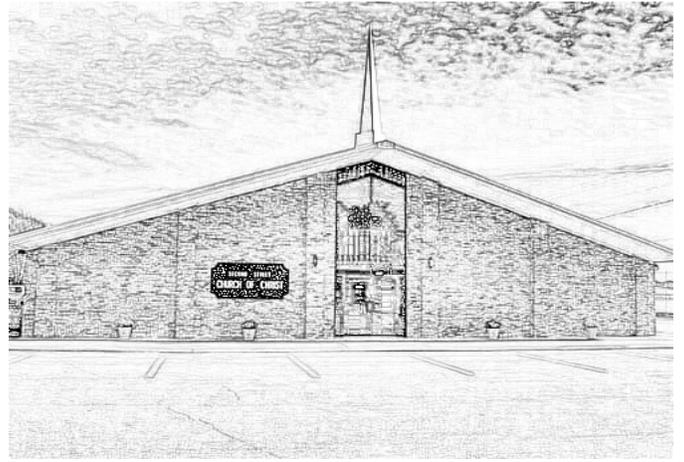


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Rest for your souls

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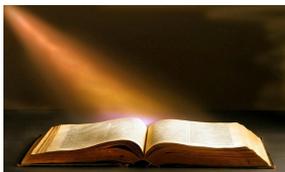
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SERVICE TIMES

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*

Weekends, holidays, vacation time — we want rest! Today we have more time off than people of any age. But some still think that the time they have for rest is little for so much work and responsibility.

Our problem is that the rest we need is for the soul.

In the greater context of chapters 11-12 of Matthew's gospel, Jesus condemns the Jews for not accepting God's emissaries (John the Immerser and himself) and for creating and imposing upon others their religious rules. To those willing to accept it, Jesus offers rest for the soul, with these conditions:

1. Accepting the simplicity of God's wisdom, Matthew 11.25-26

The scholars are know-nothings. The wise of this world need to wise up. The learned love theories and theologies. They engage in speculation and fake news. The march for science proclaims the ignorance of the human race. Not only do they not know God's revelation, but it has been hidden from them. They cannot find it. All their turnings and twistings only serve to conceal that rest for the soul that God offers.

*We must throw aside
what weighs us down.*

It's the little ones, the humble, who accept God's revelation. They know that they of themselves know nothing. They go to God for guidance. They are receptive to divine enlightenment. Rest comes from accepting the simple teaching revealed by the Father.

2. Submitting to the exclusiveness of Jesus' revelation, Matthew 11.27.

Everything good that God has for man has been delivered into Jesus' hands. Only Jesus can give rest for the soul, because it comes with all the things received from

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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.

Ron Clayton will be speaking tonight.

Bear Stuffing May 9th.

Scripture and Song May 14th.

THE JOYFUL LIFE

*May the grace of Christ our Savior,
And the Father's boundless love
With the Holy Spirit's favor
Rest upon us from above.
Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord;
And possess in sweet communion
Joys which earth cannot afford.*

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the Father. Jesus is the exclusive distributor of rest.

We will receive rest only through obedience to Jesus as Lord — and not merely by mouthing his name. Jesus is the only way to God, John 14.6. In Christ is all God's fullness (salvation, blessing), Colossians 1.19; 2.9-10.

3. Exchanging our weights for Jesus' yoke, Matthew 11.28-30.

We must throw aside what weighs us down. Those weights may be sin, guilt, fear, worry, ambition, or any number of thoughts or things. This must be given up in order to take on Jesus' yoke. The shoulders that bear their own collection of burdens find no place for the yoke of Christ.

His yoke represents connection to himself, relationship with him, discipleship, submission to his authority. It also represents work. It means that God's work and the purpose we find in Christ serve as our rest.

How do we enter into this rest, into Christ, where all the things of God reside? By receiving God's revelation, by trusting in his promises, by giving up our own burdensome thoughts and habits, by diving into his death, burial, and resurrection, in the purifying water of obedience.

We rest when Christ is all. We rest when he abides in the heart. We rest when we learn from Jesus in his gentleness and humility of heart. We rest when we take on his yoke and give him the reins of our lives.

The day of rest can be today. Rest for the soul is for the taking, for the willing.

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Perceptive Quote On Addiction

In the classic French children's book, "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint-Exupery we find an illustration on addiction.

The book "tells the story of a little boy who leaves the safety of his own tiny planet to travel the universe, learning the vagaries of adult behavior through a series of extraordinary encounters."

On each planet, he discovers different people with moral failings. On one of them, a man was drinking alcohol. The boy inquires as to what the man was doing.

"Drinking," replied the drunkard, with a gloomy expression.

"Why are you drinking?" the little prince asked.

"To forget," replied the drunkard.

"To forget what?" inquired the little prince, who was already feeling sorry for him.

"To forget that I'm ashamed," confessed the drunkard, hanging his head.

"What are you ashamed of?" inquired the little prince, who wanted to help.

"Of drinking!" concluded the drunkard, withdrawing into silence for good. And the little prince went on his way, puzzled.

What hopelessness and misery.

Solomon's exposition on the disintegration found in alcohol is as powerful as any in existence (Proverbs 23:29-35). He ends the passage,

"They have struck me, but I was not hurt;

They have beaten me, but I did not feel it.

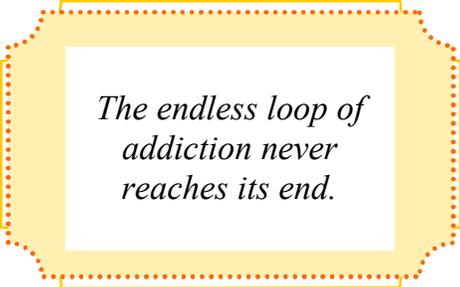
When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?" (Proverbs 23:35, NKJV).

The endless loop of addiction never reaches its end. It lies, rationalizes and empowers itself so that the victim loses all hope of escape. Why would we lose ourselves in that endless maze?

God offers us freedom and through Him we can be at our best (Matthew 11:28-30). There's no reason to be enslaved by Satan (Revelation 20:11-15).

Take the Lord's hand and be safe and liberated for all time (Romans 8:5-17).

Richard Mansel—The Fellowship Room



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reaches its end.*

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 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
Cassie Tierce	Kathy Alexander
Phillip Pharr	Susan Vandagriff
Stephanie Moore	Margie Pharr
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Carolyn Holcomb	Ellie Sander
Lou Dodson	Lynn Sander
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
David James	Joel Robbins
Jimmy Searcy	Wayne Thomason
Alton Cleghorn	Lily Robinson
Suzanne Vandagriff	
Brenda Leatherwood	



April Birthdays

Amber Johnson 4/21

April Anniversaries

James & Bonnie 4/15

Sympathy

Natasha Harris Family