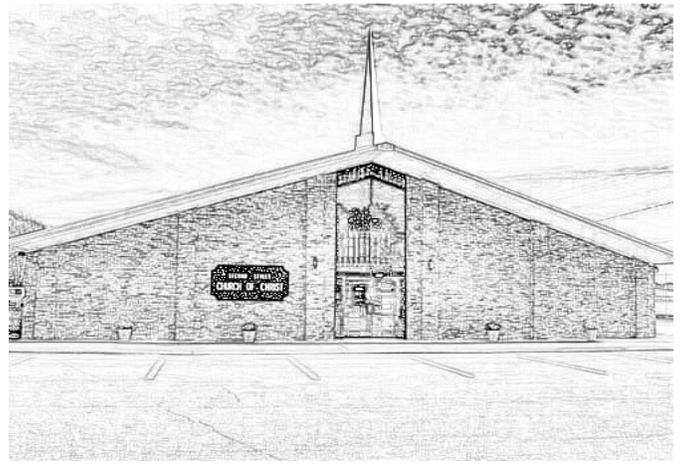


Second Street Church of Christ



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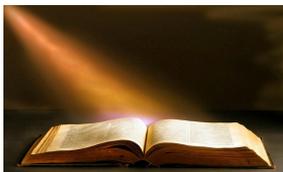
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SERVICE TIMES

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*

Faithful Fathers

It has been said that Father's Day is just like Mother's Day except you spend less on the gift! All humor aside, society has sadly downplayed the importance of a father in the home. Too many children are being raised without their fathers in their lives. And too many fathers who are still in the same home with their children are not active enough in their families' lives.

Fathers are to be the providers of the family (Gen. 3:17-19; 1 Tim. 5:8). This is an awesome task. Proverbs 20:6 states, "Most men will proclaim their goodness, but who can find a faithful man?" We could easily paraphrase that to "who can find a faithful father?" What must a faithful father provide for his family?

A faithful father provides for the physical needs of the family (2 Cor. 12:14; Matt. 7:9-10). By the way, besides the obvious (food, clothing, shelter, etc.), our children need our time as well. The greatest physical thing we can give our children is ourselves.

A faithful father provides for the spiritual direction of the family (Eph. 6:4; Isa. 38:19). Fathers, we need to take the spiritual lead and guide our families toward heaven. They also need to see in us people who are serious about honoring and serving God properly.

A faithful father provides for the proper discipline of the family (Heb. 12:7, 11; Pro. 13:24). There are many effective forms of discipline, and a faithful father knows that proper and timely discipline will yield the fruit of righteousness.

A faithful father provides sympathetic understanding to all the members of the family (Col. 3:21; Psa. 103:13). We need to express our love, communicate with, and show compassion to our children. They need to see our "ears" and our "tears" from time to time.

While fathers upon the earth may fail in these areas from time to time, we need to remember that God, our heavenly Father, is perfect (Matt. 5:48). And as such, He provides for His children perfectly. He provides for our physical needs (Matt. 7:11), He provides for our spiritual direction (Psa. 73:24), He provides for us proper discipline (Heb. 12:5-6), and He provides sympathetic love and compassion (Psa. 86:3,5,15).

This Father's Day, express your appreciation to your earthly father. But every day, express your appreciation to your Heavenly Father who provides us with all we need.

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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.

Speaker Today is Randy Kea from Stockbridge, Ga.

Bear Stuffing Tuesday night the 20th.

“Servant Leadership. Be the man you want your sons to be and your daughters to marry.”

— G. Scott Furniss, Purcell, OK

The Blessing of Christian Friends

One of the great blessings of being a Christian is that you are not the only one. Though at times you may, like Elijah (1 Kings 19:10), feel like you are alone in the fight, the reality is that there are many other kindred spirits fighting the same battles and bolstered by the same determination to reach the same eternal goal.

Paul wrote the following to his friends in the church at Philippi:

“I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now” (Philippians 1:3-5).

From these words we learn: (1) every time Paul thought of these folks, he was thankful for the memories they shared; (2) when he prayed for them, which was often, he did so with feelings of great joy; (3) what created his close relationship to them and prompted his pleasant emotions was their partnership in the promotion of a common cause – the Cause – the gospel of Jesus Christ. What a great church this must have been!

Some Practical Applications

- Write down the names of Christians for whom you have fond memories and offer a joyful prayer of thanksgiving to God for them.
- Send a note or email to those on your list expressing your gratitude for their friendship and/or influence on your life.
- Seek God’s help in becoming such a friend to others. Consult the Proverbs for wisdom on the subject of friendship (Prov. 3:28-29; 11:12; 14:21; 17:17; 18:24; 24:28-29; 27:9-10, 17).
- Work side-by-side and hand-in-hand with another in the promotion of the gospel: send letters or care packages to overseas missionaries; teach via correspondence courses; give financial aid to those who are actively teaching others, as the Philippians did to Paul (Phil. 4:15-16).

Thank God for Christian friends!

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Love and obedience

“Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now....So be very careful to love the Lord your God” (Joshua 23:6-11 NIV).

Joshua had led the Israelites into the Promised Land and they had conquered the land. Each tribe had been allocated their inheritance and they had settled into their homes. Joshua was now a very old man (Joshua 23:1) at 110 years of age (Joshua 24:29). He called the leaders of the tribes together one last time to remind them of what God had done for them and what God required of them. “Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the Lord your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed” (Joshua 23:14).

God had kept all his promises. He had led the Israelites out of Egypt, had kept them safe through the wilderness, and had conquered the land of Canaan. He had given the Israelites the land as their possession. Because of God, when they went into battle, “one of you routs a thousand, because the Lord your God fights for you, just as he promised” (Joshua 23:9). All of God’s promises had been fulfilled.

But if they wanted to continue to receive God’s blessings they had to do something, as well. They needed to be careful to obey all of God’s commands. They couldn’t change them, get rid of them, or add to them. They needed to hold fast to God and what he had commanded them. They had to be very careful to love God.

There is a connection between loving God and obeying him. Jesus made this same connection as he was giving some final teaching to his disciples the night before he was crucified. He told them: “If you love me, you will obey my commandments...Just as the Father has loved me, I have also loved you; remain in my love. If you obey my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commandments and remain in his love” (John 14:15; 15:9-10 NET). Love and obedience – you can’t have one without the other.

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Jesus has also given us promises. Peter expressed it this way: “His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. By these he has given us very great and precious promises, so that through them you may share in the divine nature, escaping the corruption that is in the world because of evil desire” (2 Peter 1:3-4 CSV).

Everything we need to live for God has been given to us by God’s power through the knowledge of Jesus. These give us great and precious promises that will help us escape the temptations that we face each day. May we learn to truly love Jesus!

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
Cassie Tierce	Kathy Alexander
Phillip Pharr	Stephanie Vandagriff
Stephanie Moore	Margie Pharr
Larry Sartain	Flora Wanner
Carolyn Holcomb	Ellie Sander
Lou Dodson	Lynn Sander
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
David James	Nicky Newell
Jimmy Searcy	Wayne Thomason
Alton Cleghorn	Christy Hickox
Suzanne Vandagriff	James Bailey
Patsy Wanner	Ken Saylor
John Johnson	Linda Jones
Kenneth Orrick	Brenda Leatherwood



June Birthdays

Jim Johnson 6/15
Ashlyn Holcomb 6/26

June Anniversaries

Larry & Stephanie 6/7
Jimmy & Jan 6/25
Ronnie & Carl 6/28

Sympathy