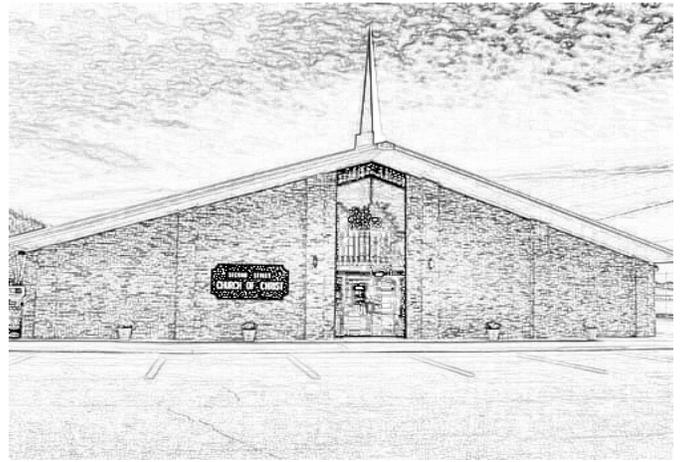


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SERVICE TIMES

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*

No Title Please

Some folks may view the Church of Christ as trying to be different just for the sake of being different. The reason for being different is that the Church of Christ is trying to follow the Bible. We even desire to follow the Bible by calling Bible things by Bible names.

There is not a clergy or a layman in the Lord's Church. Preachers are not to be put above their fellow Christians. Today many religions call their preacher "Reverend". Reverend is used in the King James Version in Psalm 111:9, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant forever: holy and reverend is his name." In most modern translations the word used is "Awesome" instead of "Reverend." Both these words carry the idea of someone who is exalted above others. Preacher in the New Testament were not distinguished in that way.

Pastor is another title given to many preachers in religion. Pastor is a word used in referring to the elders of the church. When we use the words as they are used in the New Testament then we will not refer to the preacher as "pastor". There are other words the New Testament uses to refer to the elders of the church but that is another study.

Father is a term used by some religions to refer to their preacher. Fellow Christians are considered equal in the New Testament. Jesus said in Matthew 23:9, "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven." fa-

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Church.*

Brother is a term which places all on an equal basis. Christians are to exalt the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Not men or women living or dead not angels. Worship only God!

*Vernon Curry
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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.

Daniel Freeman will be speaking to us this morning and tonight.

Bear Stuffing moved to May 16th.

Fellowship Meal Saturday May 13th at the building

Scripture and Song May 14th.

A Lesson For Life

*To look is one thing,
to see what you look at is another,
to understand what you see is a
third,
to learn from what you understand
is still something else,
but to ACT on what you learn is all
that really matters.*

A Caring Church

The title phrase is one commonly heard when describing particular congregations. But what does it mean to be a caring church? Is this church a caring church? Let's find out.

A Caring Church is a Sharing Church. A caring church is thankful Christ has shared with them and thus is willing to share with others (Hebrews 13:16; 2 Corinthians 9:13). A caring church shares with one another, both blessings and burdens (Romans 12:15; Galatians 6:2). A caring church shares the gospel with the lost and shares with those who spread the gospel (Philemon 6; Philippians 4:15).

A Caring Church is a Declaring Church. A caring church is one that declares Jesus as Lord and Savior (1 John 1:1-3; Romans 1:1-6). A caring church is one which declares the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27; 1 Thessalonians 2:4). A caring church is one that will declare praise to God in proper heart-felt worship (John 4:24; Hebrews 2:12).

A Caring Church is a Preparing Church. A caring church is one that prepares for eternity (1 Corinthians 15:23-24; Hebrews 11:16). A caring church is one that prepares its members to live pure, faithful, and active lives for Christ (2 Timothy 2:20-22; Ephesians 2:10). Heaven is a prepared place for prepared people and the caring church is preparing its members for heaven (John 14:1-3; Revelation 21:1-3).

A caring church cares for its members, cares for others, cares for what is right, and cares for God. As a result, a caring church will always be sharing, declaring, and preparing. Do you care enough to help keep this church a caring church?

*Edd Sterchi
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The purity of God's people

“A person of illegitimate birth may not enter the assembly of the Lord; to the tenth generation no one related to him may do so. An Ammonite or Moabite may not enter the assembly of the Lord; to the tenth generation none of their descendants shall ever do so...You must not hate an Edomite, for he is your relative; you must not hate an Egyptian, for you lived as a foreigner in his land. Children of the third generation born to them may enter the assembly of the Lord” (Deuteronomy 23:1-8 NET).

It seems strange to those of us living in the twenty-first century that there were people whom God would not accept. Some Bibles put a title over this section of Deuteronomy: “Those excluded from the assembly.” Others have something like: “Purity in public worship.” Why would God exclude anyone from assembling with his people to worship him?

There are two ideas that come from these verses. The first, as reflected in the first verse, is that God wants purity among his followers. Just as the animals that were offered in sacrifice had to be without blemish, so did people who came to worship him.

God still wants purity amongst his people, although not a physical perfection but a spiritual purity. “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived! The sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers, passive homosexual partners, practicing homosexuals, thieves, the greedy, drunkards, the verbally abusive, and swindlers will not inherit the kingdom of God. Some of you once lived this way. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). We are thankful that Jesus' blood now washes us and cleanses us from all sin and impurity so that we can be acceptable to God.

The second group that we find excluded from the assembly were those who actively worked against God and his people. The Ammonites and Moabites were excluded for ten generations. Those of Edom and Egypt were excluded to the third generation.

From the list in 1 Corinthians 6, we find there are still people who cannot come into God's kingdom. It is no longer due to national sins but due to personal sins. The advantage we have today is that if we give up the sinful lifestyle and cease working against God, we can be washed, sanctified and justified on the basis of Jesus. We don't have to wait for generations – Jesus' blood can save us now.

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of those who would
follow him.*

We can take encouragement from this statement that Paul wrote: “Some of you once lived this way. But...” (1 Corinthians 6:11). Some of the Christians in Corinth had been involved in some terrible sins. Don't you just love that three letter word “but”? But...they had changed. They had given up their life of sin, were cleansed of that sin when they were united with Jesus (Acts 22:16), and were now living as Christians.

God still requires purity of those who would follow him. But...he has now provided the way we can be cleansed of our sin through Jesus. Jesus died so that we could be a glorious people in God's service.

“Husbands, love your wives just as Messiah also loved His community and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, having cleansed her by immersion in the word. Messiah did this so that He might present to Himself His glorious community—not having stain or wrinkle or any such thing, but in order that she might be holy and blameless” (Ephesians 5:25-27 TLV).

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	Stacey Rives
Suzanne Vandagriff	James Bailey
Brenda Leatherwood	



May Birthdays

Rada Malone 5/4
Stephanie Harris 5/16
Stella Higginbottom 5/17
Mallory Cleveland 5/27
Shea Cozort 5/29

May Anniversaries

Doris & Wendell 5/26

Sympathy