

# *Second Street Church of Christ*



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## **We Need Each Other!**

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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***

There is an indelible and universal truth as it pertains to the church. We need each other. In fact, the Bible is adamantly clear that without the contribution of each member, the church does not properly function. Thus is the substance of Paul's discussion in 1 Corinthians 12. The church in Corinth struggled with supremacy. There were those who possessed the most coveted and thereby most respected spiritual gifts, and to those they bestowed greater honor. Within the church, they were considered the most important. To dispel such a divisive notion and to promote unity, Paul makes some assertions. Notice what he says in 1 Corinthians 12:19-22, "And if they were all one member, where would the body be? But now indeed there are many members, yet one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary."

Why? Because truthfully, if we all possessed the same talents, the same abilities, the same strengths and even weaknesses; where would the body be? The answer is simple. It would be lacking what you can contribute whether great or small. You see brethren, the truth of the matter remains indelible. We need each other. Therefore, let us conclude that although you may not be able to do what others can; there is no gift given by God that is not both useful and beneficial to the grow and vitality of this congregation. So, by all means, contribute!

*Jeremy Tucker  
Dexter church of Christ  
Dexter, MO*

*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.

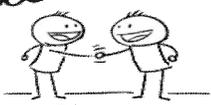
**Summer Series** Wednesday night. James Pasley will be speaking on Caleb.

**Summer Youth Series** will end with a picnic at Plainview Thursday at 5:00pm..

**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**

*Welcome!*  
  
We are Glad  
**You are Here!**

## Prayer

If Jesus felt the need to pray to the Father, surely we need God's help in our own lives. God knows our needs even before we ask, but still He wants us to ask (Matt. 6:8); and Jesus tells us "that men always ought to pray" (Luke 18:1). James wrote that the fervent prayer of a righteous man does much good (James 5:16).

A prayer does not need to be long nor eloquent to be pleasing to God. It is to simply come from our heart as we humbly talk to our God and Creator. It was the simple and sincere prayer of the publican that was accepted by God, not the self-praising prayer of the Pharisee (Luke 18:10-14).

Prayer is to be directed to God the Father, as Jesus illustrated in teaching His apostles to pray (Matt. 6:9), and in the name of Jesus (John 14:13). Sometimes we get "stage fright" when asked to pray in public. But it helps to know that God is our "audience" and not those around us.

"Father, help us all to pray often with sincere hearts for we need Your help every moment of the day. In Jesus name, amen."

*John K. Wills  
Owingsville church of Christ  
Bulletin Digest*

## Summer Youth Series

*What is Truth?*

July 28

Picnic at Plainview

## 2016 Summer Series

*Great Lessons from Old Testament Characters*

July 27 – Caleb – James Pasley (Fraleys Chapel)

## Stay focused on heaven

Edith Hamilton relates a story in her book, "Mythology" about a beautiful young lady named Atalanta.

After being rejected by her father the King for not being a male, she was left to die in the forest. Yet, she survived and became a fleet-footed huntress.

After hearing about her, several young men came to the forest to woo her. Atalanta, however, wasn't interested in any man, only hunting and freedom.

She was faster than anyone else and to get the suitors to leave her alone she said that any man who could outrun her would win her hand in marriage.

However, if they lost, they would be killed. Every day another young man lost his race and his head.

One day a man knowing he couldn't defeat her, added wisdom to the mix. Venus had given him three golden apples that were irresistible to anyone who saw them. He challenged Atalanta and they prepared for the race.

The young man soon fell behind but he threw an apple towards the girl and she stopped to pick it up. He raced ahead. She overtook him but he rolled another apple and she stopped again.

Finally, as Atalanta neared the finish line, he threw the final apple off the side of the course and she flew after it. Taking the opportunity, he won the race and she became his wife.

We became a Christian with heaven as our home. Our citizenship resided in heaven and we were excited to go (Philippians 3:20). In our excitement we promised that we would always be faithful but life interceded.

Atalanta is a good reminder of what happens when we take our eyes off our goal. When Peter walked on the water, he became distracted by the wind and the waves and began to sink (Matthew 14:28-30).

If we live a faithful life, heaven will be our eternal home (Revelation 2:10). But we can't be swayed by anything and like Demas fall in love with the world (2 Timothy 4:10).

Stay focused and remember that everything in this life is inferior to heaven. Even golden apples.

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**FOCUS!**

## SERVICE TIMES

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



### 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