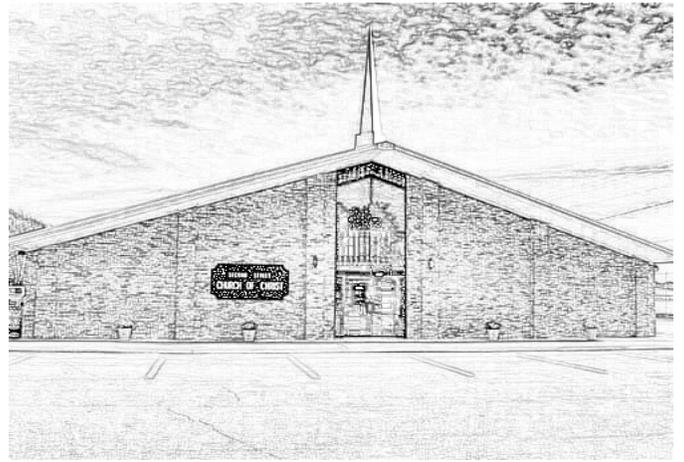


Second Street Church of Christ



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Loving Good Works

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class....9:00am
Sun. Morn. Worship.10:00am
Sunday Evening.....5:00pm
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***Endeavoring to keep
the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3***

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Jesus was teaching during His sermon on the mount that we as Christians need to be seen by others of the world. How and why are we to be seen? We are to be seen doing good works. We are to be doing the good works in order that God may receive the glory.

As Christians we need to love doing good works. What does it mean to “love good works?” A good work can be defined as the following: “a strong feeling or devotion to any physical or mental activity that produces something that is morally beneficial or desirable” (def. by Halbert Tucker). Christians need to focus time, money, and energy on these good works that are beneficial to others and to God’s kingdom.

Matthew 6:21 says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We need not put our hearts on treasures of this world that will rot away, be stolen, or get lost. Things like cell phones, tablets, money, jobs, hobbies, and sports seem to be where we have our treasures in today’s world. But our treasure should be treasures of heaven. Doing good works is one of the ways we can focus on heavenly treasures.

Just doing good works alone is not going to get you to heaven. We must obey the gospel the way God commands we obey. But he also commands us to be ready for every good work. “to be ready for every good work” (Titus 3:1) “equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17).

We need to be people zealous for good works as Paul described to Titus in Titus 2:14. So lets look for ways that we can shine our lights by doing good works so glory may be given to God.

*Nick Pace
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Bulletin Digest*

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 Bonnie Holcomb



Obsession or Option?

To view some Christians, they live their lives like they are obsessed with pleasing God. They come to worship and every gathering of the church that they possibly can. They even come when they don't feel all that well. It is as if they are compelled to come. They also volunteer and work every time a need arises in the church. What makes them that way? It is as if they are preoccupied with serving God and honoring Him. They even seem obligated to tell others about Jesus.

Pleasing and honoring God is all they can think about. They literally act like God is in complete control of their lives. To look at other Christians and their lack of attendance, service, and enthusiasm, one would get the idea that they feel that pleasing God is optional. Oh, they may try to do it at times, but those times seem few and far between. They come to worship when it suits them, volunteer when it's convenient, and generally do as they please concerning the Lord and His church. It is almost as if they feel like pleasing God is an elective act. As a result, they rarely mention Jesus to others. They literally act like they are in control of God and only allow Him into their lives when they wish.

Christian, take a close look at your life and what all you do. Could it be labeled as one in which pleasing God appears to others as an obsession or option?

"I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

*Edd Sterchi Bulletin Digest
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What is Flowing from Your Heart?

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit" Romans 15:13.

God is the "God of hope" and fills us with joy and peace, but something is required of us. Yes, grace and eternal life in Christ are gifts and we don't work for our salvation, but we are to "trust in him." Faith is required on our part to take God at His Word and believe His promises in order to be filled with joy and peace. Then, and only then, will we overflow with hope. Plumb has a song on the radio right now speaking of how we need to exhale God's grace and love that we breathe in. And this is so true. We don't exist for us alone but to share with others everything that we've received from God. So, being "full of goodness, complete in knowledge, and competent to instruct one another," God demands that we overflow to others. The truth is that we are always overflowing with something, whether it is "good things out of the good" or "evil things out of the evil" stored up in our hearts. The principle: "For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks." Your mouth tells on you.

What's flowing from your heart?

Doug Kashorek Plattsburgh church of Christ Plattsburgh, NY

SARAH: A PORTRAIT OF GODLINESS

An examination of the life and characteristics of Sarah

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ One of the most prominent women in the Bible is Sarah.
- ◆ We know more about her than nearly any other woman in the Old Testament.
- ◆ God obviously thought it important that we know about this woman.

SARAH'S CONFLICTS

- ◆ Though a good, godly woman, Sarah had times of weakness.
 - ◆ She lied to help her husband. (Genesis 12:10-20; 20:1-18)
 - ◆ She tried to help God keep his promises. (Genesis 16:1-7)
- ◆ In spite of this, she is always highly regarded in the New Testament.
 - ◆ She is listed in the "Hall of Faith" (Hebrews 11:11)
 - ◆ She is used as a role-model for wives. (1 Peter 3:6)

SARAH'S FULL PORTRAIT

- ◆ She was a physically beautiful woman. (Genesis 12:11)
- ◆ More importantly, she was a spiritually beautiful woman.
 - ◆ She was a good wife. (1 Peter 3:5-6)
 - ◆ She was a good mother. (Genesis 17:16)
 - ◆ She was a woman of faith. (Hebrews 11)

CONCLUSION

- ◆ In the Bible, names are important.
 - ◆ Sarai – "princess"
 - ◆ Sarah – "noblewoman" (princess before all)
- ◆ God thought very highly of Sarah, we need more wives and daughters who desire to be like this great woman.

"For Christ's Sake"

One of the basic attitudes of this generation seems to be "What's in it for me?" The entire premise of the life of Christ, however, was living for the sake of others. Paul, in 2 Corinthians 8:9, reminds us that for our sakes Christ left the riches of Heaven for the poverty of earth. The word "sake" is an old Anglo-Saxon term, "sach," meaning cause or lawsuit. When we do something for someone's sake, we do it for his best interest. Because of what Christ has done for our sakes, we are motivated to live for his sake.

For Christ's sake we are to forgive one another. Ephesians 4:32 reminds us that we forgive others as God, for Christ's sake, has forgiven us. The lesson here is simple: we forgive others, not because they always deserve it, but for the sake of Christ.

For Christ's sake we serve one another. Paul refers to himself as a servant for Jesus' sake (2 Cor. 4:5). Sometimes our brothers and sisters are hard to serve. Sometimes we would prefer to promote our own welfare. But for Christ's sake we will "bend down and wash their feet."

For Christ's sake we pray for one another. Paul urged the Romans to pray for him for Christ's sake (Romans 15:30). We love one another only to the degree that we pray for one another. What a difference it would make in the Lord's church if His people fervently prayed for one another.

Remember, the only life worth living is the one lived for the sake of Christ.

Ron Stough

via Hooker church of Christ

Hooker, OK Bulletin Digest

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.

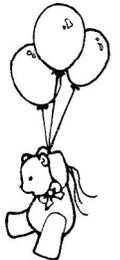
Prayer List



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
Jeanie Ivy	Eddie Woods
Debra Wren	Jessie Coke

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



Sympathy

Whitworth Family