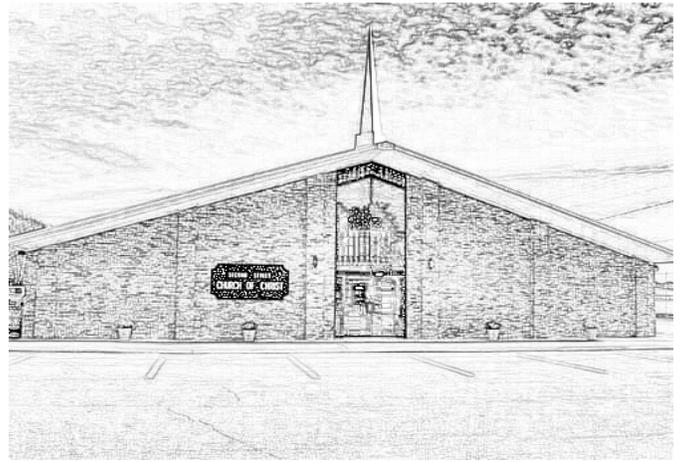


Second Street Church of Christ



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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*

Two sermons, two very different reactions

We will guard our hearts no matter what happens. We will rationalize or pretend whatever is necessary to bring our lives into some kind of equilibrium. It's the human way.

While we hear with our ears, we interpret the data through our hearts and minds. That is the real battlefield in terms of the gospel.

We find an excellent example in Acts where two similar messages evoked diametrically opposed reactions.

The initial gospel sermon used the life of Christ, the reign of David and the authority of the prophets as its foundation. Peter charged the Jews with killing Christ (Acts 2:36). Yet, the listeners asked what they had to do to correct their sin (Acts 2:36-37).

Accordingly, 3000 were immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38-41). Their hearts allowed their ears to listen with a view to something larger than themselves.

Meanwhile, the same basic message brought a quite different reaction. Stephen, a powerful man of God, stood to address the Jews in Acts 7. In a lengthy discourse, he appeals to prophecy and Old Testament characters to prove his teaching (Acts 7).

Stephen's message takes a dramatic turn between 7:50 and 7:51. Clearly he was reacting to something in the crowd and in 7:52-53 they take him by force and execute him.

It seems the crowd in Acts 2 was comprised of more of the common man while Jewish leaders in Acts 7 took charge since it became the impetus for widespread persecutions (Acts 8:1-3).

Both sermons charged the Jews with murder but only one brought out their bloodlust. Notice that in both passages they were "cut to heart" (Acts 2:36; 7:54).

In Acts 2, they accepted Peter's charges and repented (cf. 2 Samuel 12:1-7). In Acts 7 they put their sense of power and financial gain over the message. They heard the gospel through filters that distorted the good news.

Each of us must humbly see the larger picture and listen to God's Word with a view to heaven.

Some who evangelize ask a question, "If I could show you something in the Bible that is different from what you believe, would you change?" If the answer is no, there's no reason to spend any time on them.

We must be willing to repent and be transformed by the power of the Word (Romans 12:1-2). How we listen is the first step.

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.

Bear Stuffing will begin again in February.

Singing at Liberty on Sunday, Jan 24, 2:00 p.m.

Contact Information for Ann Martin

Cottage of Shoals
Room 39
256-314-5268

Trays for January

Rada Malone

Trays for February

Janey Dees

Scripture and Song and Fellowship meal tonight. Invite some to be with you!

Singing and Fellowship at Steve and Michelle Holcomb's on Friday, January the 22nd at 6:00. Light refreshments will be served.

The sign-up sheet to host a singing and fellowship night is posted on the board in the foyer. All other months are available at this time.



Name: _____ Date: _____

Songs We Sang:

No.	No.
No.	No.
No.	No.

My favorite song we sang is:

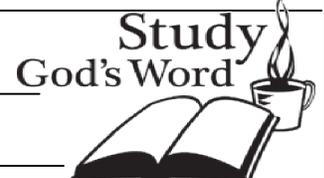
Count How Many Times You Hear These Words:

Parable

Pound

Bible Verses or Notes:

Draw a picture from today's lesson.



THE PARABLE OF THE POUNDS

An examination of Luke 19:12-27

INTRODUCTION

- ◆ This parable is similar in many ways to “the parable of the talents.” Some have even tried to make them the same event/speech.
- ◆ Reasons they are different:
 - ◆ The timing is different.
 - ◆ The audience is different.
 - ◆ The purpose is different.
- ◆ Therefore, let us consider this often forgotten parable in its own right for its lessons.

THE SETTING

- ◆ This parable is given just after the event with Zacchaeus. (19:1-10)
- ◆ He is stated as giving them this parable for 2 reasons.
 - ◆ He is close to Jerusalem, the capital of the Jews.
 - ◆ The people think the kingdom of God (a physical kingdom) will immediately appear.
- ◆ This parable is given just before Jesus makes his triumphal entry into Jerusalem. (19:28-40)

THE PARABLE

- ◆ The nobleman leaves for a purpose – to receive a kingdom, then to return. (12)
- ◆ He calls 10 servants and delivers to each one 1 pound. (13)
 - ◆ A pound was 100 denarius (a day’s wage). Therefore, a pound was about 3 months’ salary.
 - ◆ Notice: each servant gets the same amount.
 - ◆ They are told to use (occupy) them until he returns.
- ◆ However, the citizens do not want him as their ruler. (14)

THE PARABLE

- ◆ When the nobleman returns he calls his servants in to learn their success. (15-21)
- ◆ Judgment is passed on the wicked servant and the enemies of the king. (22-27)
 - ◆ The servant is judged by his own words about the king. (22-23)
 - ◆ The pound he was given is passed to the servant with 10. (24-26)
 - ◆ The enemies who will not serve him will be killed. (27)

THE APPLICATIONS

- ◆ This lesson is not about his death and resurrection, but his ascension and second coming. (Daniel 7:13-14; Ephesians 1:20-22)
- ◆ Every servant is given the same thing to hold and use until his coming. (The Gospel)
- ◆ There is also a very vivid picture of judgment.
 - ◆ Judgment against the wicked servant.
 - ◆ Judgment against the enemy citizens.

HOW ARE WE USING THE POUND IN OUR HANDS?

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
Lauren Chase	Elton Bruton

January Birthdays

Bonnie Holcomb 1/1

Geralda Brown 1/6

Corey Tidwell 1/10

Doris Vandagriff 1/17

Jzaac Johnson 1/29

John Williams 1/29



January Anniversaries

Jerry & Debra Brewer 1/2

Sympathy

Arnie White Family
Thomas Family