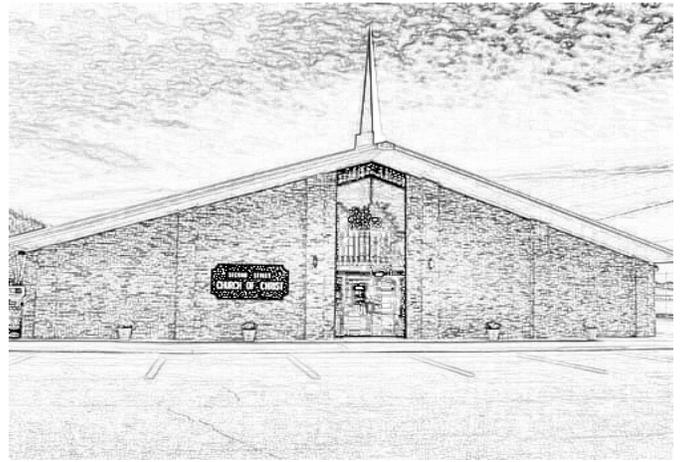


# Second Street Church of Christ



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## Leaders must be among the people

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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***

We can be touched by the lives and words of those we've never met. They can enhance our lives by their wisdom, art or example.

Yet, to truly be moved by them, we would need to see them in quiet moments and in the natural course of life. Leadership must be personal and present.

NBA stars will be heroes to young basketball players. However, they will never have the impact that the coach sweating alongside of them will have.

“Go to the people. Live with them. Learn from them. Love them. Start with what they know. Build with what they have. But with the best leaders, when the work is done, the task accomplished, the people will say ‘We have done this ourselves’ (Lao Tzu).

Jesus was constantly among the people.

They saw, felt and heard him in a variety of situations. How he conducted himself changed everything (Mark 12:37). By contrast, the leadership of the Jews never truly saw Jesus for who he was.

Elders in the Lord's Church are compared to shepherds who must be among the flock (Acts 20:28-29). The people must have examples so they can see how the spiritually mature handle the challenges of life.

Godly leaders never flaunt themselves or act condescending toward the people. They must be governed by humility (James 4:10), as they teach and lead people to Jesus.

The qualifications of elders are steeped in presence.

They are told to “take care of the church of God” (1 Timothy 3:5, NKJV). In Luke 10:34, taking “care” of the injured man meant that the Samaritan washed, bandaged and soothed the patient.

Godly leaders will be personally involved in the lives of the saints, touching them deeply and allowing Jesus to truly shine in their souls.

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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.

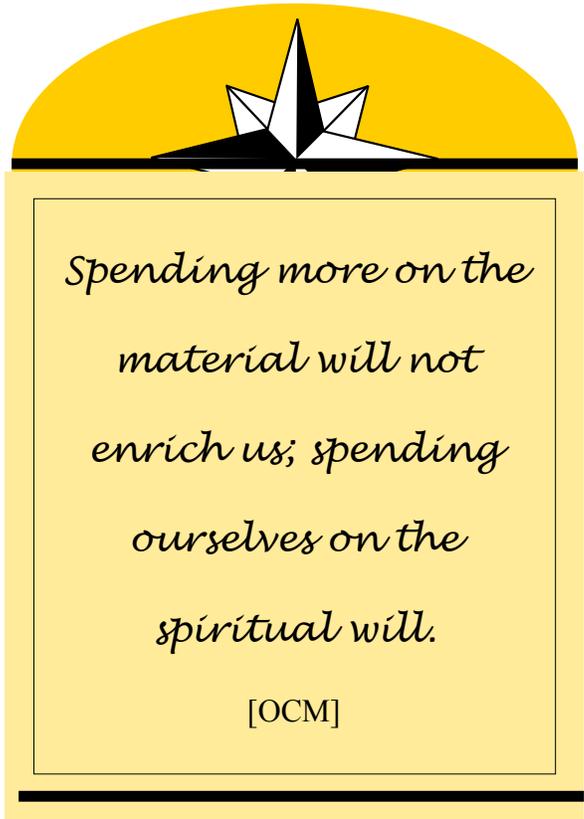
**The sign-up sheet** to host a singing and fellowship night is posted on the board in the foyer.

**Food Pantry item** - cereal or instant oatmeal.

**Thanksgiving Dinner** - It has been decided to postpone the dinner for a week or 2 after Thanksgiving.

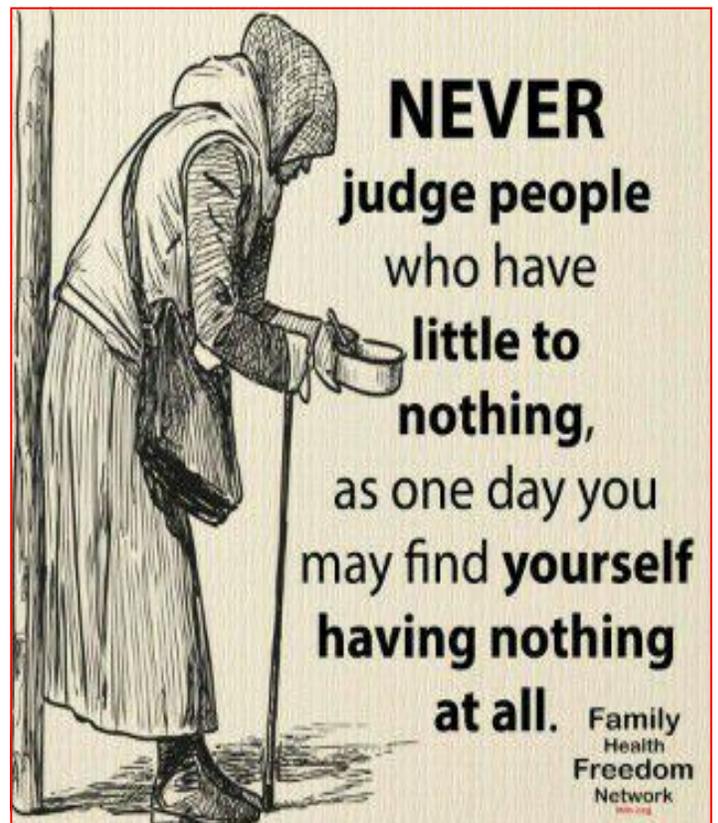
**Clothing Drive Continues** - See Debra Wren if you have any clothes to bring.

**Services for Ms. Ann** - Visitation 6 - 9 pm here at the building. Services Monday at 1 pm at the building.



When I come to the end of the road  
And the sun has set for me,  
I want no rites in a gloom filled room  
Why cry for a soul set free!  
Miss me a little, but not for long,  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love we once shared,  
Miss me, but let me go!  
For this a journey we all must take,  
And each must go alone;  
It's all a part of the master's plan  
A step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart  
Go to the friends we know,  
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds,  
Miss me, but let me go.  
**Miss Me, But Let Me Go**

**By Janice M. Fair-Salters**



## Being an example

“We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 ESV).

Wouldn't it have been great to receive a letter from the apostle Paul? And wouldn't it have been wonderful to read that he constantly was mentioning us in his prayers, remembering our faith, hope and love and how these were evident in our lives. This was a privilege that the Christian in Thessalonica had – they received not one but two letters from Paul.

They knew Paul, although it seems to have been a fairly brief acquaintance. Paul and Silas arrived in Thessalonica after leaving Philippi (Acts 17:1). In Philippi they had been beaten with rods before being thrown into the inner prison (Acts 16:22-24). They undoubtedly were tired and sore when they arrived in Thessalonica, but they immediately began to proclaim the good news of Jesus in the Jewish synagogue.

For three weeks Paul was able to teach about the Messiah at the Sabbath meeting, conclusively showing from the Old Testament that Jesus was the promised Messiah. “And some of them were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a great many of the devout Greeks and not a few of the leading women” (Acts 17:4 ESV).

But there was another result, as well. “But the Jews were jealous, and taking some wicked men of the rabble, they formed a mob, set the city in an uproar, and attacked the house of Jason, seeking to bring them out to the crowd...And when they had taken money as security from Jason and the rest, they let them go. The brothers immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea...” (Acts 17:5-10 ESV). Paul and Silas were only able to stay in Thessalonica for a few weeks but they left behind what seems to be a strong, dedicated, growing group of Christians.

Sometimes we worry about the reaction new Christians will have when there is opposition. The things that happened to Paul and Silas favorably impressed these new Christians. Paul wrote to them: “And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia” (1 Thessalonians 1:6-7 ESV).

Far from discouraging these Christians, this encouraged them to do what Paul was doing, which also brought them trouble but did not dampen their joy. In this way they became an example to Christians throughout the area. Undoubtedly, part of this example was in their faithfulness despite their persecution. But there is more.

“For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything” (1 Thessalonians 1:8 ESV). They followed in the steps of Paul by making sure the word of the Lord was taught throughout the area where they lived. They were so well known for this that Paul did not need to commend them to others – their lives already had!

Sometimes we get discouraged by what goes on around us and how people treat us. Sometimes we may be tempted to give up. When this happens, look to the Christians in Thessalonica – despite the hardships they went through, they were an example to everyone of faithfulness, endurance, and declaring God's word. May that also be said of us!

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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	Henry Vandagriff
Joey Pierce	Faye Johnson
Phillip Pharr	Ellie Sander
Barbara Blackman	Stephanie Moore
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
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	Jimmy Searcy
Carolyn Holcomb	Mark Vandagriff
Steve Harris	Oscar Vandagriff
Dianne Vandagriff	Lynn Sander
Manzy Caldwell	



### November Birthdays

*Wil Williams 11/5*

*Abel Cozort 11/15*

*Graydon Tidwell 11/16*

*Doris Johnson 11/18*

### November Anniversaries

*Joey & Sherry 11/29*

*Sympathy*

*Martin family*