

# Second Street Church of Christ



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## MINISTER

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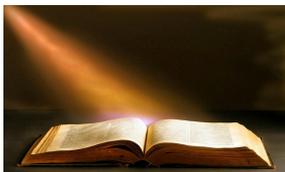
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## SERVICE TIMES

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***

## Small Things — Or Are They Small?

*We* must not despise “the day of small things” (Zech 4: 10). The flame emerging from a match when it is struck is little, but “behold, how much wood is kindled by how small a fire!” (James 3:5). “A cup of cold water only” is a small gift, but Jesus promised that the donor “shall not lose his reward” (Matt 10:42).

A church member noticed in the bulletin the name of someone who had place membership. She obtained a “welcome” card and mailed it to the newcomer. A small thing—or was it small? “Greet the friends by name” (3 John 14). “Be tenderly affectionate to one another in brotherly love” (Romans 12:10).

Someone drove a considerable distance out of the way to pick up a child who could not have come to Bible School alone. What was in the heart of that “someone”? How much is a child worth?

According to Jesus, to cause a child to stumble is worse than drowning oneself with a rock tied to his neck (Matthew 18:6). If so, how much good has been done when one helps a child?

*“behold, how much  
wood is kindled by how  
small a fire!”  
(James 3:5)*

Someone telephoned that she has been ill three weeks, and would it be safe to mail in her contribution? Is it a small matter with the Lord that we carry out the “purpose” that we made to give, perhaps early in the year? The Holy Spirit told some Christians that, just as there was a desire and a purpose to give, “Now complete the doing” (2 Cor. 8:11-12).

*Hugo McCord  
December 16, 1973  
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Bulletin Digest*

## 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.

**Baby shower** Tuesday April 4th, 6:00pm for Jeffrey & Lasha at Belmont activities building.

**Bear Stuffing** Tuesday April 11th.



### Who's Dumb?

Birds build their nests and rear their young, and so far as is known no bird ever tried to build more nests than its neighbor. No fox ever fretted because he had only one den; no squirrel ever died of anxiety because he had not laid up enough nuts for two or three winters ahead; and no dog ever lost sleep because he did not have sufficient bones buried in the ground for his declining years. We call them dumb?

### Why Did They Leave The Church?

Flavil Yeakley, Jr. wrote a book entitled "Why They Left: Listening to Those Who Have Left Churches of Christ." Yeakley does a good job compiling his findings. He digs deep into various reasons as to why people have left the church literally and figuratively. He explores doctrinal differences, neglect, instrumental music issues, the role of women, divorce-marriage-remarriage along with a host of other reasons why people leave the Lord's church.

While the reasons listed in Yeakley's book are centered on people refusing to change their life and be in a right relationship with God, many of the reasons are founded in poor relationships and the inability of the church to communicate with those on the "fringe." Understanding who we are and how we treat each other may help reverse this trend.

We are a common family. First Timothy 3:15 says, "But if I am delayed, I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth." We should expect harsh words and mistreatment from the world but not from each other. We are a family!

We are partners in the work of Christ. Philippians 1:5 says, "For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now." Paul acknowledges the teamwork that exists between him and those at Philippi from day one. We too, are on the same team with the same mission.

We are fused together by the Gospel. First Corinthians 3:9 says, "For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building." We are knitted together as one chord and not frayed like loose ends.

May we do our best to keep from having to ask, "Why did they leave the Church?"

*Allen Jones  
Glasgow, KY  
Bulletin Digest*

## Fashion Police

A few weeks ago my wife and I were preparing to go out for the evening and as she came into the room I asked, “Are you wearing that?” Her quick witted sarcastic response to my question was, “Who are you, the Fashion Police?”

Before we go any further I want to clarify that there was nothing inappropriate about what my wife was wearing, I was merely questioning the color combination. However her question did get me to thinking how we as husbands and fathers do have and should acknowledge and take responsibility to “police the fashions of our family.”

Fashion is commonly defined as a current trend of popularity. Most often we think of “fashion” in reference to items such as clothing, footwear, hair styles, make-up and accessories. As Christians we want to always dress appropriately, keeping in mind what is popular or fashionable is not always appropriate in professing examples of modesty and purity in our lives. Fathers/Husbands we must be aware that the clothing we wear, hair styles, make-up, jewelry and others personal accessories have an effect in our family’s attitudes and in the image they (we) portray to others.

*Fathers/Husbands you must lead your families in ways that are fashioned (planned and made) according to God’s will*

Fashion can also refer to the places we go as well as the activities we are involved in. There are obvious places we would not allow our families to go. However we must use caution in allowing our families to go to seemingly harmless popular places such as theaters, parties, concerts and even some school sponsored events. We must be aware that many activities, though popular or fashionable, are also inappropriate for Christians to be involved. We must never compromise what is right for the sake of being fashionable or popular.

Let’s consider Joshua’s question to the men of Israel and His example of leadership in choosing what is best/right for his family. “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

Fathers/Husbands you must lead your families in ways that are fashioned (planned and made) according to God’s will and not according to what is fashionable (currently popular and acceptable) to the world. God has given you the responsibility to lead your family, to love your wife and children, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. So the next time someone asks you, “Who are you, the Fashion Police?” proudly stand up and say “YES I AM”

*Scott Jacques  
West Plains, MO  
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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	Dianne Vandagriff
Faye Johnson	Cassie Tierce
Phillip Pharr	Elizabeth Posey
Stephanie Moore	Virginia Higginbottom
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Carolyn Holcomb	Ellie Sander
Lou Dodson	Shane Stevens
Lynn Sander	Brenda Leatherwood
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
David James	Joel Robbins
Jimmy Searcy	Wayne Thomason
Tim Thomas	Margie Pharr
Lena Hammett	Alton Cleghorn
Susan Vandagriff	



### April Birthdays

*Amber Johnson 4/21*

### April Anniversaries

*James & Bonnie 4/15*

### Sympathy

*Brewer Family*