

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***

"And on the Sabbath day we went out of the city to the riverside, where prayer was customarily made; and we sat down and spoke to the women who met there. Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us." (Acts 16:13-15)

This short account of the conversion of a businesswoman in Philippi holds a number of points of interest that we need to remember. As Paul came to Philippi, he went down to the riverside where people in the town went to pray to God. It was there that he found this woman named Lydia.

It is interesting to note that Lydia was already worshiping God. She was not an idolater or unbeliever, but believed in the God of Heaven and worshiped him. However, just because she believed in God did not mean she knew the truth and was fulfilling God's expectations. Nor can we assume, contrary to popular opinion, that just because someone believes in God and worships him today that they are where God wants them to be.

The Lord knew the heart of Lydia. She wanted to do what was right and wanted to serve God acceptably. So, through the words of Paul, her heart was opened and she obeyed the Gospel, being baptized into Christ. Many Jews worshiped God in those days, but their hearts were closed to the truth of Christ. Likewise today, many worship the God of the Bible, yet close their hearts to the truths that book proclaims.

Do you, like Lydia, want to serve God enough to allow your heart to be opened to its truth, or even while you worship God will you refuse to acknowledge what is found in his word?

Adam Cozort

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.

Singing and Fellowship at Steve and Michelle Holcomb's has been rescheduled for Friday, February 19th. Light refreshments will be served.

The sign-up sheet to host a singing and fellowship night is posted on the board in the foyer.

Scripture and Songs tonight followed by fellowship meal.

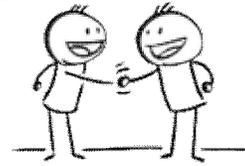
Trays for February

Janey Dees

Trays for March

Michelle Holcomb

Welcome!



*We are Glad
You are Here!*

Faith and Optimism

When your cup runs over, is it a blessing, or a mess? Is your glass half full or half empty? Do you make difficulties out of your opportunities, or opportunities out of your difficulties? Are you the kind that complains about the noise when opportunity knocks? Do you claim to be an optimist who doubts that being one really helps?

I was reading Psalm 23 this week, and it occurred to me that King David was a true optimist. "I am never in need...green pastures...peaceful waters...paths of righteousness...my cup overflows...even though I walk through the dark valley of death, because you are with me, I fear no harm...your rod and staff give me courage." His faith in God enabled him to overcome obstacles that would derail our faith. His faith in God allowed him to see winning possibilities in horrible circumstances. Remember how he faced a lion, a bear, a giant, and a mentally unstable king? Remember how he faced the death of a child, and rebellion within his own family? His faith empowered him to live with optimism and assurance of victory.

When faced with setbacks and difficulties, our reactions reveal whether we are people of faith and optimism, or people of pessimism and defeat. There are three basic differences in the way optimists and pessimists react.

The first is that the optimist sees a setback as temporary, while the pessimist sees it as permanent. When David's infant child died, he saw it only as a temporary separation. Even after praying and fasting that the child would not die, his faith in God never wavered. He could not bring the child back, but he said, "I will go to him" (2 Sam. 12:23). Even death is not permanent for those with faith in God.

The second difference is that the optimist sees difficulties as specific, while the pessimist sees them as pervasive. David's sin with Bathsheba was not allowed to destroy his whole life and eternity. He messed up big time, but he dealt with it as the specific sin it was, repented, and went on to live as a man with the heart of God. His failure with Bathsheba did not cause his whole life to be a failure.

The third difference is that optimists view events as external, while pessimists interpret events as personal. King Saul's repeated attempts to kill David was seen by David as rebellion against God, not him personally. He would not raise his hand against Saul because he still saw him as the Lord's anointed. Difficulties are most often simply external circumstances, not personal attacks.

Learn from David to live by faith and optimism. Look upon the inevitable setbacks that you face as being temporary, specific, and external.

Joe Chesser

Fruitland Church of Christ

Fruitland, MO Bulletin Digest

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE LORD

Examining Psalm 33

THE WORD OF THE LORD (1-10)

- ◆ The word of the Lord is Right. (4)
- ◆ The word of the Lord is Powerful. (6-9)
- ◆ The word of the Lord brings Judgment. (10)

THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD (11-17)

- ◆ It is available to all men. (11)
- ◆ His people will heed his counsel. (12-15)
- ◆ There is no escape from his counsel. (16-17)

THE EYE OF THE LORD (18-22)

- ◆ He watches over those that serve him. (18)
- ◆ He protects his servants. (19)
- ◆ He is our hope and shield. (20)
- ◆ We can look to him for he sees and knows. (21-22)

Are we serving the faithful God with equal faithfulness?

Do You Love Me? Feed My Sheep!

“The third time he said to him, ‘Simon, son of John, do you love me?’ Peter was hurt because asked him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ He said, ‘Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said, ‘Feed my sheep.’” John 21:17. Peter knew how his sin of denying Jesus three times hurt Him. Luke’s gospel records how Peter “wept bitterly” after the cock crowed and Jesus looked straight at him. That Jesus had predicted he would do that despite Peter’s insistence that he would stay faithful even to death did not help. In this post-resurrection exchange, Jesus first asks Peter if he loves (apapao) Him unconditionally, and Peter, perhaps knowing his shame ventures that he loves (phileo) Jesus like a brother. Jesus asks the second time in the same way with the same answer from Peter. But, the third time, the source of Peter’s hurt may be that Jesus meets Peter where he is by asking if he loves (phileo) him. When Peter answers that he indeed loves (phileo) Him, Jesus accepts that for then and gives him a task: “Feed my sheep.” We’ve sinned and, if honest with God, might answer that we love (phileo) Him, but we have no time to wallow.

Are you feeding His sheep?

Doug Kashorek
Plattsburgh church of Christ
Plattsburgh, NY

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	Troy Yarbrough
Pete Wooten	Brenda Leatherwood
Becky Raper	Barbara Blackman
Phillip Pharr	Kristy Phillips
Cathy Alexander	Marilyn Pharr
Gerald Nunley	Lauren Chase
Barbara Livingston	Flora Wanner
John Tate	Lou Dodson
Mary Gilley	Jeanie Ivy
Cathy Harrison	

February Birthdays

Edna Gibson 2/3
Jonathan Cozort 2/7
Ashley Tidwell 2/8
Wallace Williams 2/11
Alan Williams 2/11
Larry Harris 2/16
Wendell Vandagriff 2/19



February Anniversaries

Jim & Faye 2/28

Sympathy