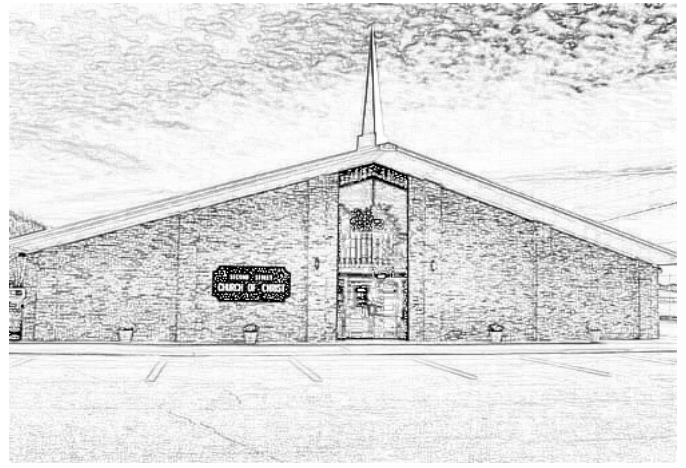


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Our Most Excellent Call

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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*

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence...” (2 Peter 1:3).

When a person becomes a Christian he receives a calling that is higher than anything else in this world. Our calling is the Gospel message (2 Thess. 2:14) which is more excellent than anything we have ever seen, heard, or set our hearts on (1 Cor. 2:9).

God’s calling is for each of us. For while the calling is for all (Acts 2:39), it was prepared by God specifically for you (Rom. 8:28-30). Before God made this world he had you in mind (Eph. 1:4-6). Before God ever said “Let there be light,” He had a plan for you. He planned to call you.

God’s calling is to moral excellence. We are called to live on a higher moral plane—to live like godly people. Second Peter 1:3 says we were called to God’s glory and excellence. Our new life as Christians is devoted to living in God’s moral virtue, God’s perfection (Mat. 5:48).

God’s calling is to an excellent life. The life of a Christian is not the life of a person in the world. We live by a different standard; we live a life dedicated to whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, whatever things that are excellent (Php. 4:8). A Christian’s life should not include those things that include—or even encourage—things like sexual immorality, impurity, promiscuity, hatred, discord, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, and the like (Gal. 5:19-21). Part of being a Christian is abandoning the things that characterize our old life and behaving in a manner that is appropriate for our new life.

Christians have been given a most excellent calling. I encourage you with Paul’s words in Eph. 4:1, “I...urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called.”

*Bobby Price
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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.

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

Summer Series Wednesday night. David Conley will be speaking on Ruth.

Summer Youth series will resume July 14th at Tilden.

Sign up Sheet for Teachers is on the bulletin board in the foyer. We are still in need of teachers. Please consider helping with this.



Trays for July

Jan Higginbottom

Are you more concerned with having your name stamped on the outside of the Bible than with having your heart stamped with what's inside the Bible?

Summer Youth Series

What is Truth?

July 14	Tilden	Jonathan Bates
July 21	Beans Ferry	Russ Crosswhite
July 28	Picnic at Plainview	

2016 Summer Series

Great Lessons from Old Testament Characters

July 6 – Ruth – David Conley (Liberty)

July 13 – Gideon – Russ Vickers (Hillcrest - Baldwyn)

July 20 – Josiah – Ron Deaton (Liberty)

July 27 – Caleb – James Pasley (Fraleys Chapel)

Abandon the denominational view of the Church

Until we strip away all the layers of dirt encrusted on the modern concept of the church, we'll never understand God's simple plan. It's understandable when the aberration is the only standard they know. But there comes a time when they must accept reality.

God will not change his plan for anyone. The Lord works on a different track than we do. His work began before time (Psalm 119:89) and will continue after it ends (John 14:1-6; Revelation 21-22).

God's rules are unchangeable (Malachi 3:6; Numbers 23:19). Negotiation is impossible. We abide by his Word or we suffer the consequences (Galatians 1:8-9).

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isaiah 5:20, NKJV).

People read the Bible through denominational lenses and refuse to see anything else. Their interpretations subsequently reflect that vision. The singularity of the church is bizarre to them. Yet that's exactly what the New Testaments says.

When Jesus announced the coming of his church (Matthew 16:18-19), there weren't any churches on earth sanctioned by God. When the church began, only one was in existence (Acts 2) and throughout the rest of the Bible there was still only one.

There were many congregations but only one church (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4).

God didn't ask our opinion then and he doesn't want it now. Our input is useless to the final product because it was finalized before creation. The Lord's church exists and whether we're in it or not is determined by God, not us.

The concept of denominationalism is completely foreign to Scripture. End of discussion and debate. Before time God decided what the Church would be, teach, practice, etc. The Church will exist regardless of whether anyone is in it and Jesus will return it to God in the end (1 Corinthians 15:24).

We are in the Lord's Church when we submit to salvation as God has commanded, we're Immersed into Christ for the remission of our sins, so he can add us to his Church (Acts 2:38,47; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:15; Galatians 3:26-27).

Furthermore, we're the Lord's church if we match up with what the New Testament teaches in terms of worship, doctrine and leadership. Once again, no negotiations, discussions or deviation is allowed (John 14:15). If we won't cooperate, Jesus will let us walk away (John 6:66-67).

It really is that simple. We can't fix denomationalism. It has to be completely dismantled and everyone has to come to the truth with great humility and fear.

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Study **7:00pm**

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	Faye Johnson
Troy Yarbrough	Phillip Pharr
Barbara Blackman	Stephanie Moore
Jeanie Ivy	Marie Azzinaro
Gerald Nunley	Lauren Chase
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Mike Braden	Allison Heitzman
Dana Clayton	Tim Denson
Sammy Green	Brenda Leatherwood
Charlotte Lard	David James
Kay Pope	Henry Vandagriff
Janice Moody	Ellie Sander
John Michael Schultz	



July Birthdays

James Holcomb 7/18

LaSha Higginbottom 7/18

Barbara Livingston 7/22

Miranda Holcomb 7/30

July Anniversaries

Wallace & Glenda 7/1

Randy & Rajama 7/2

Adam & Shea 7/29

Sympathy

Dees family