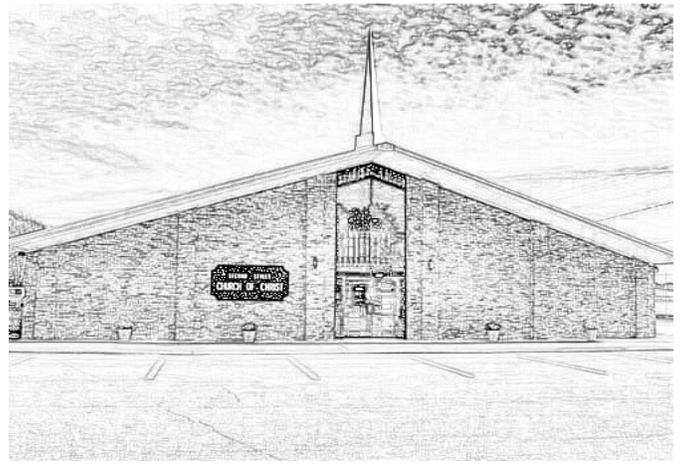


# Second Street Church of Christ



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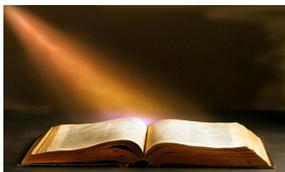
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## SERVICE TIMES

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***

## 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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## ***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 Robert Alexander from Stevenson, Al.

*Being a Christian requires an attitude of repentance, placing God's truth as the guiding principle of our lives. Following the teachings of Scripture, we can be sure of pleasing God and of being the people He wants us to be.*

—Gregory Alan Tidwell  
Editor, the *Gospel Advocate*

### **God's Wings**

An article in National Geographic several years ago provided a penetrating picture of God's wings. After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to access the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree.

Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, the ranger reached out to knock the bird over with a stick. As he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under the dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety but she refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze reached her, the heat had scorched her small body, but the mother had remained steadfast. Because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings had lived.

"He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge" (Psalm 91:4).

Remember the One who loves you, and then be different from the masses of the world because of that love.

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## Just and honest weights

“You shall not have in your bag differing weights, a heavy and a light. You shall not have in your house differing measures, a large and a small. You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure, that your days may be lengthened in the land which the Lord your God is giving you. For all who do such things, all who behave unrighteously, are an abomination to the Lord your God” (Deuteronomy 25:13-16 NKJV).

Most Americans have little or no experience with balance beam scales. That is the type where there is a beam supporting two baskets or trays, itself supported in the middle so as to be able to go up and down in either direction. One places the item to be weighed on one tray, and a standard known weight on the other, adjusting quantities until the beam balances exactly.

This is one of the most precise methods of weighing readily available, as long as the standard weights are correct. It is obvious, however, that this method also allows for much abuse if one wishes to cheat by using inaccurate weights. One who buys or sells according to this system must trust not only the weight, but its owner / user.

In South Asia this is still the most common method of weighing, whether in one’s home or in the markets. If one goes to buy potatoes he does not purchase a pre-weighed bag of potatoes, but uses the balance beam scales to obtain the number of kilograms or pounds desired. Having done this now regularly for many years I have come to appreciate the wisdom of God as expressed in the Law of Moses and elsewhere in the Old Testament.

Almost 500 years after the Law of Moses was given, wise King Solomon testified, “Dishonest scales are an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is his delight” (Proverbs 11:1). Israelite society had strong motives to follow ethical practices in business. Their God abhorred any cheating or dishonesty.

The God of the Old Testament and of Israel is still sovereign, and is not limited to one particular people or time. He is still governing the affairs of men (Romans 13:1ff) and all humans are accountable to him (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Corruption is not limited to one nation, continent, or region of this world. Dishonest people live and practice in every nation. We all may be tempted to cheat, lie, or steal. But the Word of God continues to remind us that such activities are evil, and are abominable to our God.

*Dishonest scales are an  
abomination to the Lord,  
but a just weight is his  
delight Prov. 11:1*

Weights and measures are not used only in purchasing vegetables or other materials. There are many standards in use, not always of a material nature. And all such standards are capable of being perverted and misused. Morality, faith, patriotism, and love are a few categories where we behave according to fixed, accepted standards. And in each of these categories we find false, dishonest standards being substituted for those which are true.

Situation ethics suggests that a behavior may be moral under some circumstances, but immoral at other times. Such a standard gives each person the right to determine when he must follow a rule, or when it may be ignored.

The Bible says “Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17). But modern spiritual advisers teach that we believe what we choose and all faith is valid. There is no standard of doctrine and practice to which all are accountable. Such a standard is false and untrue.

A popular commercial asks, “What is in your wallet?” God demands to know, “What kind of standards do you have in your bag?” Let us remember Jesus’ command, “. . . judge with righteous judgment” (John 7:24).

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## SERVICE TIMES

### 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
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
Dawn Branch	



### 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