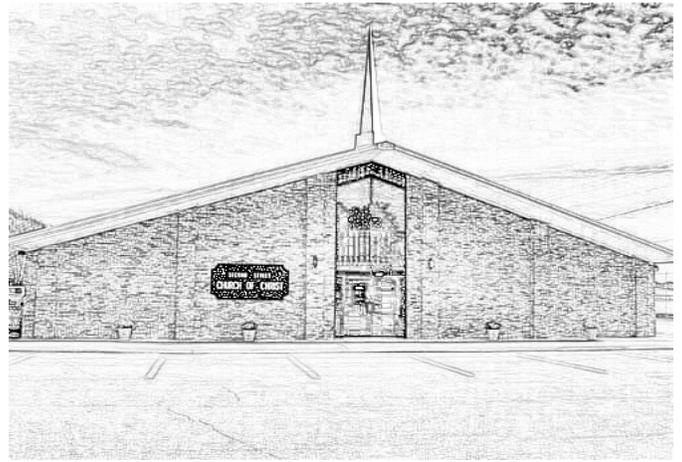


# Second Street Church of Christ



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## At the door

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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*

“So the Lord said to Cain, ‘Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it’” (Genesis 4:6-7 NKJV).

One of the workers at Khulna Bible College called Brenda around behind the main building on our campus to show her something. There, high up on the back wall was a large hive of honey bees, just outside an open window. Maybe that explained the many bees we had been seeing inside the building the previous few days.

Open windows and swarms of bees are not a very good combination. Those are not the insects you particularly want the building to be full of. Well, to be honest, exactly what kind of insects does one actually want inside a building? In any case, something had to go; either the bees would be removed or the window had to be closed.

It is not hard to make spiritual application of that situation. When Cain became angry at his brother Abel because Abel’s sacrifice was more pleasing to God, the Lord warned Cain to improve his attitude. He essentially told him, “If you simply do well (i.e., do what is right) you will have no reason to be angry.” But Cain did not choose to learn that lesson. Instead he nursed his grudge and when opportunity arose he killed his brother.

It is far too easy for us to open windows or doors to temptation and sin. Wherever we are, evil is not far away. When we leave ourselves unguarded, they will enter in and cause us much harm. We must learn to recognize those openings and learn to close them, keeping unwanted invaders away.

Cain’s “open door” was jealousy. Abel received a commendation which Cain wanted for himself and the older brother would not accept that his was the fault. Jealousy and envy are powerful emotions that cause much harm. We are told in the New Testament that it was envy that caused the leaders of the Jews to hand Jesus over to Pilate and ask for his execution (Matthew 27:18).

Anger is another ready opportunity for sin to gain entrance. Paul cautioned, “Be angry and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath, nor give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:26-27). Anger causes us to act rashly without due consideration,

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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.

**Food Pantry** item - green beans.

**Scripture and songs** tonight with a fellowship meal following. If you are visiting with us you would be our honored guest to stay and enjoy a period of fellowship.

**Bear Stuffing** Tuesday night.

**Ladies Devotional** at Southern Magnolia Thursday.

*Trays for Sept*

**Rada Malone**

*An excellent wife is a crown to her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones. Proverbs 12:4*

## **Getting past man's failures to understand God's promises**

Trust issues are understandable in a sinful world.

We're accustomed to being let down. The pain resonates through the years and it can affect our entire perspective on the world.

When our scars are pronounced, we become highly sensitive to distrust and we begin to expect it before it happens.

People fail us. They make promises, then they don't keep their word. We don't know who to trust when so many betray us.

Spiritually, that can be dangerous. Satan can use this to pull us away from God so we must be careful. He attacks us when we're vulnerable.

God doesn't think like we do (Isaiah 55:8-9) so we can't judge him by human standards. It doesn't matter how many people have let us down, God never will. He's incapable of lying (Titus 1:2).

*"God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19).*

Great is God's faithfulness (Lamentation 3:23). We must be "fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform" (Romans 4:21).

Faith demands that we follow him for who he is, not who we are (Hebrews 11:6). We have to contextualize our distrust and not apply it to God because he doesn't deserve it.

He will never let us down. Never.

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# The Value of the Bible

## It is Rich in Spiritual Nourishment

- ◆ It gives milk for spiritual infants. (1 Peter 2:2)
- ◆ It gives solid food for the mature. (Hebrews 5:12-14)
- ◆ It gives living water for the thirsty. (John 7:37-38)
- ◆ It lays before us the bread of life for the hungry. (John 6:51)

## It has a Message for every Mood

- ◆ Courage for the discouraged. (Joshua 1:9)
- ◆ Strength for the weak. (2 Corinthians 12:10)
- ◆ Comfort for the sorrowful. (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- ◆ Hope for those in despair. (Romans 5:3-5; 8:22-25)
- ◆ Life for the dying. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)
- ◆ More joy for the joyful. (1 Peter 4:13)
- ◆ Thankfulness for the blessed. (Ephesians 5:19-20)

## It Supplies every Need

- ◆ As a religious being, it teaches man how to worship. (John 4:24)
- ◆ As a sinful being, it teaches man how to receive forgiveness. (Ephesians 1:7; 1 John 1:7-9)
- ◆ As a suffering being, it teaches man to reach for the great Physician. (Matthew 9:12-13; Luke 4:18)
- ◆ As an intelligent being, it instructs man in the ways of righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Proverbs 23:12)

## No other book has the value of the Bible

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and often provokes harmful words and actions.

Greed may be the widest of all openings to sin. Paul warned, "But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare," and then explained, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Timothy 6:9-10). The lust of the eyes seduced Eve and it has tempted vast numbers of weak humans ever since.

Satan is wise and clever, and always seeks to entrap us and cause our destruction. We must beware of his tricks, watching always for every weakness and seeking to strengthen ourselves against him.

Sin will always lie at the door waiting for us. Let us seek to do well, and avoid its peril.

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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	Faye Johnson
Phillip Pharr	Ellie Sander
Barbara Blackman	Stephanie Moore
Jeanie Ivy	Larry Sartain
Dorsa Sparks	Jennifer Steger
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Mike Braden	Allison Heitzman
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
Sammy Green	Brenda Leatherwood
Charlotte Lard	David James
Janice Moody	Flora Wanner
Mary Greene	



### September Birthdays

*Josiah Cozort 9/1*

*Adam Cozort 9/5*

*Janey Dees 9/20*

*Carol Taylor 9/30*

### September Anniversaries

*Jeffrey & LaSha 9/23*

### Sympathy

*Ezell Family*  
*Yarbourough Family*