

Second Street Church of Christ



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Transformed by the Gospel

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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*

Romans 12:1-2 may be the most important passage about living the Christian life. We're added to the body of Christ (Acts 2:47) as a result of immersion (Romans 6:3-4; Galatians 3:27-28).

We enter a new world where we must see, think, act and react differently to the world around us.

“We walk in the light as He is in the light...and the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin” (1 John 1:7, NKJV).

The transformation process is a result of God's mercy. The privilege, the honor exists because God is great and loving. How else could we enter his house and enjoy his blessings (Ephesians 1:3; 2:19)?

We present our bodies a “living sacrifice” knowing that a sacrifice must die to be useful. Dying to our stubborn will, we become useful to God (Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 4:1).

We live so as to be a “sweet smelling savor” to the Lord (Leviticus 2:2,9,12; Numbers 28). Our Lord could ask nothing less of us. We present ourselves as Hannah presented Samuel. We give ourselves completely, dedicating our lives to his mission.

Once transformed from darkness to light, we prove that Christ is the Savior and that his way is superior (Matthew 5:13-16; John 8:12). We become full-time servants and laborers in his kingdom; always on the job and on task.

The Word is able to make us complete (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We learn as much as we can, so it becomes natural to us. As a basketball player, we practice our plays countless times so that in the heat of battle, we can perform them without thinking about it.

A recruit goes into basic training so they can be broken and reshaped into a soldier that can be depended upon in battle. Likewise, we allow Christ to make us better than we could ever be on our own.

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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.

No Bear Stuffing until February.

Trays for December Rada Malone

Sunday after church, a mom asked her very young daughter what her Bible study lesson was about. The daughter answered, “Don’t be scared, you’ll get your quilt.” Needless to say, the mother was perplexed. Later in the day, her teacher stopped by for coffee and the mother asked her what that morning’s Sunday school lesson was about. She said, “Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming.”

God Brings Big Things from Little Seeds

I read an article not long ago about a team of scientists that attempted to construct a kernel of corn. They had analyzed an actual kernel of corn and broken it down to its molecular makeup and had determined exactly what it was made of. Then, using the same “materials” they constructed an exact replica of the kernel of corn. When they planted it, however, it didn’t grow. You see, even though they could duplicate the physical makeup of the seed, they couldn’t create the germ of life. Ironically this experiment cost thousands of dollars, when God could give them a kernel of corn for free.

It is amazing how God puts life in each seed and how, when the conditions are right, that seed grows to produce a plant that will bear even more seeds (Matt. 13:8). As the old saying goes: you can count the number of seeds in an apple, but you cannot count the number of apples in a seed! One seed brings forth amazing things when God is involved.

In 1 Corinthians 15, Paul touched on some important points concerning what we know today as annual plants – and this information is related to our salvation. “But someone will say, ‘How are the dead raised up? And with what body do they come?’ Foolish one, what you sow is not made alive unless it dies. And what you sow, you do not sow that body that shall be, but mere grain – perhaps wheat or some other grain. But God gives it a body as He pleases, and to each seed its own body.” (1 Cor. 15:35-38)

In this passage, it is revealed that the plant must die to produce the seed that will bring new life. We also see that seed must be sown (planted) to produce. And finally it is important to note that seeds do not directly grow from the seed that is planted, but a plant grows from the seed.

Now, let’s make the spiritual application for us today. Just as only God can make a seed grow, so He is the only one who can give us true life. Men have developed many plans of salvation, but when “planted” they will not grow into eternal life. We must give up on trying to make salvation for ourselves and accept God’s. When we die to self (are “planted”) in faith and baptism, God gives us a new life (Rom. 6:3-5). Then when we are “planted” in faithful death, on that final day God will raise us up with new bodies fit for heaven (1 Cor. 15:42-57). Just be the submissive seed and let God be God and He will grow you into something beautiful – in this life and the next.

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ELIJAH'S MISCALCULATION

Learning from the prophet's mistake

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ Elijah is one of the central prophets of the Old Testament.
- ◆ Much of the latter section of 1 Kings and the beginning of 2 Kings is devoted to his work.
- ◆ In the New Testament he is the prophet most often used to represent the spokesmen of the Old Testament. (Matthew 17)
- ◆ In spite of this, he was not immune to the feelings of discouragement that often plague us.

THE SETTING

- ◆ Elijah is living in a very difficult political and religious climate.
- ◆ Ahab and Jezebel are on the throne of Israel. (1 Kings 18:29-33)
- ◆ Jezebel had outlawed worship to God and attempted to kill every prophet of God she could find. (1 Kings 18:4)
- ◆ At Mt. Carmel, Elijah defeats 450 prophets of Baal and Jezebel sets out to kill him. (1 Kings 18)

THE MISCALCULATION

- ◆ Elijah is forced to run for his life. (1 Kings 19:1-4)
- ◆ He is so discouraged he prays to God that he would just die. (1 Kings 19:4)
- ◆ He is alone, running for his life, hiding in a cave, and beginning to believe he is the only one trying to do what is right. (1 Kings 19:9-10)
- ◆ God shows his power to Elijah and reveals to him that there are still 7,000 who are faithful. (1 Kings 19:11-18)

THE APPLICATION

- ◆ It is easy for us to become discouraged like Elijah. ("Nobody," "everyone else," etc.)
- ◆ However, we must understand that we are not alone and there are others seeking to serve God as well. (Just like those 7,000)
- ◆ Not everyone is greedy, materialistic, self-gratifying, and uncaring about God and his Word.
- ◆ Let us learn from Elijah's miscalculation so that we do not make the same mistake.

Quote of the day:

"Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you? Everyone who comes to me and hears my words and does them, I will show you what he is like: he is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when a flood arose, the stream broke against that house and could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears and does not do them is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the stream broke against it, immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great." (Luke 6:46-49)

It is easy for people to say they know the Lord, but do their actions match their proclamations? Jesus says that the way to tell is whether their actions match his commandments. Only by fulfilling Jesus' commandments can our house be built on the proverbial rock. Everything else is soft ground.

Where are you building your house?

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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
Jeanie Ivy	Eddie Woods

December Birthdays

Flora Wanner 12/3
Faye Johnson 12/15
Steve Holcomb 12/21
Dorsa Sparks 12/25
Jan Higginbottom 12/26
Joe Horton 12/29



*You need not be afraid of
where you are going when you
know God is with you...*
