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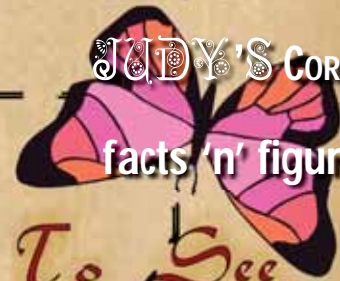
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A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

Easter at the Arena is now part of the past, but the effects of that day and your work are lasting. Several families and individuals who first came to the Easter service have attended here at the building or contacted the church. We have received so many positive comments about the service that we know God was at work

through us and that He was honored on that day. Thank you for all your work to make that service something special and life-changing. So many from our church volunteered, prayed, invited, advertised, and encouraged. It was truly a team effort, and always remember that the body grows as each part does its work (Ephesians 4:16).

I also want to welcome those of you who are reading our newsletter for the first time. We have had several folks request to be added to the mailing list over the past few Sundays. So if you are new to Second, please know we are glad to have you join us and look forward to seeing you become part of the family here.

I am writing this article on Monday, April 12th, the day after we began our new four-service format. I want to thank you for accepting change so readily and making the adjustment in your attendance. Yesterday went very well, and I believe we have done something that is going to have lasting results. Remember our reason for going to the extra service: Four for More. We now have room so that you can invite your friends and family to attend with you and know they will have a place to park and to sit. We will continue to try our best to give them something that will help them, encourage them, and connect them to our Lord Jesus Christ when they come.

Since we now have the room, why not continue to pray for and invite those that you had on your Most Wanted List? Maybe they came Easter, or maybe they did not, but remember, as long as there is life, it is never too late to introduce someone to the Lord. Don't be discouraged if they didn't come at your first invitation, just keep praying and let them know you would love to have them visit with you. By the way, whenever you bring a visitor please introduce them to me.

How is your Bible reading coming? I decided this year to use the Through the Bible in a Year program that we offered, and I have really enjoyed it. It involves reading from several different books (this morning I read from Mark, I Corinthians, Psalms, and Joshua) and that has really been beneficial for me. Please get in the Bible and read God's Word everyday. We still have reading programs available, and there will continue to be a list in the Sunday bulletin for you to read. The Bible is the sword of the Spirit, and we want to know how to use our sword effectively.

During May I am planning a series of messages entitled "An Invitation to an Adventure," and I hope you will be with us every Sunday. The Christian life is not meant to be some drab, colorless, dead life, but rather a vibrant, exciting walk with the Lord. I said at Easter that Jesus didn't come to just give us life after death; He came to give us life before death. Join me each Sunday in May as we discover the adventure we can have following the Lord. Of course please remember that the second Sunday, May 9th, is Mother's Day. That is always a special day here at Second, and I encourage you to invite your whole family to be with you on that day.

It is such a joy to be part of the family here at Second, and I look forward to what God is going to do in us in the coming days. See you Sunday.

Drew

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Preaching Schedule

May Series:

An Invitation to an Adventure

May 2nd

To Follow the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-10

May 9th

To Pass On Your Faith

2 Timothy 1:5 & 3:14-16

May 16th

To Discover True Life

1 Timothy 6:17-19

May 23rd

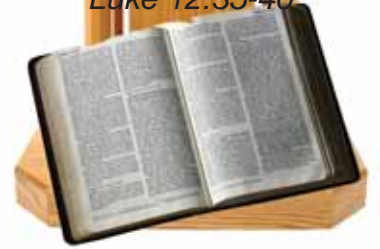
To See Lives Changed

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

May 30th

To Get Ready for the End

Luke 12:35-40



Wednesday Night Common Bond

"Developing Christ Like Character"

May 5th - Learning to Serve Others

May 12th - Be Humble

Common Bond will take a break for the summer upon completion of our May 12th meeting. We will resume in September. Plan to join us then and plan to take part in our Summer @ Second activities this summer!

SUPPER @ SECOND MONTHLY MENU

Supper @ Second is our fellowship meal on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served cafeteria style. Supper is served from 5:15 p.m. CST until 6:15 p.m. CST. Children under 3 eat free.

May 5th

Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Pretzel Salad
Bread and Butter
Texas Sheet Cake
Italian Cream Cake

May 12th

Roast Pork
Cheesy Potatoes
Green Beans
Cole Slaw
Bread and Butter
Cherry Cheesecake
Chocolate Layered Dessert

11 and up..... \$6.50
Ages 7-10 \$4.00
Ages 3-6 \$2.50



TIME IN THE WORD

Time in the Word is About Spending Time with God.

Since the first of the year, many in the church body are participating in the daily Bible reading emphasis - either by reading through the Bible reading plans we offered in January, or by using a plan they found or developed themselves. Whatever method people choose to use is not important compared to the fact that people are spending time in the Word of God!

But what is the purpose of reading God's Word? We certainly gain much information and understanding about what the Bible says, but that is only a side benefit? The main reason we spend time in God's Word is so we can know Him personally and spend time with Him.

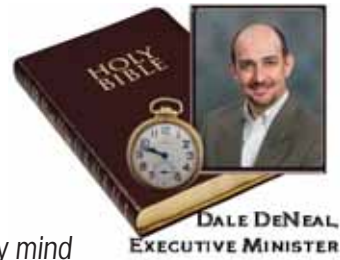
Danny Hodges, Pastor of Calvary Chapel St. Petersburg in Florida, says this about the purpose of spending time in the Word: *"The Bible is the Word of God. The Bible reveals God. God is a living being. He's a person. And because the Bible is the Word of God, because it reveals who God is, it is one of the most necessary ingredients for having fellowship with God. We need to spend time reading the Word of God to learn about God."*

J. I. Packard, one of the most renowned theologians of our time, explores a similar line of questions regarding the purpose of spending time in the Word:

"We need to ask ourselves: what is my ultimate aim and object in occupying my mind with these things (that is reading and studying the Bible)? What do I intend to do with my knowledge about God, once I have got it? ... Our aim in studying the Godhead must be to know God Himself the better. Our concern must be to enlarge our acquaintance, not simply with the doctrine of God's attributes, but with the living God whose attributes they are. As He is the subject of our study, and our helper in it, so He must Himself be the end of it. We must seek, in studying God, to be led to God. It was for this purpose that revelation was given, and it is to this use that we must put it."

Packard then asks the practical question of how do we turn our knowledge about God into knowledge of God? He says, *"The rule for doing this is demanding but simple. It is that we turn each truth that we learn about God into a matter for meditation before God, leading to prayer and praise to God."*

As we spend time in God's Word, we learn much about Him, but our journey in the word is not complete until the word leads us before Him!



Ministry Moment

Did you know there are over 40 active ministries here at Second? We would like to take a moment and let you see one of them in action each month. This month the Easter volunteers are featured. Easter is such a wonderful event, reaching out to our community. Without volunteers, we couldn't make it happen. Thank you to ALL who took part, setting up, tearing down and taking part during the service. You are invaluable to the Kingdom!





THANK YOU!

Thank you so much for another fantastic year of Easter at the Arena and the Children's Ministry Safety Zone! Each year, not only am I blessed, but our children are blessed when our church family pulls together to ensure that our children have a safe and secure environment. They can hear the awesome story of Jesus' triumph over death and know that if we put our trust in Him, because of His sacrifice and His love for us, we can Fear LESS! Looking around the Safety Zone area at the Arena is such an awesome thing. To see adults sharing their love for the Lord with His amazing little ones is such a beautiful sight! Seeing love being poured out proves that the Safety Zone is far from "child care" and is truly an area full of excitement, worship, learning and prayers where all of us involved in the Safety Zone, no matter our age, can feel God's love and learn something about God's great sacrifice for each us!

Thank you to each of the amazing volunteers, the parents for allowing us to share our hearts with their children and for such an amazing church family that lifted us up in your prayers!

H.R.C.A.



If you have not yet registered for one of the many wonderful camp opportunities at Hanging

Rock this summer, please see Ms. Kenna A.S.A.P. to complete your registration form!

Remember, if you are a member or regular attendee of Second, we will pay half of your registration fee as long as Ms. Kenna receives your registration form prior to camp!

To take advantage of Hanging Rock's early bird discount, the registration form, along with your half of the registration fee, must be received by Ms. Kenna no later than Sunday May 30th. (The actual deadline for the early bird discount is Sunday June 6th, but time must be allowed to request and receive the remaining 50% of your camp cost.)

4th and 8th GRADE CLASS PROMOTION

On Sunday, June 6th, all current 4th and 8th grade students will be promoted to the next ministry level. By promoting these classes at the beginning of June, these kids can enjoy the ministry opportunities of either the Jr. High or High School ministries. (All other class promotions will take place Sunday August 1st.)

If you have any questions about the 4th & 8th grade class promotions, please feel free to contact Ms. Kenna, Terry or Kiley.



Sunday School,
9:00 a.m. - Series
"The Beatitudes"

May 2 - Blessed are those Who Hunger and Thirst for Righteousness

May 9 - Blessed are those Who are Merciful

May 16 - Blessed are those Who are Pure

May 23 - Blessed are those Who Work for Peace

May 30 - Blessed are those Who are Persecuted because of Righteousness



Jr. High Nite at the 180

June 6th, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

We will meet at the 180 (on the corner of Winter and Bowman) for a night of fun, snacks, and worship. Don't miss out on this night planned specifically for you. Bring some money for snacks (the 180 snack bar will be open)! See you there.

Service Project for
CCF@ the U of I
Date TBA



4th & 8th GRADE CLASS PRO



Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister
 kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org



Our annual Snag-A-Tag fundraiser will begin on Sunday, May 2nd. This year we have around 65 students and adult leaders going to CIY Summer Conference in June – and we need your help! On Sunday, May 2nd, there will be a display in the foyer. We are looking for adults who will give at least a \$50 tax-deductible donation toward a student's or sponsor's trip and commit to pray for them by name in the weeks leading up to CIY. If you would be willing to do this, just stop by the display and snag a tag for CIY. We appreciate your generosity!

Attention CIY Students - if you have not turned in your second CIY payment, please do so as soon as possible. Make checks payable to "Second Church of Christ" and put them in the gray drop box across from the pop machines.

The Bridge,

Sundays 10:15 a.m.
 Series "What Do You Want?" -
 Understanding God's Will
 May 2 – Joe Nine Eleven
(God is with us in hard times)
 May 9 – Guest Speaker - Lucas Smith
(180 of Danville)
 May 16 – Guest Speaker – Ben Woods
(U of I Campus House)
 May 23 – Consequences
(Don't disobey God)
 New Series "The Perfect Life" –
 Sin, The Soul, And Kingdom Living
 May 30 – The Perfect Guy
(Why would God use YOU?)

Join us for an uplifting worship experience, May 2nd, 6:00 p.m. as Ministry in Motion shares music, drama, and videos along with their unique way of praising God through sign language. Then stay for a time of fellowship and dessert in the gym. There is NO CHARGE for the event. A love offering will be taken with the proceeds going to the high school Christ in Youth Summer Conference.
 May 2nd 6:00 P.M.

Student Ministry Fundraiser
 Danville Gardens from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. on May 10th!
 On Monday, May 10th, Danville Gardens is generously donating 20% of their sales from 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. to our student's CIY Summer Conference trip.
 So get that yard ready for planting and come out to Danville Gardens!

H.R.C.A.

Don't let your student miss out on a great opportunity this summer.
 Check out www.hangingrock.org or see Terry to find out what camp is right for them.

Hey 8th Graders Lunch is on Us!

On Sunday, June 6th, current 8th grade students will be moving to the high school ministry. After our morning program, The Journey, 8th graders and their parents are invited to stay for lunch in the gym with the high school adult leaders. Meet other students and parents and get the inside scoop of the 2CC High School Ministry. It all starts at 11:30 in the gym and it's completely free! Please e-mail Kiley at Kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org with how many will be attending so we can plan for enough food. Looking forward to meeting you!

Graduate Recognition Sunday is June 6th

If you or anyone in your family who is a member or regular attender of Second Church of Christ is graduating from high school or college this year, please let the church office know, or e-mail Jenny at jenny@secondchurchofchrist.org so we can be sure to recognize them.
 We will also need a senior picture or photograph to use for our video montage. Please e-mail digital pictures to Jenny. If you do not have a digital picture, you can drop off a photograph at the church office. (Digital pictures are preferred.) We need all pictures no later than Sunday, May 9th.

REMEMBER your offering. \$1.00 a week makes a big difference!!!



WIDOW'S MIGHT - Thursday, May 13th, at 12:00 p.m. in the Cafe. We will be having a salad lunch, so please bring a small salad to share. Marilyn Newman will have devotions and our program will be "If the hat fits...." Guest speaker will be Melody Hull. Plan to come and share and enjoy with us.

BOOK CLUB - Monday, May 24th, at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for May is First Things First by Kurt & Brenda Warner. Read it and plan to come and share in the prayer, discussion, fellowship and fun.



SINGLES @ SECOND - Friday, May 21st, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafe. Please note that this meeting is on the 3rd Friday instead of the regularly scheduled 4th Friday because of Memorial Day Weekend. We will have a pot luck meal (bring whatever you want) and have Card Game Night (Euchre, Canasta, Bridge, Old Maid...whatever!) Come and share in this time of fun, food & fellowship. Again, please remember that Singles@Second is for all of our singles - young, old, widowed, divorced, never married and is simply a time of fellowship. For more information please contact Drew or Judy.



EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE - We finally have the dates for this Conference. It will be October 8th and 9th in Ft. Wayne, IN. This is our first time to attend this Conference and a limited number of tickets will be ordered. Tickets are \$59.00 (ticket plus Box Lunch). If you are interested in attending, please sign up as soon as possible. The sign up sheet is on the Women's Bulletin Board. For further information, please contact Judy.



SUMMER SALAD SUPPER.....Thursday, August 26th, at 6:30 p.m. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to come and share with us. You will need to bring a salad to share and you will need a ticket (no cost). Our guest speaker(s) will be Julie Garris (and alter ego Gladys Frump). Watch for sign up and further information.

STILL LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO SERVE? We could use your help in one or more of our Women's Ministry programs. Call Judy today and see where you might fit in!



SUMMER @ SECOND

I love Summer Time @ 2CC

We are planning some FUN this summer! You won't want to miss it!

- June 18 - Drive-in movie night
- July 12-15 - VBS
- July 25 - Jamboree
- August 21 - Church picnic @ HRCA
- September 11 - Food Fair



Hanging Rock Camp

Saturday, May 15th, 2010 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. (IN time) is Hanging Rock's 2nd annual "Steps of Faith" Walk-a-Thon.

All proceeds raised during the Walk-a-Thon will be used to fund camp scholarships. Make plans to help send a child to summer camp! Last year, Second Church of Christ had 3 walkers take place in the Walk-a-Thon (Ms. Kenna and her sons, Corey & Cole), and for 2010 I have set a goal of 20 walkers from Second to join me in walking.

This is a very laid back morning, where each walker will walk as many laps around the camp circle as you can (or even want), spend time in great fellowship with other HRCA supporters, enjoy a fun cook-out, be eligible for some great door prizes, and be blessed by helping Hanging Rock continue to make a difference in the lives of their campers. If you are interested in joining Ms. Kenna, pick up a "Walk-a-Thon Pack" from her, to get started in collecting sponsor's names and pledge amounts. If you have any questions about the "Walk-a-Thon" please see Ms. Kenna.



Young @ HEART

Friday, May 21st

Here at the church from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. - catered lunch - \$8.00. "Humor with a Point" with Steve Ingram. Always positive, always joyful, always funny. Steve is the Emcee at the Bement Country Opry where he performs regularly. He has been named "Comedian of the Year" by the Illinois Country Music Association since 2000. Steve has been in the ministry since 1974 and operates Cross Road Tours with his wife Carla. Reservations and money need to be to Gloria, 446-5357 or Sue, 442-7555 by May 16th.





WELCOME
TO our
CHURCH
Family

BAPTISMS

March 20th
Marilyn Gebbink
April 8th
Kyle Roberts

TRANSFERS

March 20th
Ron Gebbink
March 21st
Mat Bowen Jr.
Wanda Bowen
Mat Bowen III
Hilary Bowen
Larry Shanks
Alice Shanks
March 28th
JoAnn Goodner
Julie Barney
April 18th
Paul Crowder
Patti Ecker

were
glad
you're
here!

Our Deepest
Sympathy

To Shirlee Jones & family in the death of Shirlee's daughter, Linda Jurczak.
To Larry Garwood & family in the death of Larry's brother, Paul Becker.
To Charlie Long & extended family in the death of Charlie's wife, Bev Long.
To Tim Pichon in the death of Tim's mother, Doris Pichon.
To Barb Kight & family in the death of Barb's husband, Darrell Kight.
To Penny Smith & family in the death of Penny's brother, Bob Ford.

Our monthly meeting will be in the Cafe, Tuesday, May 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Brother's
Keeper

Our group is in need of several things this month: people to deliver, people to prepare and people to collect donations. We need people who want to be involved in helping our community. The meeting is open to anyone interested in finding out about this worthwhile cause. Any questions about the group, call Marie Anderson, 442-7415, or Barb Calvin, 442-7306.



"PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"
"OPEN TO EVERYONE"

SHARE Food is a self-help, non-governmental food distribution system, based in Peoria. Utilizing community resources and purchasing power, a large variety of brand name quality foods including fresh produce are available at a very affordable price. PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE - Volunteers helping sort & distribute good nutritious food at an affordable price. OPEN TO EVERYONE - No income limits, No government funding, No prequalification, No membership fees. Just two hours of volunteer work in your community! THREE LOCAL DISTRIBUTIONS - Danville-Tilton Share Food.....354-4832 Share Food - St. Paul's.....442-2622 Georgetown Share.....662-8649 Find out more...Call or send us an Email! SHARE FOOD PROGRAM OF CENTRAL ILLINOIS, INC. 1825 N.E. Adams Street, Peoria, IL 61603 Phone: (309) 637-0282 or 1-800-637-5508 e-mail to: info@sharefood-peoria.org website: www.sharefood-peoria.org

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facts 'n' figures

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	3/21	3/28	4/4	4/11	4/18
1 st Worship	185	193	EASTER	165	158
2 nd Worship	601	594		330	294
3 rd Worship	263	209		492	570
4 th Worship				103	94
Total	1,049	997	2,637	1,090	1,116
Sunday School	262	276	0	226	184

Average Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment

3/21/2010 - \$29,282.54
3/28/2010 - \$29,385.69
4/4/2010 - \$29,797.72
4/11/2010 - \$29,902.76
4/18/2010 - \$29,774.23

weekly need is \$26,533.82

building
FUND



Total to date:
\$172,426.06

Beginning in September, Designated Building Fund giving is now included in the Average Tithes/Offerings amount and reflected in our Weekly Need total.

Weekly need: \$3,681.00

Monthly payment: \$15,950.00

Loan balance as of April 15, 2010 \$1,355,937.97

Received September 1, 2009 to April 15, 2010 \$179,308.06





**THIS MONTH MARK YOUR
CALENDARS AND
DON'T MISS OUT!
May 2010**

- SUNDAYS Worship Services
- MONDAYS Boy Scouts,
Men's Basketball
- TUESDAYS OASIS
- THURSDAYS Women's Bible Study
- 1st Ladies Brunch
- 2nd Worship Experience
- 5th Common Bond
- 11th Brother's Keeper
- 12th Common Bond
- 13th Widow's Might
- 17th Back to the Streets Ministry
- 21st Young at Heart
- 21st Singles @ Second
- 24th Book Club
- 25th Pleasant Meadow's

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