

# Second Street Church of Christ



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## MINISTER

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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***

## Choose this day

One of the most tragic teachings in Christianity is that God sovereignly chooses who will be saved and who will be lost. It matters little how we live, this teaching declares, for in the end God will save only those whom he chooses. If the doctrine of Calvinism seems skewed and unjust, that's because it is. There are a multitude of ways to counter it, but one of the best ways is to remind ourselves that God has made us free moral agents, people with the power to choose. We can choose to serve God, or choose not to; God has given us that ability.

Toward the end of his distinguished career, Moses called on his people to choose: "This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life so that you and your children may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19). Similarly Joshua called on Israel to "Choose for yourselves this day" to "serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15). Lady Wisdom warns that there will come a day when she is unresponsive to our plea because we "hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord" (Proverbs 1:28,29). "Solomon adds that it is better to "get wisdom than gold," and to "choose understanding" rather than silver" (Proverbs 16:16). "How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver."

The Lord himself agrees, suggesting that "if anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether Jesus' teaching was from God or man (John 7:17). James, in his starkly direct manner declares: "You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God" (James 4:4).

Moses, we are told, "chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time" (Hebrews 11:25). Mary, Jesus declared, had chosen "what is better" (Luke 10:42).

If Calvinism was a true biblical teaching, it would render the preaching of sermons, and the hearing of sermon,s an empty activity. Why would either bother, if God has already decided their eternal fate? The theme of human choice is a major theme of Scripture. It's so strong you could only miss it willfully. And this theme rings out one great truth, that the God we serve is just and fair, and gives us the opportunity to choose to serve him.

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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.

**Evan Cox** 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.

**Pinevale Food Pantry Drive** – Pinevale will be picking up the items October 23. 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.**

## **How to Get to Heaven**

A teacher asked the children in her Sunday School class, "If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?"

"NO!" the children all answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again, the answer was "NO!"

"Well," she continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

In the back of the room, a five-year-old boy shouted out, "You gotta be dead!"

## **Have You Heard The Good News?**

The "Good News" is the saving Gospel message of Jesus Christ. We must understand and share the story of our Lord and Savior. Acts 2 teaches us the confidence we have in the One who saves us.

**Acts 2:22** - He was a man.

**Acts 2:22** - God showed us who He was through miraculous works.

**Acts 2:23** - God allowed of this through His predetermined plan.

**Acts 2:23** - Humankind killed Jesus.

**Acts 2:24a, 32** - God raised Him again.

**Acts 2:24b** - Christ raised, death defeated.

**Acts 2:32** - Peter and others witnessed the resurrection.

**Acts 2:33** - Christ has been exalted and sent the spirit.

**Acts 2:36** - Jesus is both Lord and Christ.

The world needs the saving Gospel message of Jesus. This wonderful story must be: preached, believed, obeyed, and defended. The "Good News" is not just what Jesus proclaimed, but what Jesus fulfilled through Scripture.

Matthew 28:16-20 directs us to share Jesus Christ with the world. We have the facts of what is to be shared. Charles Spurgeon says "When we preach Christ crucified, we have no reason to stammer, or stutter, or hesitate, or apologize; there is nothing in the Gospel of which we have any cause to be ashamed."

When we share Jesus with others, we are not introducing someone to a set of rules but to the One who is the Savior of the world (Luke 19:10).

*Allen Jones*

*Glasgow, KY Bulletin Digest*

## It's all about Jesus

There was much that those with Jesus did not understand – at least at the time. One of those was an amazing incident that took place on top of a mountain.

“Six days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John, and brought them to the top of a very high mountain where they were alone. He was transformed in front of them, and his clothes were amazingly bright, brighter than if they had been bleached white. Elijah and Moses appeared and were talking with Jesus. Peter reacted to all of this by saying to Jesus, ‘Rabbi, it’s good that we’re here. Let’s make three shrines—one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.’ He said this because he didn’t know how to respond, for the three of them were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice spoke from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, whom I dearly love. Listen to him!’ Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus” (Mark 9:2-8 CEB).

Peter, James, and John were the three from the group of twelve apostles that Jesus often took with him. This time it was to walk to the top of a mountain. Most translations refer to this as a “transfiguration,” a word which most people no longer use. The Common English Bible chose the word “transformed” which makes more sense to English speakers today and is what the word “transfigured” means.

If we were to describe what we saw, we would probably say that Jesus glowed and became very bright. That by itself would have been a sight to cause amazement. But two of Israel’s most admired historical figures appeared and began to converse with him! Moses, the giver of the Law, was with him along with Elijah, who was considered the greatest of the prophets.

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Have you ever wondered how Peter knew who Moses and Elijah were? There were no photographs or paintings of them. I don’t think they were wearing name tags. Yet Peter seems to have automatically known who they were without having to be told. Perhaps this is a hint as to how we will know everyone when we get to heaven.

Peter saw before them the two greatest prophets of Israel’s history there with Jesus. It seems that he was trying to elevate Jesus to the same status when he suggested that three shrines be built, one for each of them.

But the Father reacted to this suggestion from heaven. It wasn’t that Jesus was to be elevated to an equal rank with Moses and Elijah. Jesus was the one they were to listen to – he had superseded anyone from Israel’s history. He was to replace Moses as the one to whom God’s people must listen.

The apostles didn’t understand what had happened. Jesus told them not to tell anyone about it until they had seen the Son of Man had risen from the dead (Mark 9:9-10). This they didn’t understand either!

Throughout the early years of Christianity, there was a conflict over listening to Moses. The Jews who became Christians wanted to hold on to both the Mosaic Law and Jesus. This created problems with the Christians who were Gentiles. This was dealt with in Acts 15 and most of Paul’s letters contain something about not having to accept the Law to become a Christian – we now follow Jesus. The letter to the Hebrews dealt with this most decisively – Jesus is better than anything and anyone we find in Israel’s history.

The point of Jesus’ transformation was to tell the apostles – and all of us – that it really is all about Jesus. He is the one, and only one, we are to listen to. He is the one who died so we could be forgiven.

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### Wednesday

<b>Bible Study</b>	<b>7:00pm</b>
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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	Betty Moore
Stephanie Moore	Margie Pharr
Ellie Sander	John Johnson
Lou Dodson	Lynn Sander
Tim Denson	Jim Johnson
Jimmy Searcy	Barbara White
Christy Hickox	Brenda Leatherwood
Susan Vandagriff	Kenneth Orrick
Patsy Wanner	Henry Vandagriff
Barbara Livingston	



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

*Robinson family*

*Conley family*