

Second Street Church of Christ



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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*

Allow God to Build Your Home

Long ago, Solomon wrote, "Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain" (Ps. 127:1a). One implication of this observation is that God desires to be the foundation of our families. Another implication is that every family belongs to one of two groups. The first group says, "Lord, we invite you to build our marriage, and we implore you to guide us in the raising of our children." The second group says, "Lord, we want to do this our way. We believe that we have this figured out, and we don't want you to have any part in building our home." According to God, those families in the latter group "labor in vain." The word "vain" refers to that which is empty, worthless, ineffective, unproductive, futile, and unsuccessful. Eventually, these families are going to discover that what they are building cannot produce what God can produce.

Many couples today put far more time and effort into planning their wedding day than they do in building a marriage that will last. Just because two people walk down the aisle and are pronounced husband and wife does not mean that they know how to build a home. One too many families have fallen apart because God was not their builder. Whereas many couples choose divorce, God desires permanence and commitment: "Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24; Mal. 2:16; Mark 10:2-12; Eph. 5:31). Men and women should go into marriage with the idea that it is something that they may not get out of alive. Whereas many families exhibit strife, quarreling, abuse, and neglect, God desires deference, compassion, kindness, gentleness, and humility (Eph. 5:22-33; cf. Gal. 5:16-24; Phil. 2:3-4). Whereas many parents and children are neglecting their respective roles and responsibilities, God desires not only for parents to instruct and discipline their children (Eph. 6:4), but also for children to obey and honor their parents (Eph. 6:1-2; Col. 3:20).

God wants to be involved in the building of your home, but He cannot be involved if you will not allow Him. Do you realize that on your own you do not have enough wisdom to build a home that will not just survive, but thrive? God says, "Let me be the one who helps you. Invite me into your home. I know what I am doing. I am fully aware of its design, and I am fully aware of its purpose, because I am the One who created you, and I am the one who created family. If you will listen to me, I will help you build a home where love, joy, peace, contentment, and satisfaction reign."

Jacob Evans

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of your home....*

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.

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

Scripture and Song and fellowship meal next Sunday night.



*Your success and happiness lies
in you. Resolve to keep happy,
and your joy and you shall form
an invincible host against
difficulties."*

Helen Keller

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway; it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up. Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!

MORAL

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a steppingstone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up! Shake it off and take a step up.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred - Forgive.
2. Free your mind from worries - Most never happens.
3. Live simply and appreciate what you have.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less from people but more from yourself.

Bible Basics Bullets: GENESIS

Date of Writing: circa 1750 B.C.

Author: Moses

Theme: Beginnings

Original Audience: Israel primarily, but any who wanted to know about God, origins, and Israel.

Chapters	Contents
<u>Genesis 1-2</u>	<u>Creation of the world</u>
<u>Genesis 3</u>	<u>Eve and Adam commit the first sin</u>
<u>Genesis 4</u>	<u>Cain and Abel worship; Cain slays Abel</u>
<u>Genesis 5-10</u>	<u>The Flood; Noah and the ark</u>
<u>Genesis 11</u>	<u>The tower of Babel</u>
<u>Genesis 12</u>	<u>God calls Abraham into Canaan.</u>
<u>Genesis 13-14</u>	<u>Abraham and Lot separate; Abraham rescues Lot</u>
<u>Genesis 15</u>	<u>God's covenant with Abraham</u>
<u>Genesis 16</u>	<u>Sarai and Hagar; the birth of Ishmael</u>
<u>Genesis 17-18</u>	<u>Circumcision and the promise of Isaac's birth; Abraham intercedes for Sodom</u>
<u>Genesis 19</u>	<u>God destroys Sodom and rescues Lot.</u>
<u>Genesis 20-21</u>	<u>Abraham's dealings with his family; Hagar and Ishmael</u>
<u>Genesis 22</u>	<u>Abraham offers Isaac; God renews promises to Abraham</u>
<u>Genesis 23</u>	<u>Sarah's death and burial</u>
<u>Genesis 24</u>	<u>Isaac and Rebekah</u>
<u>Genesis 25</u>	<u>Abraham's death; Esau sells his birthright</u>
<u>Genesis 26</u>	<u>Isaac deceives Abimelech, king of the Philistines.</u>
<u>Genesis 27</u>	<u>Rebekah and Jacob deceive Isaac; Jacob takes Esau's blessing and flees to Haran</u>
<u>Genesis 28-30</u>	<u>Jacob marries Leah and Rachel while working for Laban.</u>
<u>Genesis 31</u>	<u>Jacob flees from Laban.</u>
<u>Genesis 32-33</u>	<u>Jacob reunites with Esau.</u>
<u>Genesis 34</u>	<u>Dinah is defiled.</u>
<u>Genesis 35</u>	<u>God blesses Jacob; Rachel and Isaac die.</u>
<u>Genesis 36</u>	<u>The Edomites</u>
<u>Genesis 37-47</u>	<u>Joseph is sold into slavery and saves Egypt.</u>
<u>Genesis 38</u>	<u>Judah and Tamar</u>
<u>Genesis 48-50</u>	<u>Jacob blesses his descendants; Jacob and Joseph die.</u>

Key Verses:

Genesis 1:1. In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 3:15. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.

Genesis 6:8. But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Genesis 12:2-3. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Genesis 22:12. He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me

Genesis 39:9. He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?

Practical Lessons:

- ◆ God is the sovereign Creator. He is a covenant-making God Who always keeps His promises.
- ◆ Sin is man's great problem, and God began working out the solution in the beginning.
- ◆ Holy living (including prayer, ethical behavior, and sacrifice) results in great blessings.
- ◆ Even if we do not understand why God requires some action, we must trust and obey.

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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

Prayer List

Paula Wanner	Dianne Vandagriff
Joey Pierce	Faye Johnson
Phillip Pharr	Elizabeth Posey
Stephanie Moore	Fred Webb
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Jennifer Steger	Carolyn Holcomb
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Mike Braden	Lynn Sander
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
Sammy Green	Brenda Leatherwood
Charlotte Lard	David James
Jimmy Searcy	Aletha Ray



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.



January Birthdays

Bonnie Holcomb 1/1

Debra Searcy 1/10

Doris Vandagriff 1/17

January Anniversaries

Debra & Jerry 1/2

Sympathy