opportunity of salvation in the first place. Too many times we do not trust enough of our lives to Jesus. The first key to overcoming the world is giving Jesus all of our lives and trusting in Him and the power of His blood, come what may. This begins with our baptism into Him and continues through a life of faithfulness.

**The Word of Their Testimony.** Not only did the early Christians trust Jesus, but they knew and lived His word. The word of our testimony is the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. We must love it, learn it, live it, and laud it. By doing so, we gain the knowledge and encouragement necessary to overcome the world and its sinful ways. We can only gain this through serious Bible study.

**They Did Not Love Their Lives to the Death.** The final key we must examine is that of separating oneself from the world. Christians may live in the world, but they are not to be of the world. Nothing on this earth is to be so precious to us that we are not willing to give it up for the cause of Christ (our lives included), and we show it in our attitudes and actions.

Are you having trouble overcoming the world or the temptations of the world? Maybe it's because you have not put enough trust in Jesus. Maybe it's because you do not read and live His word enough. Maybe it's because you do not separate yourself enough from the lost world and worldly ways. That's how the first century Christians did it – and if we are to overcome, that is how we will do it also.

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**Bible Study**      **9:00am**  
**Worship**          **10:00am**  
**Evening**          **5:00pm**

### Wednesday

**Bible Study**      **7:00pm**

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**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	

### *October Birthdays*

*Aly Williams 10/3*

*Marilyn Pharr 10/4*

*Norma Taylor 10/8*

*Debra Brewer 10/9*

*Barry Wren 10/10*

*Joey Moore 10/15*

*Jerry Dees 10/17*

*Braxton Cleveland 10/24*

*Jeffrey Higginbottom 10/28*

*Glenda Williams 10/28*

*Daniel Cozort 10/29*



### *October Anniversaries*

*Ashley & Corey 10/6*

*Mallory & Brad 10/21*

*Steve & Michelle 10/25*