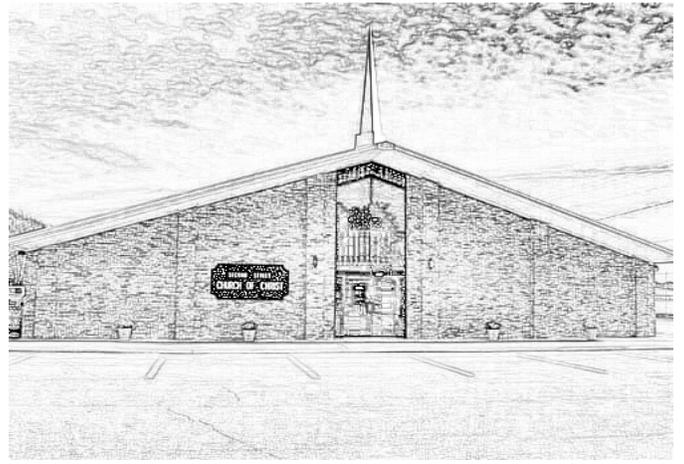


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Contentment is Never Found in Things

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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*

The Holman Bible Dictionary defines contentment as “An internal satisfaction which does not demand changes in external circumstances.”

Although it’s one of the most valuable things on earth, how to attain it is highly controversial.

Humanity gropes for solutions but wealth, prestige, glamour, sexuality, substance abuse and rebellion have all failed spectacularly.

If they had simply asked God, they would have known that it only exists in the spiritual realm. Physical circumstances are immaterial to spiritual contentment and we can choose it regardless of what’s happening around us.

“Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out” (1 Timothy 6:6-7, NKJV).

Materialism is petty and small and chasing it will distract us from what matters.

Contentment is found in simplicity, not in grandeur. Plato said, “The greatest wealth is to live content with less.” Building mountains of possessions to impress the world will leave us hollow inside.

Newer, brighter and shinier will never penetrate deeply enough to matter. Someone will always have something better. The chase will be endless.

“He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like to have” (Socrates).

Paul learned to be content with less (Philippians 4:11-12). Jesus, who had “nowhere to lay his head” (Luke 9:58), taught us the secret of simplicity and we need to listen carefully (Matthew 6:25-34).

Contentment will be found in the small areas of life. Pearl S. Buck said, “Many people lost the small joys in life in the hope for the big happiness.”

When our hearts are in heaven, the things of this world lose their allure and we’re free to chase what really matters (Philippians 3:20). It can only be found in something bigger than ourselves.

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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 has ended. We had a good study of old testament characters.

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.

Meeting tonight after services to discuss some projects to work on.

Trays for August

Bonnie Holcomb

Five Links of Fellowship

1. Gathered TOGETHER (Matt. 18:20).
2. Knit TOGETHER (Col. 2:2).
3. Perfectly Joined TOGETHER (1 Cor. 1:10).
4. Striving TOGETHER (Phil. 1:27).
5. Caught Up TOGETHER (1 Thess. 4:17).

What We Share

Racism is sinful. Racism is foolish. Racism is illogical.

Instead of a discussion of our differences, let us take the time to focus on what all men share.

We share a common heritage / ancestry (Genesis 3:20; 9:1). Every man, woman and child on the planet is a genetic relative.

We share a common Creator (Genesis 1:26-27). The denigration of any other human is an attack upon the Creator Himself.

We share a common sacrifice (1 Timothy 2:5-6). Jesus Christ died for all. No race or nation of people is left out. The denigration of one group of people reflects upon the sacrifice of Jesus. Additionally, every adult on the planet has sinned and is in need of a Savior (Romans 3:23). We are all in the same position. We share a common need for a Savior and we share in common the lone sacrifice that can save our souls.

We share a common mission. We learn in Jesus' prayer in John 17 that the Savior came to make all men one. The death of Jesus destroyed any and all ethnic barriers (Galatians 3:27-29; Ephesians 2:14). We either fight with Jesus in destroying these barriers or we fight against Him.

We share a common command. All people everywhere have been commanded by the Lord to love each other (Luke 10:27).

Finally, we share a common future appointment: Judgment Day (Romans 14:10). As we prepare to stand before our Judge, let us remember all of these things (and more) that we share in common with all other people—no matter where they are from—no matter what their appearance.

Bart Warren
S. Green St. Church of Christ
Glasgow, KY Bulletin Digest

Faith Comes By Hearing

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17).

Pertaining to personal salvation, there is no subject more necessary than faith. In Hebrews 11:6 it is written, “And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.”

The importance of faith is likely the most common feature of every religious group under the general umbrella of Christianity. From the most liberal to the ultra-conservative, faith is a predictable admonition heard from their pulpits and classes.

However, what distinguishes many of them is what they consider to be the source or means of procuring faith. How a person develops or receives faith often solicits a range of answers.

A very popular view, for instance, is that by coming to church and being around Christians faith can be built by it being transferred one to another. Others believe faith is a religious experience that one can construct by going to a mountain peak or ministering to the poor.

One view is that God mystically supplies faith to an individual. It is believed by many that the Holy Spirit pours out faith into the heart of the person God selects to be saved. It is accordingly taught that a person cannot pray for faith or act in any way to receive it. It is purely a choice of God as to who receives faith and who does not.

Another view is that faith happens when one seeks God and ultimately turns his heart over to Him. While there is some truth to this view, according to the above verse, it does not include the role of the “word of Christ” in the process.

“Faith comes from hearing” describes a process beginning with one’s capacity to learn. This reveals to us that producing faith is not a purely miraculous event done to the one God chooses for salvation. Rather, it is much like any area of learning where the knowledge does not come from personal experience but from what is heard and read. This is why in a few verses earlier it is written, “How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher” (Romans 10:14)?

Does faith come from God? Yes, in as much as God’s word is from God. Without the Divine initiative to inspire men to write the Bible and the dedication of the church to spread it, there would be no faith. Do you want to impart faith to another? Teach the Bible.

Do you want to fortify your own faith? Study the Bible. It is just that simple.

*Floyd Kaiser
Southwest church of Christ
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Bulletin Digest

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	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	



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

Crawley Family