

# Second Street Church of Christ



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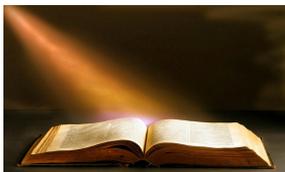
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## SERVICE TIMES

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***

## Greater love

Opposition to Jesus was rising. While the Lord would not shrink from opposition, it was too soon to allow a plot against him to succeed. He withdrew to the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 12:15; Mark 3:7-8).

There is a revealing look into the heart of God's son in Matthew chapter 12. It is seen in Isaiah's prophecy hundreds of years before Jesus ever came to the world, and it shows precisely what Jesus was most interested in doing.

Isaiah described Jacob as his "servant" in Isaiah 42:1. Matthew uses a term that is unlike the usual word in the New Testament. He calls Jesus God's *child* who is beloved and chosen. Jesus was beloved and chosen because he would give his life and blood for those lost and estranged from God in sin. He would die for people who hated him.

The apostle Paul explained this in poignant terms in Romans 5:7-8 by saying that while we still lived in sin, Christ died for us. Paul used the most tender and loving earthly example of this by saying that people do die for those they love, but Christ would die for people who hated him.

King David, prophesying Christ's death in Psalm chapter 22, expressed this quality only Jesus possessed. By the inspiration of God, David wrote the very words the Pharisees would say to the son of God as he was dying (Psalm 22:7-8; Matthew 27:43). Isaiah also foretold the agony of Jesus dying for those who hated him (Isaiah 53:7-9).

Jesus' death was more than a man dying for other men. He meant to substitute his life and blood for people who had never seen or known him. Even though we lived as sinners, Christ had all of us in mind when he died for us. That is greater than any death that anyone on earth would die. It is a greater love than any man ever knew.

Jesus' love for you and me was the reason God sent his servant — his only son — into the world. Even though we turned our backs on him, he gave himself to redeem our souls. What greater love could there be?

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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.

**Wayne Scott** will be speaking today.

**Be praying** for our search for a minister, that one will be chosen that has a love for the Gospel and will always speak nothing but Your Word.

**Bear Stuffing** Oct. 10th.

**Pinevale Food Pantry Drive** – Pinevale will be picking up the items soon. If you haven't had a chance to get any items, here is the list. **Ziplocs – gallon/quart/sandwich, Canned pasta-ravioli/spaghettios/etc, Seasonings-salt/pepper/garlic/seasoning salt.**

### A Listening Ear

When a heart is troubled  
And the pain too much to bear  
A listening ear is needed.  
Do you have an ear to spare?

Tears flow freely down the face  
When no one seems to care.  
Your listening is needed,  
Will your ear be there?

When troubled words pour out,  
The pain is less to bear,  
And hurting hearts are eased.  
A listening ear will care.

Gloomy thoughts come often  
If no one's there to share.  
Do take the time to go,  
Your ear will show you care.

Your presence there is needed  
Not words, just nod your head.  
Be someone there to listen,  
Just lend your ear instead.

*Juanita Wood  
Gallipolis, OH  
Bulletin Digest*

## Walking the Walk

**M**any give lip service to the Bible and claim to believe that it is the Word of God. When Jesus was walking the earth, the Jews thought they were worshiping God when in reality they were just following the traditions and commands of men. Jesus said this worship was vain or useless (Matthew 15:1-10).

Do we really know what God has said in His Word? Do we believe what the Holy Spirit inspired writers recorded for us in the Bible? Are we following God in our worship or like the Jews, are we listening to what men (preachers, teachers, the world) say about our spiritual life? For example, Jesus said that not every one that says, "Lord, Lord" will be saved (Matthew 7:21). In our everyday language, that means we can't just "talk the talk", we must also "walk the walk"!

Paul wrote "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...and being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross" (Phil, 2:5-8). Jesus "walked the walk" so that we could be saved. Should we not be willing to give our life as a "living sacrifice" to Him?

The Jews of long ago didn't have a "ready reference" as to what God commanded as we do today. Open your Bible and read it. Some day every ear will hear its words and every knee will bow to Jesus.

*John K. Wills  
Owingsville, KY  
Bulletin Digest*

## The strings of the heart

**T**his particular truth is presented as if it is the ultimate “aha!” moment.” Someone heard from someone who told them that the Greek word in Ephesians 5:19 for “making music” actually means “plucking the strings of.” The passage, as you probably know, goes this way:

“Addressing one another in psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart.” The word translated “making melody” (psallo) indeed means to “pluck the strings of” (as in, a harp, lyre, etc.).

So does this mean that instrumental music is indeed supported by Scripture? Have Churches of Christ’s steadfast stand for a cappella music been wrong headed from the start?

There is, it should be said, an instrument mentioned in this text.

Paul could have said: “Making melody with your harps.” He could have said, “Making melody with your lyres.” Do you see the instrument he actually names? Read the verse again. Paul declares that we are to make “melody in your hearts.”

Beloved take note, the instrument whose strings are to be plucked is our hearts! When we sing, the words will sink into our ears, dissolve into our hearts, and the strings of our hearts will begin to vibrate. In the words of the blind song writer Francis Crosby:

*“I brought my heart;  
that’s an organ, isn’t  
it?”*

“Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.”

Or that well-known song by Robert Robertson:

“O thou fount of every blessing,

Tune my heart to sing thy praise.”

I knew a good brother who liked to tell a joke. One Sunday night he approached me with a smile and declared: “Brother Mitchell, I brought my organ with me tonight.” Then he waited to see what reaction I had. Then he added, quite perceptively: “I brought my heart; that’s an organ, isn’t it?”

You know, he was right.

We spend a great deal of time worrying about whether our voice is in tune, but the Lord is concerned whether our hearts are in tune!

First, this is a good indication that New Testament music was vocal and from the heart. Second, perhaps even more importantly, it tells us that when we worship in song, it should pluck the very depths of our being, our very hearts.

This Sunday, bring your organs to worship; your voice, your mind, your heart.

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### Wednesday

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Behold, how good and how pleasant *it is*  
for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Psalms 133:1**

### Prayer List

Paula Wanner	Dianne Vandagriff
Cassie Tierce	Kathy Alexander
Phillip Pharr	Brenda Strickland
Stephanie Moore	Margie Pharr
Ellie Sander	Brenda Jourdan
Lou Dodson	Lynn Sander
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
Jimmy Searcy	Barbara White
Christy Hickox	Brenda Leatherwood
Susan Vandagriff	Kenneth Orrick
Patsy Wanner	Ken Saylor
John Johnson	Cheryl Pardue
Betty Moore	Henry Vandagriff
Frances Robinson	Shirley Thorn
Mark Conley	



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.



### October Birthdays

*Aly Williams 10/3*

*Joey Moore 10/15*

*Jerry Dees 10/17*

*Braxton Cleveland 10/24*

*Jeffrey Higginbottom 10/28*

*Glenda Williams 10/28*

### October Anniversaries

*Mallory & Brad 10/21*

*Steve & Michelle 10/25*

*Sympathy*