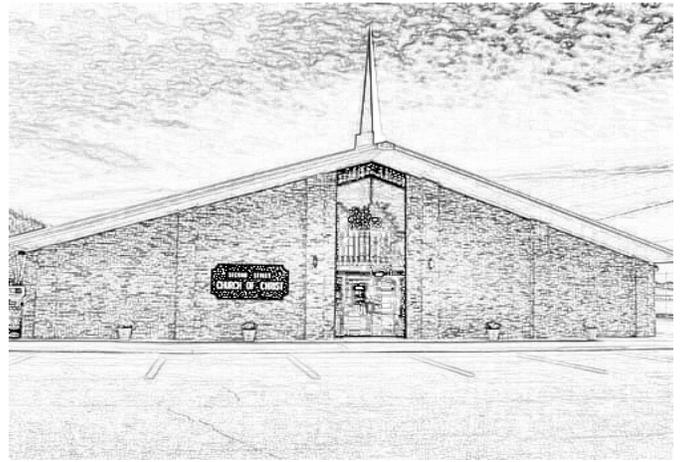


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Satan doesn't care why we leave the Lord

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Bible Class....9:00am
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Sunday Evening.....5:00pm
Wed. Evening.....7:00pm

*Endeavoring to keep
the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.
Ephesians 4:3*

Satan is doing everything he can to destroy our faith. He's the consummate liar (John 8:44) and will use whomever or whatever is at his disposal to accomplish that goal (1 Peter 5:8).

Nothing will be spared.

The devil has no conscience, no scruples and he's incapable of queasiness or doubt. He speaks in our voice and will ingratiate himself in any way possible to turn our head. Our constant attention is needed.

Being outcome focused, he doesn't care what is required to capture us. Why we leave the Lord is immaterial. Only that it happens.

Our responsibility is to avoid helping him kill us spiritually. We're trophies and nothing more (Job 1:6-12).

When we're added to Christ through immersion (Galatians 3:26-27; Romans 6:3-4; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Acts 2:38,47), we should be focused on doing the Lord's work (Ephesians 3:20-21). We can't be like Peter and take our eyes off the goal (Matthew 14:22-33).

As long as we're in Christ, we'll never be lost (Romans 8:1). Yet, we can choose to leave the Lord (Hebrews 2:1; 3:12; 6:4-6; 10:26-31). When we do, we're spiritually defenseless and easy prey for the hungry lion.

Remembering Jesus won't leave us (Hebrews 13:5), we make a concrete bond never to quit on him (Revelation 2:10). Educating ourselves on Satan's plans and God's instructions, we fight the good fight (1 Timothy 6:12).

We must take a long view spiritually and overlook momentary irritations and stumbles. Weighing everything against heaven, we find so much of what interferes with us here is worthless.

Making an eternal home with God and our brethren is worth the fight. The battleground is our heart and self-will. Do we have the faith and courage to stay the course? (Hebrews 11:6).

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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.

Ladies Devotional at Southern Magnolia September 1st.

Bridal Shower for Izaac and Jessi this afternoon 1:00 - 3:00 at the café.

Food Pantry item - peanut butter and or jelly.

Trays for August

Bonnie Holcomb

*Success to a Christian, is living like Jesus without ever having to think about it.
Ernest Benjamin PTP 2016*

I have one more river to cross

For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain" (Philippians 1:21).

What does Christianity have to say about death? Does the Bible have anything to say that will help us in this, the most characteristic human factor of all, our mortality.

Generation after generation has had to deal with the implications of death's certainty. In Greek mythology the dead crossed the River Styx, a dreary, poisonous river that ran between the living and Hades. Whoever crossed had to pay Charon, a boatman who ferried people across.

It was, we must emphasize, a one-way ticket!

Remember the old Spiritual:

"I have one more river to cross.

My brother, my sister, my father, my mother

They'll all be waiting, but they can't help me across."

Herein lies the fear beyond death; is death a transition, or a final statement? A period or a comma?

It was Woody Allen who said: "I don't mind dying. I just don't want to be there when it happens." What do we fear about death? We fear the loneliness, and we fear the unknown. We also fear being forgotten. You recall the king who ordered 100 people to be killed at his death, so there would be mourning in the kingdom.

But Jesus yanked the sting out of the scorpion of death. "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55).

So how does this Christian perspective affect the way we face death?

- It has an impact upon the way we grieve. Paul says that at the death of a loved one we should grieve, but "not as others who have no hope" (1 Thessalonians 4:13).

Please note: We can, and should grieve when a loved one dies. It would be unnatural not to. But we do not grieve with the hopeless abandon of those who do not have the hope we have.

It reminds us that Act II of God's great drama still remains. The second act has already been written, it just waits to be performed. In our grief, we can remind ourselves that God will transform our bodies. The lame will walk, the blind will see, the victim of Alzheimer's will remember again.

- It has an impact upon the way we live. We no longer lay up treasures for ourselves here, in the temporary

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THE BIRTH OF THE CHRIST

Examining the importance of one of the greatest events in history

Setting the Stage

- ◆ *As with all things in Scripture, consistency is very important.*
- ◆ *Prophecies concerning his heritage. (Genesis 12:1-3; 49:10; Isaiah 11:1-5; Jeremiah 23:5-6)*
- ◆ *Prophecies concerning his conception. (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14)*
- ◆ *Prophecies concerning his birth. (Micah 5:2; Daniel 2:44; 7:13-14)*

Analyzing His Birth

- ◆ *The “miraculous virgin birth of Jesus” is a misnomer.*
- ◆ *Jesus was born into the right family.*
 - ◆ MATTHEW 1 IS THE LINEAGE OF JOSEPH.
 - ◆ LUKE 3 IS THE LINEAGE OF MARY.
- ◆ *He was born to the right woman. (Luke 1:30-37; Matthew 1:18-20)*
- ◆ *He was born in the right place at the right time. (Luke 2:1-7; Galatians 4:4)*

Concluding Thoughts

- ◆ *For centuries, men have tried to invalidate the birth of Christ.*
 - ◆ GNOSTICS
 - ◆ SKEPTICS
 - ◆ ATHEISTS
 - ◆ AGNOSTICS
- ◆ *Nevertheless, the facts of his birth (historically and biblically) are undeniable.*
- ◆ *The birth of Jesus ushered into this world a man unlike any other – Immanuel.*

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and the flammable (Matthew 6:19,20).

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we have something that we can be fully devoted to, something that will last to the other side of the grave. Money and property will be given to someone else when we die, but heavenly investments we can carry with us. Make no mistake, if we have invested spiritually, we *can* “take it with” us!

Remember the Spiritual? The one that says that our father and mother will *not* be able to help us across?

“I have one more river to cross.

My brother, my sister, my father, my mother

They'll all be waiting, but they can't help me across.”

Well, it goes on to say:

“My Jesus will be waitin' there, and he can help me across.”

And, mark this: in death, our greatest desire is accomplished. We can be with Christ.

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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	John Michael Schultz
Gerald Nunley	Dorsa Sparks
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	Trevle Wood

Ms Ann was taken to Florence hospital



August Birthdays

Ronnie Taylor 8/1

Lily Robinson 8/6

Rajama Johnson 8/30

August Anniversaries

Sympathy

Deaton Family