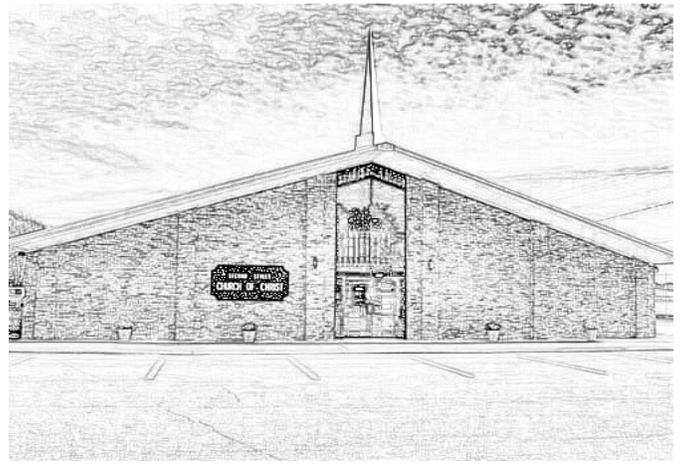


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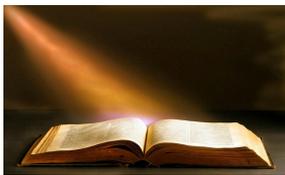
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SERVICE TIMES

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*

Sell your soul to the devil?

“**T**he quickest way to sell your soul to the devil,” a Wicca website explains, “is to join the church of Satan.” As the teenagers sometimes say, “well, duh!”

This organization, established in 1966, “teaches members to take pride in having the strength and dedication to implement the tools of Satan and the wisdom to recognize the Unseen in our society.” It goes on, “You don’t need to give some other organization your hard-earned money to sell your soul ... understand that there is no such thing as a soul.”

Reading this is suck-your-breath-in scary. The chilly, matter-of-fact way they offer their wares makes it even more so.

But the sad fact is that humans have been selling their soul to the devil for millennia, not since 1966! In fact, the number of people who have chosen to serve Satan rather than God is the overwhelming majority of humanity. No pentagram or tarot needed; just a selfish will and an attitude of rebellion against God’s ways!

But if a trade is being made, please be on alert that it is a very poor trade indeed. You are selling your soul for a price that is stunningly below market!

Jesus asks it this way: “For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?” (Matthew 16:26).

A soul is by far the most precious thing on earth. The gold mines of Johannesburg can’t compare with it, the wealth of Bill and Melinda doesn’t come close. Lloyds of London can’t insure it – there’s just not enough equity in the galaxy. The unborn and the senior citizen, princes, presidents and just folks, we are all, individually, the most precious thing is existence.

As J.B. Phillips tellingly translates, “What would a man offer to buy back his soul if he lost it?”

What indeed.

Yes, there is such a thing as a soul; it is eternal; but note this: Satan doesn’t buy; he takes.

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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.

Ladies Fund is due to Rajama.

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

Ladies Day Tilden Church of Christ March 4 9:00am. Speaker Roslyn May Miller.

“*I* believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”
— C.S. Lewis

**Spring
FORWARD**

March 12



A Real Benefit Package

People will often change jobs for better benefits. More paid health insurance coverage is a major benefit people seek. A liberal retirement plan with earlier investment is also a premium job seekers consider.

For a moment, let's consider a different source of benefits from someone who loves you very dearly. It is your heavenly Father. Sometimes we don't realize his benefits because we don't think about them very much. How wrong we are!

God's benefits are detailed for us in Psalm 103. The Psalm begins by telling us we should not forget any of his benefits, and then it lists them.

In Psalm 103:1-5, the writer tells us God pardons our iniquities, heals our (spiritual) diseases, redeems our life from the pit, crowns us with lovingkindness and compassion, and renews our lives satisfying us with good things.

He continues in verses 6-18 by recounting some additional things God has done for us. God has made his ways known (verse seven). The Lord has not left us in the dark, but has given us the light of his word (Psalm 119:105, 130). Our God is compassionate (verse eight), slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. "He has not dealt with us according to our sins," the Psalmist writes in verse 10. He doesn't automatically impose the penalty of death even though we transgress his word. Instead, he is like a father to us (verses 13-18) because he knows we are made of dust.

When we remember all these benefits, we should be motivated by love to honor and obey God's word. He is king (verses 19-20). We should serve and praise him every day we live (verses 21-22).

*John Henson
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Bulletin Digest

The need to remember

“**A**nd the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ‘Let the people of Israel keep the Passover at its appointed time. On the fourteenth day of this month, at twilight, you shall keep it at its appointed time; according to all its statutes and all its rules you shall keep it.’ So Moses told the people of Israel that they should keep the Passover. And they kept the Passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at twilight, in the wilderness of Sinai; according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the people of Israel did” (Numbers 9:1-5 ESV).

God did not want the Israelites to forget what had happened to free them from Egyptian slavery. He gave them an anniversary to observe each year called “Passover.” This was to remind them that God had “passed over” their houses and that they had been freed from slavery that night.

You might think that there would be no way the Israelites could ever forget such a momentous event. Obviously, the Passover observance would have great meaning for those who lived through it. And it would even have a special meaning for their children and perhaps their grandchildren who might not have been in Egypt but lived in the wilderness for forty years or helped to conquer the Promised Land. But what about their descendants in 200 years? or 500 years? or 1000 years?

When we don't come together to remember Jesus, we find that our faith begins to slip.

If you are familiar with the history of the nation of Israel, you will know that they did forget the Passover. They even lost the book of the Law, which had the instructions about what they were to do and how they were to live! It was under King Josiah that the book was found and they learned what they hadn't been doing. They then set about to restore the Passover. “For no such Passover had been kept since the days of the judges who judged Israel, or during all the days of the kings of Israel or of the kings of Judah” (2 Kings 23:22).

Perhaps we can begin to see why God has given us a weekly time to remember what he did for us through Jesus' death on the cross. Isn't it interesting that Jesus took the unleavened bread and the grape juice that they were using to remember the Passover on his last night with his disciples and gave them a new significance?

“The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.’ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26).

We find from Acts 20:7 that the Christians came together on the first day of the week to “break bread” – to remember Jesus' death. It is important for us to remember the price that was paid for our sins. When we don't come together to remember Jesus, we find that our faith begins to slip. We need this weekly reminder of how terrible sin is and what a great price had to be paid so that our sins could be forgiven. Remembering Jesus should give us the strength and resolve to keep on living our lives for him.

“You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also...Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel...” (2 Timothy 2:1-8 ESV)

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 of 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	Dianne Vandagriff
Faye Johnson	Cassie Tierce
Phillip Pharr	Elizabeth Posey
Stephanie Moore	Fred Webb
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Carolyn Holcomb	Ellie Sander
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Lynn Sander	Brenda Leatherwood
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
Debra Brewer	David James
Jimmy Searcy	Aletha Ray
Tim Thomas	Margie Pharr
Lena Hammett	Wayne Thomason
Cindy Williams	



February Birthdays

Edna 2/3
Johnathan 2/7
Alan 2/11
Wallace 2/11
Larry 2/16
Wendell 2/19

February Anniversaries

Jim & Faye 2/28

Sympathy