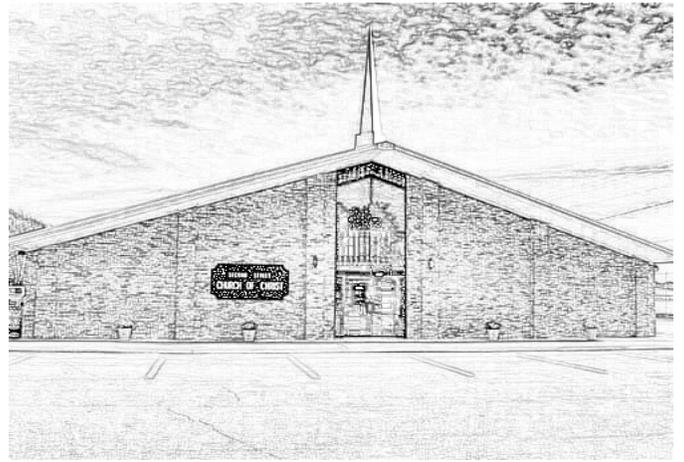


Second Street Church of Christ



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Living

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class....9:00am
Sun. Morn. Worship.10:00am
Sunday Evening.....5:00pm
Wed. Evening.....7:00pm

*Endeavoring to keep
the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3*

Most days, “living” is a challenge. We have many responsibilities and challenges that compete with our relationship with God. We are raising a generation that has no real religious concern or eternal focus. As a society, our current generation continues to drift from the Creator! The world around us seems put us in survival mode everyday.

Christians can live a fruitful, meaningful life! We can live a full, Christian life provided we are in a right relationship with God. We can do more than survive. We can live decisively, live abundantly, and live eternally as long as we live obediently.

We can live decisively if we make the decision to put God first! Matthew 6:24 says, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” True success is based on and a result of putting God first—this is the only kind of foundation that can weather the storms of life without doubt.

We can live abundantly once we understand why Jesus came to earth. John 10:10-11 says, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.” Jesus came to supply all of our needs (Isaiah 40:11). Christ died so we may have life and teach others about His sacrifice.

We can live eternally once we focus on the home that awaits us! John 14:2 says, “In my Father’s house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.” When we want to quit, we should remember why we started! Working & toiling can be difficult sometimes but we must not lose focus on why we changed our life and chose to become a Christian! Quitting is not an option for Christians.

Christians can live and not just survive but we must be obedient! Being obedient is hearing God’s Word (Romans 10:17), believing God’s Word (Hebrews 11:6), repenting of sins (Acts 17:30), confessing Jesus as the Son of God (Matthew 16:16), being baptized for the remission of sins (Mark 16:15-16), and remaining faithful (Revelation 2:10). Don’t let living in this world separate you from God!

*Allen Jones
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Announcements

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 & Song today followed by fellowship meal.

No Bear Stuffing until February.

Trays for November Lasha Higginbottom

The Road to Success

The road to success is not straight.
There is a curve called Failure,
A loop called Confusion,
Speed bumps called Friends,
Red lights called Enemies.
You will have flats called jobs.
But, if you have a spare called Determination,
an engine called Perseverance,
insurance called Faith,
and a driver called Jesus,
you will make it to a place called Success.

Don't Follow the Crowd

God had heard the prayers of His people in Egypt. Though the Israelites murmured and complained most of the way, He had brought them from Egypt to the promised land. As they journeyed God protected them, fed them, clothed them, and had given them everything they needed. But the people still were not happy. Once in Canaan, they wanted a king to rule over them, like their neighbors had. They rejected God to follow a man!

Today, some in the church want more than what God has given us. They reject His Word as being "bigoted," "out-of-date," or "too demanding" as they see their neighbors worship in ways not authorized by God's holy Word. They want something that will please the people instead of God. Like the Israelites, they want to be like their "neighbors."

At the Cane Run Lectureship recently, a brother from another state said three congregations in Nashville had recently begun using instrumental music in worship. Most who do this justify it by saying: "God didn't say not to use instrumental music in New Testament worship." Tell that to Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-6). Tell that to King Saul (1 Samuel 13:7-13). Tell that to Korah and his followers (Numbers 16). Tell that to all the disobedient Israelites who died in the wilderness.

Jesus said our worship must be in spirit and truth (John 4:24). It is His Word that will judge us in the day of judgment (John 12:48). My brethren, whether it be in using instrumental music in worship, abortion, alternate lifestyle, or some other "crowd pleaser," let us never follow others to do evil! Long ago, Moses warned the Israelites, "You shall not follow a crowd to do evil" (Ex. 23:2).

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Via Bulletin Digest

PRINCIPLES OF PEACE

Examining the biblical principles of peace

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ “Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.” (Romans 14:19)
- ◆ Peace – *Eirene* – Harmony, concord, security, safety, tranquility.

PEACE IS NOT THE ABSENCE OF CONFLICT, BUT THE PRESENCE OF TRUTH

- ◆ *Luke 12:51; John 16:33; Hebrews 12:11; Romans 14:16-19*

TRUE PEACE IS SPIRITUAL, NOT PHYSICAL

- ◆ *Romans 8:6; Mark 9:50; James 3:18*

PEACE MUST BE SOUGHT, NOT WAITED UPON

- ◆ *1 Peter 3:10-11; Hebrews 12:14; Ephesians 4:1-3*

FULL PEACE IS NOT FOUND ON THIS EARTH

- ◆ *Romans 2:7-10; Philippians 4:6-7; Ephesians 2:13-18*

CONCLUSION

- ◆ What is true peace?
 - ◆ The stability and tranquility that comes to the Christian who serves God fully, capably, and without reservation.
 - ◆ It roots out fear, overcomes problems, and strengthens resolve.
 - ◆ It is the peace of truth and godliness.

"To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us. Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt. Our soul has had more than enough of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud." (Psalm 123)

The psalm speaks of lifting up the eyes to the Lord in spite of the surrounding society. It speaks of mercy in the midst of people that show scorn and contempt for God and his people. Yet, these people are not from the nations around Israel, they are Israel. They do not believe that they need God and they mock those who place him prominently in their lives.

Sound familiar? Use this psalm today to remind you to keep your eyes up in a world that only sees self.

Adam Cozort

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study **7:00pm**

*I was glad when they said unto me, Let
us go into the house of the LORD.*

Psalms 122:1

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	Drake Ross
Faye Johnson	Gerald Nunley
Elle Sander	Barbara Livingston
Flora Wanner	John Tate
Tommy Garrard	Lou Dodson
Mary Gilley	Marilyn Pharr
Lena Hammett	Kay Gassaway
Jeanie Ivy	Eddie Woods

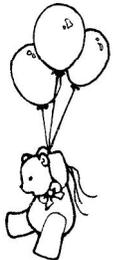
November Birthdays

Wie Williams 11 / 5

Abel Cozort 11 / 15

Graydon Tidwell 11 / 16

Doris Johnson 11 / 18



November Anniversaries

Joey & Sherry Moore 11/24

A good deed is never lost; he who sows courtesy reaps friendship, and he who plants kindness gathers love.

“...for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Galatians 6:7b