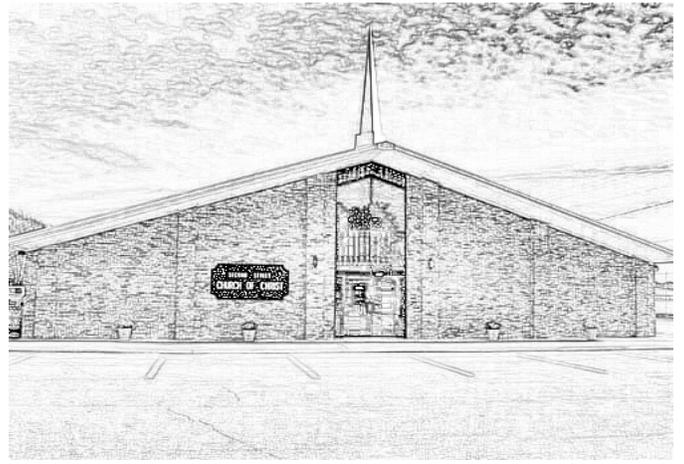


# Second Street Church of Christ



April 10, 2016

## To Worship Or Not To Worship

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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*

Sad, but true, the church is going through some trying times. In many places congregations of the Lord's church are completely carried away by liberalism. Often the members do not know of the weakness that some preachers and elders may possess. Sometimes the congregation may be mindful of a certain thing, but has never given any thought of the dangers it will lead into, and it will not take very long for such to take place.

A number of years ago I heard a preacher make a statement in the presence of his elders, and they agreed with him. He said, "*We are going to have to make the Sunday night services more appealing if we expect people to come.*" Now I wish to ask, Just what are we to do? If the Sunday night worship is to be made more appealing, why not the Sunday morning service as well? The way I see it, we must worship God just the way He has stated in His word! That means nothing more and nothing less. We need to do as did the early Christians. The crying need is to preach the truth and not self. Jesus said, "*And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.*" (Jno.12:32). The early converts worshipped God, but as the word would direct; in spirit and in truth. (Jno.4:24). Their worship was not some stage form of entertainment. Their worship was not a display of their talents in praying nor their singing. Their worship was not worldly or carnal. Their worship was edifying. (1Cor.14:26). Their worship was instructive. (Col.3:16). Their worship was orderly (1Cor.14:40). Their worship was to honor God. (Eph.3:21). Their worship was to remember Jesus. (1 Cor.11:24). Their worship was to instruct one another.(1Cor.14:31). When we worship God there are certain things we are instructed to do. We are to preach the word. (1Tim4:1-4). We are to sing praises to God. (Eph.5:19). We are to pray to God. (1Thess.4:17). We are to give of our means to God. (2 Cor.9:7-9). We are to partake of the Lord's Supper. (Acts 20:7). Anything else would be sinful. Therefore, our singing cannot be made more appealing by bringing in the instruments of music. It will not be made more appealing by the clapping of our hands.

Brethren, when we think God's commandments are not enough to get people to worship Him, and think we must resort to other tactics, then we have left the word of truth and shall find ourselves in deep trouble with the Almighty God. What must be done is to get back to preaching the word of God in all of its simplicity and leave the things of the world and of the street where they belong. (Matt.15:8-9). AMEN!

...Fred Hause

# 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.

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

**A singing & fellowship** will be hosted by Rada Malone and Edna Gibson on April 14th at 6:30 p.m. to be held at Edna's home.

**Bear Stuffing** will be on April 12th beginning at 6:00.



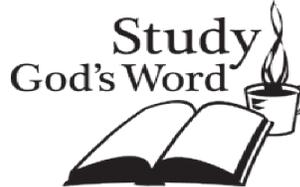
## April Bible Reading

*Trays for April*

**Shea Cozort**

*Trays for May*

**Michelle Holcomb**

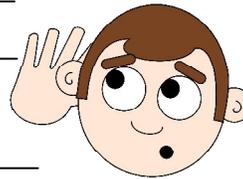


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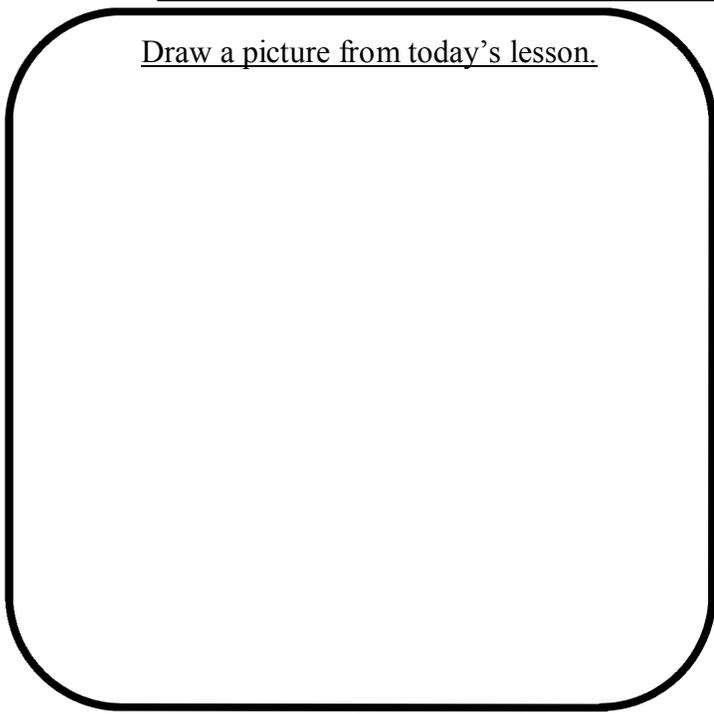
- 1 Judges 6-7
- 2 Judges 8-9
- 3 Judges 10-12
- 4 Judges 13-15
- 5 Judges 16-18
- 6 Judges 19-21
- 7 Ruth
- 8 1 Samuel 1-3
- 9 1 Samuel 4-8
- 10 1 Samuel 9-12
- 11 1 Samuel 13-14
- 12 1 Samuel 15-17
- 13 1 Samuel 18-20; Psalms 11; Psalms 59
- 14 1 Samuel 21-24
- 15 Psalms 7; Psalms 27; Psalms 31; Psalms 34; Psalms 52
- 16 Psalms 56; Psalms 120; Psalms 140-142
- 17 1 Samuel 25-27
- 18 Psalms 17; Psalms 35; Psalms 54; Psalms 63
- 19 1 Samuel 28-31; Psalms 18
- 20 Psalms 121; Psalms 123-125; Psalms 128-130
- 21 2 Samuel 1-4
- 22 Psalms 6; Psalms 8-10; Psalms 14; Psalms 16; Psalms 19; Psalms 21
- 23 1 Chronicles 1-2
- 24 Psalms 43-45; Psalms 49; Psalms 84-85; Psalms 87
- 25 1 Chronicles 3-5
- 26 Psalms 73; Psalms 77-78
- 27 1 Chronicles 6
- 28 Psalms 81; Psalms 88; Psalms 92-93
- 29 1 Chronicles 7-10
- 30 Psalms 102-104

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Verses  
or Notes:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Draw a picture from today's lesson.



Listen for these words and count how many times you hear them.

**TRUST**

**ISAIAH**

## Gossips: Worse Than Thieves!

Our words can be extremely powerful, either for good (Eph. 4:29) or ill (James 3:6). One form of evil use of the tongue is gossip. The following illustration by an unknown author drives this point home:

Once upon a time, an old man spread rumors that his neighbor was a thief, As a result, the young man was arrested. Days later the young man was proven innocent. After been released he sued the old man for wrongly accusing him.

In court the old man told the Judge: “They were just comments, didn’t harm anyone.”

The judge, before passing sentence on the case, told the old man: “Write all the things you said about him in a piece of paper. Cut them up and on the way home, throw the pieces of paper out. Tomorrow, come back to hear the sentence.”

Next day, the judge told the old man: “Before receiving the sentence, you will have to go out and gather all the pieces of paper that you threw out yesterday.”

The old man said: “I can’t do that! The wind spread them and I won’t know where to find them!”

The judge then replied: “The same way, simple comments may destroy the honor of a man to such an extent that one is not able to fix it. If you can’t speak well of someone, rather don’t say anything. Let’s all be masters of our mouths, so that we won’t be slaves of our words.”

Gossips are worse than thieves because they steal another person’s dignity, honor, reputation and credibility which are impossible to restore. So remember this: when your feet slip, you can always recover your balance; but when your tongue slips, you cannot recover your words.

Let us remember the damage gossip can do! “Where there is no wood, the fire goes out; And where there is no talebearer, strife ceases” (Proverbs 26:20).

*Matt Clifton*  
*McCrorry church of Christ*  
*McCrorry, AR*

*Bulletin Digest*

## Character

John said, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth” (3 John 1:4). Holy conduct will bring genuine joy. John rejoiced that many of his converts were walking a holy life and his rejoicing gives us two good lessons.

First, the source of joy. Every parent who has sent a child to school knows what a delight it is to hear that his or her child is honest and well-behaved. In some ways, honesty, promptness, courtesy, and respect for authority are just as important as grades. Happiness comes from holiness (Matthew 5:8). Sin says happiness comes from sinning not saintliness. But as every sinner soon learns, that is a Devil’s lie.

Second, the stigma of truth. If you want to be happy you walk in the truth. None of us likes to be demoted and forsaken, but walking in the truth is not popular. Hardly anyone will help or encourage you. Sometimes even Christians are no help with walking in the truth because too many try to live a double life. Walking in the truth can be very dividing. If you want to be upright, many of your friends will part company with you (2 Timothy 4:10).

In short, holiness costs! It will cost you friends, positions, and possessions — but not real joy.

*Kyle Campbell* Bulletin Digest

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### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

**Bible Study**      **7:00pm**

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Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Psalms 133:1**

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
Joey Pierce	Cathy Harrison
Troy Yarbrough	Phillip Pharr
Pete Wooten	Brenda Leatherwood
Barbara Blackman	Mary Gilley
Cathy Alexander	Jeanie Ivy
Gerald Nunley	Lauren Chase
John Tate	Lou Dodson
Mike Braden	Elton Bruton
Dana Clayton	Jo Vandagriff
Sammy Green	Allison Heitzman
Stephanie Moore	Marie Azzinaro



### April Birthdays

### April Anniversaries

*James & Bonnie 4/15*

*John & Betty 4/17*

### Sympathy

*Horton Family*