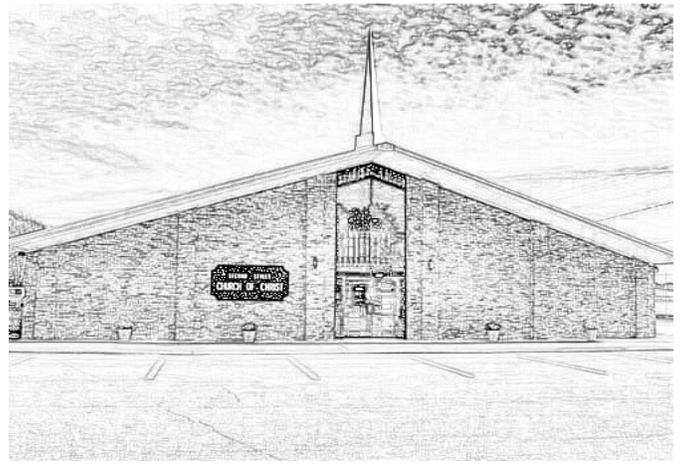


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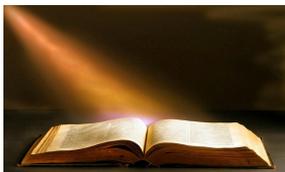
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SERVICE TIMES

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***

Give our best

There is a principle found throughout the Bible concerning our giving to the Lord. The principle is very simple: you must give your best. When it came to animals that were sacrificed, here are the instructions God gave the Israelites.

“You shall not offer anything that has a blemish, for it will not be acceptable for you. And when anyone offers a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD to fulfill a vow or as a freewill offering from the herd or from the flock, to be accepted it must be perfect; there shall be no blemish in it. Animals blind or disabled or mutilated or having a discharge or an itch or scabs you shall not offer to the Lord or give them to the Lord as a food offering on the altar” (Leviticus 22:20-22 ESV).

The animals that were sacrificed, whether bulls, sheep or goats (Leviticus 22:19) had to be perfect and therefore free from any defects. God even specified that the animals couldn't be blind, disabled, mutilated, have sores, or any other problems (see Leviticus 22:23-25). Why did God have to go into such great detail over a simple command?

God, obviously, knew what people are like. If you had a diseased or defective animal, it was of no value to you. What do we do with it? We will give it to God because there is no profit in it for us. Later in Israel's history, this is exactly what they were doing!

“When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts” (Malachi 1:8 ESV).

God does not accept what is worthless from his people. Even the word “sacrifice” implies that this has cost us something. In English, this word has as one of its meanings “an act of giving up something valued for the sake of something else regarded as more important or worthy” (Oxford Dictionary of English). If we are making a sacrifice there is a price involved.

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Announcements

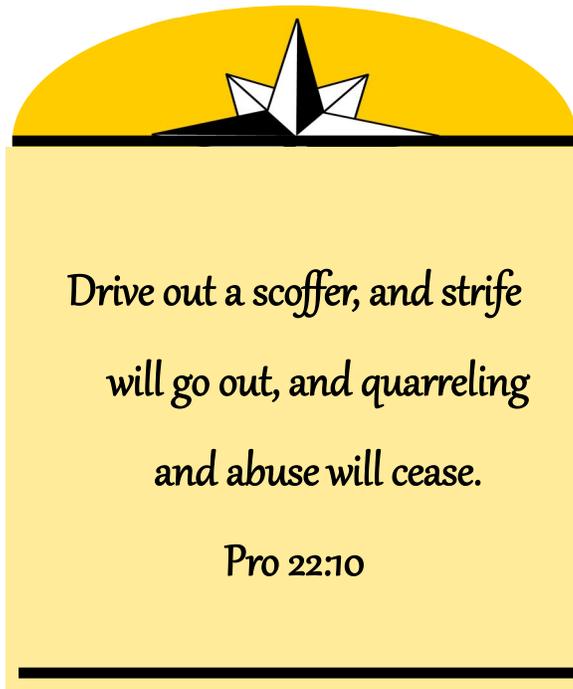
Welcome Visitors!! You are our honored guest, and we are glad you came our way! We invite you back to our evening services at 5:00 and Wednesday Bible study at 7:00 pm.

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

BE THINKING about helping out with teaching a class in 2017. The time is drawing near to change out teachers. When several people help out, it helps ease the task for all the teachers.

Ladies Fund is due to Rajama.

Monthly Singing hosted by Jeffrey & LaSha Feb 28 at 6:00pm at Higginbottom Family Resturant in Dennis.



*Drive out a scoffer, and strife
will go out, and quarreling
and abuse will cease.*

Pro 22:10

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But what about Christians today? Although we are not commanded to kill animals in our worship of God, there are sacrifices we are called to make.

The first thing that would come to most of our minds is our monetary giving on Sunday. Although in 1 Corinthians 16 and 2 Corinthians 8-9 Paul is writing about a specific collection for famine relief in Jerusalem, we do find principles concerning giving.

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7 ESV).

Our monetary giving is to be a free-will offering and it is to be given cheerfully. But notice as well that there is to be thought behind it – we must give as we have planned in our heart. The idea we find is not to give our leftovers, but to plan what we can give. This would apply to all areas of our giving: our time, our possessions, our lives.

God has so richly blessed us. But our blessings are to be used to help others. “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV).

Don’t give the leftovers from our lives. Plan to give the very best in all that we do. In this way, we give glory to God.

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Fake news and God's truth

In politics, the phrase “fake news” is the new insult of choice. It's a flame scorching everything it touches. While the phrase is relatively new, propaganda is as old as time.

“It is a melancholy truth, that a suppression of the press could not more compleatly [sic] deprive the nation of its benefits, than is done by its abandoned prostitution to falsehood. Nothing can now be believed which is seen in a newspaper. Truth itself becomes suspicious by being put into that polluted vehicle.” (Thomas Jefferson, 1807, in a letter to John Norvell)./1

Regardless of the derivation of the phrase, it was practically invisible until the election turned it into a firebrand./2

Quickly it lost all legitimacy and became whatever we needed it to be in the moment.

An ad hominem attack is defined by dictionary.com as, “(an argument or reaction) directed against a person rather than the position they are maintaining.”

You discredit the speaker and the message is supposedly illegitimate.

In John 7:10-15, the Jewish leaders used this method to discredit Jesus because he didn't attend their Rabbinical schools. Truth, they believed, was the exclusive property of their social class.

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Truth, however, exists wherever it matches with truth. Those we love can speak error and our enemies can proclaim truth. But only God has pure, absolute truth (John 16:13).

Biblically, anything that someone says that matches with God's Word is true, regardless of whether we like the speaker or writer.

Lies sold as truth have existed as long as humanity has existed (Genesis 3-4). We must value truth above all, because God loathes lying (Revelation 21:8).

Speaking truth, however, doesn't make us righteous unless we've had our sins washed in the blood of the lamb (Acts 22:16; Romans 6:3-4), and we're walking in the light (1 John 1:7).

Fake news will continue to be batted about until a new phrase replaces it and it fades into history. Subjective truth is a hallmark of politics.

What should concern us is fake doctrine because it kills eternally (1 John 4:1; Galatians 1:8-10). God hates every false way and so must we (Psalm 119:104,128).

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1/ http://www.cjr.org/special_report/fake_news_history.php

2/ <https://www.google.com/trends/explore?q=%22fake%20news%22>

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

Prayer List

Paula Wanner	Dianne Vandagriff
Faye Johnson	Cassie Tierce
Phillip Pharr	Elizabeth Posey
Stephanie Moore	Fred Webb
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Jennifer Steger	Carolyn Holcomb
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Lynn Sander	Brenda Leatherwood
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
Debra Brewer	David James
Jimmy Searcy	Aletha Ray
Betty Williams	Ellie Sander



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