

# Second Street Church of Christ



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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 can God do with humble selfless obedience?

A university lectureship director once told a young person who would be socializing with other presenters, “They don’t know who you are. Tell them about yourself.”

How would we behave at that social event? Would following the director’s advice be an example of prideful self-promotion, or might it just be sophisticated pragmatism, or even something else?

Whether or not this is an example of self-centeredness, we have all encountered egotistical characters. Would it be social naiveté or is it spiritual maturity to take seriously: “*Let another praise you, and not your own mouth; someone else, and not your own lips*” (Proverbs 27:2)? To what extent should the teaching, “*Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well*” (Philippians 2:4), impact our behavior?

What can God do with humble selfless obedience to his will?

While individuals focused upon their own selfish ambitions might get through some doors ahead of others, Paul reminded us how God works. As part of the apostle’s effort to inspire us to abandon self-centered agendas with their strife and relational tensions, Paul galvanized our attention upon Christ’s example.

*You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death –even death on a cross!” (Philippians 2:6-8 NET)*

So what can God do with such humble, selfless obedience?

*As a result God exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow” (Philippians*

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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.

**Scripture and songs tonight.** We will not have the fellowship meal tonight.



## TEN MOST WANTED MEN

Author Unknown

1. The man who puts God's business above any business.
2. The man who brings his children to church rather than send them.
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of his Sunday school class than he does his Sunday sleep.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has left rather than by the amount he gives.
6. The man who goes to church for Christ's sake rather than for himself or someone else.
7. The man who has a passion to help rather than to be helped.
8. The man who has a willing mind rather than a "brilliant" mind.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he see the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning souls for Christ than he is about winning honor.

\_\_\_\_\_ via *BulletinGold*

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2:9-10).

What can God do with a believer's humble and selfless obedience? Paul proceeded to remind us that by living out what it means to be God's saved person results in us being blameless and pure, as those who shine like stars in a dark world.

We might see the arrogant trample down the humble. We might witness a liar getting what he or she wants. And standing beside the Psalmist, we too might lament when those who do not seek God's will seem to prosper more. However, like the Psalmist, we should remember that these current moments do not provide an accurate measurement of what is valuable nor determine what is best.

*Then I entered the precincts of God's temple, and understood the destiny of the wicked. Surely you put them in slippery places; you bring them down to ruin" (Psalm 73:17-18).*

As God's people we are to be humble, selfless and obedient. God's power can achieve his purposes with such servants.

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*Change is inevitable, but growth is an option*



## Everyday concerns

“**T**herefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:34 ESV).

How would you like to spend much of your day cutting weeds, branches, and vines for your goats and cows to eat, then carrying that fodder uphill for a mile or more? What about doing that every day, week in and week out, throughout your life? Or what about beginning each morning with a half-mile hike down the side of the mountain to the nearest spring, then back up to your house with a 5-gallon bucket of water? And repeating that perhaps two or three times during the day? After those daily chores, of course, there is the real work of cooking meals, washing clothes, sewing, and other necessary housework (for the ladies) and plowing the fields or working as day labor (for the men) which occupies most of the daylight hours. Such is life for billions in undeveloped countries of Asia, Africa, and South America.

When we in the U.S. think of such things we are grateful for our modern homes, a dependable infrastructure in our communities, and the less physical work by which we earn our living. Yet the truth is that we have our regular chores also. As Jesus says, every day comes with a certain amount of “trouble” (i.e., necessary and inevitable situations which demand our attention and energy). No one is exempt from daily cares.

Even Paul spoke of “the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches” (2 Corinthians 11:28). Any preacher or elder (and many other Christians) can empathize with the apostle in such concerns.

We have a tendency to equate our happiness and pleasure with leisure time and with activities that are outside the boundaries of work or duty. We endure the daily grind in order to enjoy our weekends and holidays. Work is necessary, whether it is our occupation or our home chores, but it is not where we find fulfillment or satisfaction, much less fun or pleasure. We commit to thirty years of employment, planning a long pleasant retirement at the end which will make it all worthwhile.

***The truth is, however,  
that all of life involves  
duty and responsibility.***

The truth is, however, that all of life involves duty and responsibility. The idle are a small minority and are rarely fulfilled or even much respected. Life is about doing what one must, whenever it must be done. Successful and happy people have learned to enjoy and find satisfaction in those things which ought to be done.

Yes, Paul felt pressured by his anxiety for others, but he also gave that same anxiety as his primary motive for continued life. “I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith” (Philippians 1:23-25). He may have been stressed, but he was committed to his work and found ultimate fulfillment in doing his duty.

One of my favorite sermons is a classic from Batsell Barrett Baxter, “Making our duties our desires.” He identified a true key to living a successful Christian life. It is simply that one must learn to want to do what one ought to do. When work is enjoyed, it is still work but it is no longer energy draining labor. That is true of our service to God, just as it is of our employment.

Let us accept Jesus’ challenge and quit dreading tomorrow. We can deal with its demands as they arise, knowing that “all things work together for good to those who love God” (Romans 8:28).

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### Sunday

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**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**

### Prayer List

Paula Wanner	David Alexander
Cassie Tierce	Rita Johnson
Betty Lindley	Francis Mortland
Stephanie Moore	Barbara Trollinger
Ralph Montgomery	Linda Parker
Lou Dodson	Lynn Sander
James Adams	Christian Harris
Londyn Perry	Calvin Barber
Christy Hickox	Brenda Leatherwood
Susan Vandagriff	Kenneth Orrick
Tonia Martin	Misty Inmon
Julie Wilson	James Nevel
Freda Baron	Henry Vandagriff
Stephen Saponara	R. C. Byram
Joyce Swindle	



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.



### June Birthdays

*Jim Johnson 6/15*  
*Ashlyn Holcomb 6/26*

### June Anniversaries

*Larry & Stephanie 6/7*  
*Jimmy & Jan 6/25*  
*Ronnie & Carol 6/28*

### Sympathy