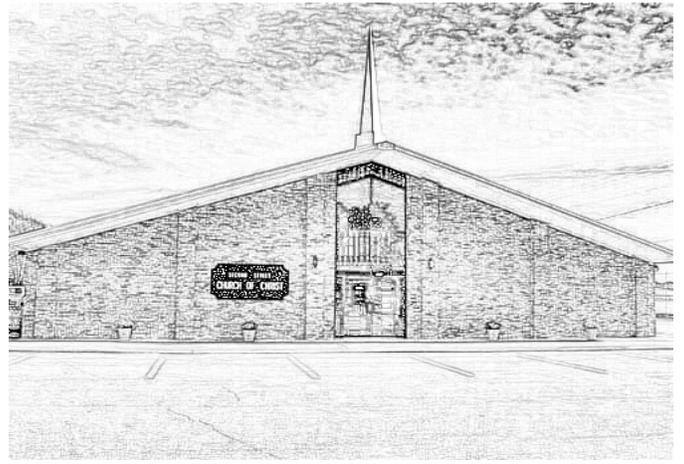


Second Street Church of Christ



October 11th, 2015

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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*

Understanding the Soil

The truth of matter is that the only way to build up the church is to actively reach out—in word and deed—to the people that God places in our lives. While understanding the mission itself is not difficult, the reality is that seeking after the lost, the primary mission of the church, is an endeavor that is filled with many difficult questions. Why are some more receptive to the gospel of redemption than others? Why are some of those so initially receptive of the gospel also the fastest to fall away? Why are there some Christians that just never seem to mature in their faith? And most importantly; what is the best way for the church today to reach out in fulfillment of the mission to “make disciples of all nations?”

One of the most important KEYS to reaching the lost is for us to understand the nature of the hearts we are planting the seed of the gospel in. It is the failure to consider this information that inevitably leads to some of our greatest frustrations in the evangelistic process. If we first take the time to do a little soil analysis it will accomplish two important things. First, it will keep us from getting too discouraged when we are unsuccessful in reaching others. Second, it will show us what kind of preparation the soil needs before we plant the seed to begin with.

In the Parable of the Sower/Soils (Mt.13:1-8, 18-23) Jesus reveals that there are 4 basic soils/hearts into which the gospel seed can be sown. In reality, although it is often referred to as the Parable of the Sower, the parable is actually less about the sower of the seed than it is about the soil or heart into which the seed is sown. It is by understanding the nature of the soil/heart into which we are planting—who they are, where they are from and what their life experiences are—that we gain valuable insight into how best to reach that person.

With this in mind, Jesus again, says that there are four types of spiritual soil/hearts. There is first the Hard Heart which is represented by the wayside in the parable. This refers to the individual who, for whatever reason, is biased against the message of the gospel and the seed does not therefore penetrate their hearts and minds. This kind of person will be the hardest to reach and will require a lot of softening of the soil/heart first. Next there is the Shallow Heart represented by the stony places. This refers to the individual who initially gets very excited about the gospel and then because of the adversities of life, their faith having no foundation, quickly dries up and withers away. Next, Jesus speaks of the Distracted Heart represented by the ..*continued on page 3*

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 October Glenda Williams

Scripture and Song tonight, fellowship meal following.

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

Meeting Gloster St. Oct. 11-14 Tom Holland.



FESTIVAL

10/17/15

Potluck

Jim and Faye Johnson's

1:00pm to 5:00pm

Horseshoes For the Men

Games for the kids, bobbing for apples & hayride!

23 CR 76 Belmont

Jim- 662-660-6454 Faye - 662-660-9228

October

“The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God stands forever.” – Isaiah 40:8

Day	Old Testament I	Old Testament II	New Testament
1	o 2 Kings 6:1-7:2	o Ezek. 3:16-27	o Heb. 3:7-4:13
2	o 2 Kings 7:3-8:29	o Ezek. 4, 5	o Heb. 4:14—6:12
3	o 2 Kings 9	o Ezek. 6	o Heb. 6:13-7:10
4	o 2 Kings 10	o Ezek. 7	o Heb. 7:11-28
5	o 2 Kings 11,12	o Ezek. 8, 9	o Heb. 8:1-9:10
6	o 2 Kings 13	o Ezek. 10	o Heb. 9:11-28
7	o 2 Kings 14	o Ezek. 11	o Heb. 10:1-18
8	o 2 Kings 15	o Ezek. 12	o Heb. 10:19-39
9	o 2 Kings 16:1-17:6	o Ezek. 13	o Heb. 11:1-16
10	o 2 Kings 17:7-41	o Ezek. 14, 15	o Heb. 11:17-40
11	o 2 Kings 18	o Ezek. 16:1-34	o Heb. 12
12	o 2 Kings 19	o Ezek. 16:35-63	o Heb. 13
13	o 2 Kings 20:1-21:18	o Ezek. 17	o Titus 1
14	o 2 Kings 21:19-22:20	o Ezek. 18	o Titus 2
15	o 2 Kings 23:1-35	o Ezek. 19	o Titus 3
16	o 2 Kings 23:36-24:20	o Ezek. 20:1-29	o 1 Tim. 1
17	o 2 Kings 25	o Ezek. 20:30-49	o 1 Tim. 2
18	o 1 Chron 1	o Ezek. 21	o 1 Tim. 3
19	o 1 Chron 2	o Ezek. 22	o 1 Tim. 4
20	o 1 Chron 3	o Ezek. 23	o 1 Tim. 5
21	o 1 Chron 4	o Ezek. 24	o 1 Tim. 6
22	o 1 Chron 5:1-6:30	o Ezek. 25	o 2 Tim. 1
23	o 1 Chron 6:31-81	o Ezek. 26	o 2 Tim. 2
24	o 1 Chron 7	o Ezek. 27	o 2 Tim. 3
25	o 1 Chron 8	o Ezek. 28	o 2 Tim. 4
26	o 1 Chron 9	o Ezek. 29	o John 1:1-28
27	o 1 Chron 10:1-11:47	o Ezek. 30	o John 1:29-51
28	o 1 Chron 12	o Ezek. 31	o John 2
29	o 1 Chron 13:1-14:17	o Ezek. 32	o John 3
30	o 1 Chron 15	o Ezek. 33	o John 4:1-26
31	o 1 Chron 16	o Ezek. 34	o John 4:27-54

The Miracle Book of God

The Bible is referred to in many different ways. We speak of it as God's Word, the Good Book, the Holy Scriptures, and the Sword of the Spirit. It is also known as the Book of books and the Living Word. Some call it simply THE Book, for nothing else seems necessary. It stands alone, towering above all other writings.

Of the many titles given to the Bible, however, the one that is the most appropriate is God's Miracle Book. This is true for a number of reasons:

- It is miraculous in its origin -- coming to us by divine inspiration.
- It is miraculous in its durability -- outlasting the opposition of its critics and surviving the attempts of its enemies to exterminate it.
- It is miraculous in its results -- transforming the lives of those who read and believe it.
- It is miraculous in its harmony -- agreeing in all its parts, even though written over a period of 1600 years by about 40 different authors.
- It is miraculous in its message -- telling of many occasions when God supernaturally intervened in the affairs of men to accomplish His redemptive purposes.
- It is miraculous in its preservation -- maintaining its accuracy and reliability down through the centuries.

Yes, the Bible is God's Miracle Book!

*Broadway church of Christ
Campbellsville, KY
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JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE

Lessons from John 6:5-14

THE ACCOUNT

- ◆ Jesus has crossed over the Sea of Galilee (Tiberias) near the time of the Passover feast. (1-4)
- ◆ A large multitude has followed Jesus since he left the ship. (2, 5)
- ◆ Jesus asks his disciples how they will feed such a large group. (5-9)
- ◆ Jesus feeds them using what is already supplied. (10-13)

THE IMPACT

- ◆ The people believed on him. (14)
- ◆ Their reaction was so strong Jesus had to go alone into the mountains because they were going to try to make him king. (15)
- ◆ Jesus sends the disciples back across the Sea and joins them during the night. (16-21)

THE LESSONS

- ◆ The lesson of compassion.
- ◆ The lesson of provision.
- ◆ The lesson of turning little into much.

CONCLUSION

- ◆ The feeding of the multitude was indeed a magnificent event.
- ◆ However, the greatest lesson is not in what was provided, or what he had at the beginning, it is the means he has of impacting every aspect of our lives.
- ◆ Will we take the spiritual lessons of a physical meal to bless our lives?

seed that fell among the thorns. This speaks of the individual who receives the message, responds with joy and even is fruitful for a while. And then it happens, they allow the “cares of this world and deceitfulness of riches” to crowd into their lives, and as a tragic result, their fruitfulness is lost. Finally, Jesus speaks of the Fruitful Heart represented by the good ground. This speaks of the individual who understood the Word, applied it to their lives and as a result brought forth fruit in keeping with their abilities and opportunities.

This parable ought to cause us to do two things. First, it should cause us to examine the kind of lives that our fruitfulness would be described by. Second, it should give us information concerning those that we seek to share the message with. The parable doesn’t encourage us to avoid any type of soil but it does encourage us to examine the soil first before planting the seed.

Brian Mitchell Jackson church of Christ Jackson, MO via BulletinDigest.com

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	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
Faye Johnson	Gerald Nunley
Elle Sander	Barbara Livingston
Flora Wanner	John Tate
Tommy Garrard	Lou Dodson
Mary Gilley	Marilyn Pharr

Sympathy

Tidwell Family



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