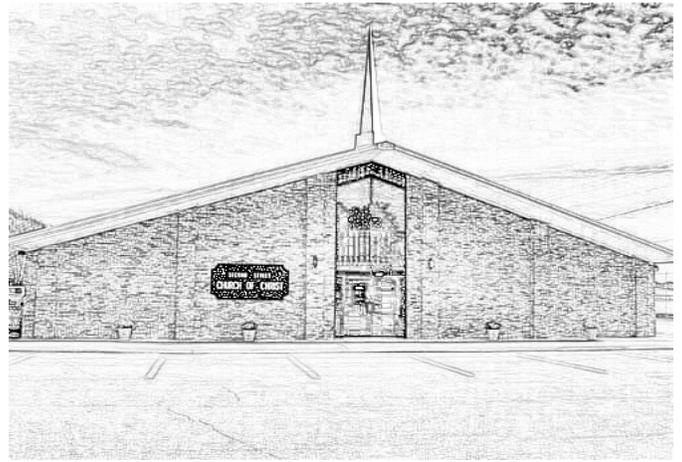


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SERVICE TIMES

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*

What is peace?

Words and meanings are important. Dictionaries and texts to teach language exist for this purpose. Socrates supposedly said, "The beginning of wisdom is the definition of terms." Every speaker, even politicians, learn that effective communication means one must understand words.

What is the definition of peace?

Many people associate peace with the notion of escape. Many believe peace is achieved by escaping trouble and sorrow, conflict, responsibility or loss. The world of men is always trying to escape some calamity just to walk right into another.

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; I do not give it to you as the world does" (John 14:27 NET). One writer defined Jesus' peace as "everything which makes for our highest good." This sounds very good, but it is not a definition.

The peace Jesus promised is peace with God. The apostle Paul used this very definition of the term (Romans 5:1). The faith of which Paul wrote is obedient faith (Romans 1:5; 16:26). When we repent of sin and obey God this brings real, lasting peace.

The kind of peace Jesus gave has nothing to do with escape. On the contrary, the peace Jesus brings may place his followers into the direct path of conflict with the world and its accepted ideas. The Lord's peace may result in trouble and sorrow, conflict and loss. It is not peace with the world. On the contrary, it is conflict with the world and everything it prizes.

The peace Jesus gives surpasses understanding (Philippians 4:7). Peace with God through Christ stands on guard protecting the hearts of those who live within it. It is the only peace that means anything. It is the true definition of peace.

To have this kind of peace, however, we end rebellion against God. The condition for this peace is surrender to God's will; we must obey his word. Simply agreeing that God exists is good, but it has little to do with changing a heart of willful disobedience. Isaiah wrote that in the Messiah's coming kingdom war would be a thing of the past (Isaiah 2:4). Repenting of sin and obeying the gospel brings true peace.

Have you found peace as defined by Jesus?

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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.

Bear Stuffing moved to May 16th.

Scripture and Song tonight, no fellowship meal.

*Happy
Mothers Day!*

“To the world you are a mother. To your family, you are the world.”

A Mother's Love

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappointments
And calm all of our fears.

There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.

There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.

For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the Savior
And sent from God above.

*via Camden Avenue church of Christ
BulletinDigest.com*

The carpenter on the other side of the table

“Which of these three...was neighbor?” (Luke 10:36, NASB).

Did you hear about Lizzie Velaquez from Austin, Texas, a.k.a., “The World’s Ugliest Woman?” who was searching YouTube and stumbled upon a video (which had been viewed over 4 million times) urging her to kill herself because she was so ugly?

She decided to leave her self-pity behind, and parlayed her new-found fame to become an anti-bullying advocate all over the nation! What an admirable way to turn the tables on her bullies!

Jesus was also known to turn a few tables, and I don’t mean in Joseph’s shop.

A man once asked Jesus “What shall I do to inherit eternal life?”

Jesus asked the man what he *thought* the answer was (Luke 10:26). The man said to love God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind, and to love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27).

He answered correctly. But, this wasn’t the *real* question. What he really wanted to know was how Jesus defined the term “neighbor.”

There was a long-standing and divisive debate among Jewish teachers about what “loving one’s neighbor” involved (Leviticus 19:18). This man knew that Jesus’ reputation might rise or fall with some folks, depending on how he defined the word “neighbor.”

Unfortunately for this man, Jesus was terrible at taking bait.

Instead, he offered a short (and powerful) parable about a man who is beaten and left for dead, passed over by the religious elite (a priest and a Levite), and was eventually saved by a Samaritan (Luke 10:25-35).

Someone said that the priest and Levite said to themselves, “What will happen to *me* if I do *something*?”, while the Samaritan said, “What will happen to *him* if I do *nothing*?”

When he finished, Jesus asked the man to answer this question: “Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the man?” (Luke 10:36).

Watching Jesus’ enemies squirm is like watching a car accident – it’s uncomfortable, but you can’t seem to look away. He replied with the only answer anyone could give in good conscience: “The one who showed him mercy” (Luke 10:37).

The man sought to expose Jesus and got exposed.

That’s how it works. Jesus’ opponents always ended up looking foolish.

However good the Carpenter of Nazareth might have been at building tables, he was far better at turning them.

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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