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A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

I was recently reminded of something I knew, but seemed to have forgotten. Something that is not maintained and used can go bad. I have an old truck that has served me well, but a few weeks ago it could have passed for a naval destroyer the way it laid down a smoke screen.

Fortunately, it was not a major problem

and it is fixed and running fine now. The problem was that I had not changed the oil recently (even though it had less than 3,000 miles on it) and obviously I had not run it very much.

Now the lesson is not about trucks, but about relationships and faith. Let's talk about relationships first. More and more I see marriages in trouble and one of the reasons is people have not worked on their relationship. It is so easy to get wrapped up in the children, work, hobbies, stuff at home, and even church activities that we neglect those who are the closest to us. That can lead to real problems. Can I suggest that if you are married, or if you have children at home, that you work on that relationship? Spend time together, do things just for fun, lighten up and enjoy life, and give yourself to others in love.

Now the lesson about faith is similar; faith needs work, it needs to be maintained. When talking to people who have not been faithful in their church attendance, I will sometimes hear, "Well, we just got out of the habit." And that is exactly what happened. We can get out of the habit of praying, of reading our Bibles, of attending worship, of even thinking about God; and before long we wonder what happened, where is God? God has not moved, but we have failed to work on our relationship with Him. So take a lesson from me; if something is really important, it is worth maintaining.

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but we have failed to
work on our rela-
tionship with Him.

It is time for our Vacation Bible School, Monday, July 12th through Thursday, July 15th. Get ready to bring all the children you can and get involved in helping. I will be teaching a class of children, and maybe you could give four nights to invest in a child's life.

The North American Christian Convention is coming up, Tuesday, July 6th through Friday, July 9th. This year the Convention is at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis.

There is a great line up of speakers including George Ross on Thursday morning (George was worship minister here at Second in the 80's). You can read all about the convention on their website www.gotonacc.org. You can go over for a day or for the whole week, and you will be blessed. This is not a business convention but a time of worship, fellowship, preaching and study. I look forward every year to this spiritual retreat.

Here is a little update on Four for More. Going to four services was something we talked about for several years before we made the move. I was not sure how it was going to work out, but I am very pleased with the results. It has allowed us to offer more parking and room in the worship center for more people. It has also increased our participation in Sunday School and Adult Bible Fellowships with the start of several new classes. As an added benefit, some of our folks have met new members of the family here at Second, because they now attend a different service. It is my hope that this summer our attendance will stay up, and it is exciting to think about what can happen as we continue to invite new people here and see people join the Kingdom of God. Thank you for your prayers and work to bring more people to Jesus Christ.

Hope to see you this coming Sunday in worship.

Drew

Preaching Schedule

June Series: **SOMEBODY HELP!**

July 4th

Somebody Help Our Country

2 Chronicles 7:13-15

July 11th

Somebody Help the Hurting

2 Corinthians 7:5-7

July 18th

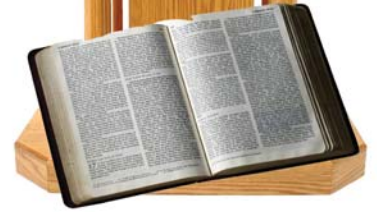
Somebody Help Your Family

Galatians 5:22-26

July 25th

Somebody Help a Lost Soul

Jude 1:17-22



**GOLF
OUTING
#2**

SCHEДУED

Our second golf outing is scheduled for Sunday, July 11th. We will meet at Turtle Run at 4:30 p.m. and play 9 holes. The cost is \$15, which include the 9 holes and a golf cart for the evening. This is a fellowship opportunity for anyone who is interested. Bring a friend and come play a round with your family at 2CC. You just need to have your own clubs.

If you would like to join the fun, please contact Bob Brewer, 765-585-1648 or bbrewer@steelgripinc.com and let him know

that you are planning on participating. Hope to see you there!

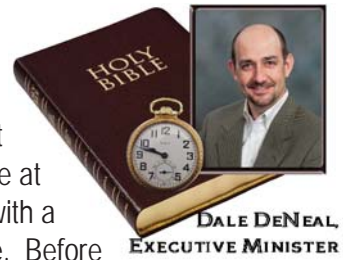


TIME IN THE WORD

Reading through the Bible in a year is a challenging achievement for several reasons. First, disciplining our time to read the Bible each day and second, resisting the temptations of a busy schedule are just two of the many challenges that you face in your efforts to spend daily time in God's word. However, one challenge – which may not seem like a challenge – is getting through your reading plan when you come across something in the Bible that especially peaks your interest. Suddenly, you find yourself detouring off the reading plan and meandering through some back road cross reference to explore a Bible passage not listed on your Bible reading roadmap. You are excited about the new perspective and the fresh insight, but before you know it, your Bible reading time is over and you realize you did not get through the day's assigned reading.

I struggle with this all the time. In fact, getting through a read-through-the-Bible-in-a-year plan is a tough thing for me. I constantly find myself doing a Bible rabbit trail in my reading. Here's what happens: I'm reading through the scheduled reading for a certain day and suddenly something in scripture

pops out at me and I think, "I've never thought about that verse in this way before." My reading grinds to a screeching halt as I sit there and begin to think about the verse. Often times, there is a footnote at the bottom of my Bible about that verse with a reference to another passage of scripture. Before I know it, I'm doing a u-turn in Galatians heading to-



The destination is not nearly as important as the journey itself.

ward some destination in the Old Testament. Before long, my Bible reading time is over and I'm faced with the reality that once again I didn't get through today's assigned reading. What's a person to do?

Here's my advice: relax and enjoy the journey! Remember, it's not important that we speed through the Bible reading plan, just so we can check off another box. The destination is not nearly as important as the journey itself. If you find yourself going off-road

with your Bible reading, that is not a bad thing! In fact, scripture is supposed to grab our attention and cause us to stop and think, ponder and reflect, and take us in directions and destinations we've never been before. When you spend time in the Word, you should expect detours, because God loves to take us to new and exciting places in our journey of faith.

PRAYER CHAIN OPPORTUNITY

Are you a member of Second and interested in becoming a prayer partner with the new evening prayer chain of Second Church of Christ? If so, please contact Tracy Reynolds at 431-2124 and expect to be blessed as you witness the hands of God moving on behalf of your prayer.



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 V.B.S. is featured. While V.B.S. is actually part of our Children's Ministry, it is such a big part of our summer at 2CC that it qualifies as its own ministry. Second has been holding V.B.S. for as long as anyone can remember. There have been changes throughout the years, but it always goes on. What changes can you expect this year? Well, the biggest change is we are EXPANDING the age range for children to participate. A couple of years ago, we lowered the age when 5th and 6th students became part of the Jr. High Ministry department. This year, Terry is offering a version of V.B.S. for his ministry at the same time as the children's V.B.S. time called S.B.V. (Students Being Vivacious).

V.B.S. brings hundreds of children to our building every summer, and not just our children from Second. It is a fantastic tool to reach other children in our communities. Do you know of someone who could benefit from attending V.B.S.? Invite them. Bring them. Encourage your children to ask their friends. It is an awesome time of worship, learning and activities for kids of all ages. Come and help out. It takes dozens of volunteers to make V.B.S. happen, and we might just need YOU! Could you help serve refreshments? Could you help with recreation, playing silly games to help kids use their energy? Could you be a group leader and take 6 to 12 children to all the different areas they need to get to each night? Do you have four evenings to step away from your TV, or ignore your yardwork and make a difference in some wonderful children's lives? If so, contact Kenna, Judy Mentzer or Terry Goodwin and let them know that you want to help.



COME FUN WITH US!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

"HERO HEADQUARTERS"

Welcome to "HERO HEADQUARTERS!" Excitement is building as we prepare for and await the kids to show up for a fun-filled week!

Each day at "HERO HEADQUARTERS!" kids will participate in a large-group time of music, drama, and fun where they will be introduced to some unnamed, yet amazing heroes from the Bible. After the kids experience some other really cool activities: crafts, recreation, Bible story time, and mission time, the kids gather back at Hero HQ to review, be encouraged, and be challenged to join forces with God! Your kids won't want to miss this exciting, challenging, super-fun VBS program! Get them ready to be heroes-in-training. Mark your calendars and invite your friends to join us for "HERO HEADQUARTERS!"

WHEN: Monday – Thursday evenings, July 12th - 15th from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

WHO: All 3 year olds (must be potty trained) – 4th grade

"HERO HEADQUARTERS" KICK-OFF POOL PARTY!

Make plans to join us on Sunday, July 11th, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. for our annual VBS KICK-OFF PARTY! We will once again, be swimming at the Turtle Run pool, and this is open to all of our kids and their families.



"Everyday heroes" (you) are needed to help make V.B.S. 2010 a huge success. Sign up today to help with this fun-filled, Bible learning, exciting week! Not only will you be blessed because you did, but you will make a difference in the lives of many of God's amazing kids and help show them the example of being a hero for Him! Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

● Crafts ● Recreation ● Snacks ● Bible story tellers ● Registration ● Check-Point

V.B.S. REFRESHMENTS NEEDED

We need refreshment donations for Vacation Bible School. To sign up to help provide refreshments, please call Kenna at the church (442-7306), or sign up in the foyer (at the Children's Ministry Welcome Center desk) for the day and the amount of "goodies" you can bring.

THANK YOU!

MONDAY: Cookies (any type)

TUESDAY: Snack Cakes (Little Debbie, Hostess, etc.)

WEDNESDAY: Salty Snacks (Individual bags of crackers, pretzels, gold-fish, etc.)

THURSDAY: Cookies (any type)

EVERYDAY: Kool-aid (pre-sweetened containers, any flavor)

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. - Series:
"The Ten Commandments"
 July 4 - Commandments 7
 July 11 – Commandments 8
 July 18 – Commandment 9
 July 25 - Commandment 10



Vacation Bible School is an extraordinary week of fun and learning, but it's not just for "kids" anymore. This summer during VBS, junior high students are invited to attend SBV (Students Being Vivacious). Yeah, vivacious... it means energetic, lively, bubbly, cheerful and full of life!!! It's like VBS, only different! It's designed specifically for students entering 5th-8th grade in the fall. Don't miss this awesome opportunity to hang out with friends, do crazy things, eat some yum and most importantly learn something. July 12th through July 15th, 6:00-8:30pm, meet outside the front doors of the church. We'll be there each night waiting for you!

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Terry Goodwin
- Junior High Minister
terry@secondchurchofchrist.org

The Bridge,
Sundays 10:15 a.m.



Series **"play it"**

July 4 – Scrabble



"Words are Powerful"

July 11 – Operation



"How to perform surgery on yourself!"

July 18 – Perfection



"How to be Perfect"

July 25 – Life



"Life is not a Game!"

Looking Ahead

A JR. HIGH SUMMER OF
FUN AND SERVICE!

ILLINOIS Service Project for
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the U of I
JULY 21st

Leave from the church at 8:00 a.m.
and return to the church at 5:00 p.m.
Bring money for lunch at Jimmy Johns
and remember to wear clothes you can
get sweaty and dirty in!!!
Sign-up by Sunday, July 11th to go!

WATER PARK FUN
AUGUST 6TH

Leave the church at 8:45 a.m. and return
to the church at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$7
plus money for lunch at the concession
stand. Bring a modest swimsuit, towel,
and sunscreen and invite your friends.
Sign-up by July 25th to go.

Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister
kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org

High School Students eager to serve in Atlanta



On Saturday, July 31st, 27 of our high school students and 5 adults will be heading to Atlanta, GA, for a week-long mission trip. Atlanta is a progressive city with great ethnic diversity. While the city has experienced unprecedented growth, there are socioeconomic concerns as well. Twenty-four percent of the residents live in poverty. On an average night, Atlanta's homeless population is estimated to be 11,000, with 65 percent of them women and children! Many might be surprised to know that Atlanta is the city with the highest rate of child poverty in the United States (48.1%).

We want to join local social service organizations to make a difference in this community. Our goal is to partner with local organizations and programs that seek to address the very basic needs of residents. Students will have the opportunity to serve at places like Soup Kitchens and Homeless Shelters, Elderly Centers,

Children's Programs and Thrift Stores.

Please be praying for these students and leaders while they serve others in Atlanta. Pray that God would do something great in and through us, all for His glory.

~~LEADERS~~ Logan Allen, Josh Alvey, Ty Asbury, Danielle Brown, Sarah Cohen, LJ Elliot, Casey Ellis, Samantha Ellis, Kristina Hammeren, Megan Hudson, Dakota Huff, Steven Huff, Olivia Kagels, John Leverenz, Allie Means, Morgan Morris, Taylor Nobbe, Ashley Paddock, Cory Rouse, Bethany Sexton, Max Shannon, Ashley Smith, Mollie Smith, Kurt Son, Cody Watson, Cheyenne Wells, Lindsay Ziebart

~~LEADERS~~ Kiley & Michelle Garrison, Phil Johnson, Marcy Nicoson, Marsha Parks

2cc college- career class

**Ages 18-24, Sundays,
10:15 AM, Conference Room**

Are you a college student who's home for the summer? Maybe a young adult looking for a place to get connected? Come check out the College and Career Class on Sunday mornings.

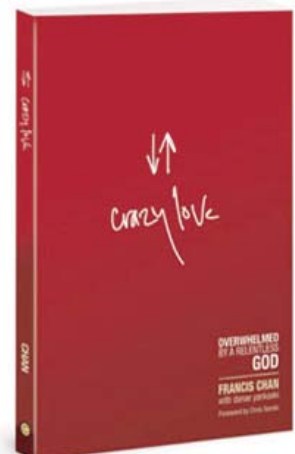
**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

**HIGH SCHOOL
WATER PARK TRIP**
to Knight's Action Park and
Caribbean Water Adventure in
Springfield, IL
Wednesday, July 21st

High School "Crazy Love" Study

On Wednesday nights, the high school group is studying the book "Crazy Love" by Francis Chan. We meet in the Cafe at 2CC from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Feel free to join in.

July 7 – Read Chapter 5
July 14 – Read Chapter 6
July 21 – Trip to Knight's Action Park
July 28 – Read Chapter 7





WIDOW'S MIGHT - Thursday, July 8th, at 12:00 p.m. in the Cafe. We will be having hot dogs, chips, salad and Ice Cream for lunch. Devotions by Joyce Guymon and the program is "Tennis Anyone?" Come and join us!


WIDOW'S MIGHT



SINGLES @ SECOND

SINGLES @ SECOND - Friday, July 23rd, at 6:15 at the Boat Dock on Denmark Road. Bring a sack supper and meet at the Picnic tables. We will eat together before going on the Pontoon Boat Ride up Lake Vermilion. The boat ride will begin at 7:00 p.m. Following the ride we will go to the Custard Cup for dessert. Come and join us!

SECOND

Judy's  **corner**

BOOK CLUB - Monday, July 26th, at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for July is "Things Worth Remembering" by Jakina Stark. Read it and come and share with us!

BOOK CLUB

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE - is October 8th and 9th, in Ft. Wayne, IN. If you signed up, please send your check (if you have not already done so) for your ticket to Judy as soon as possible. The ticket & Saturday box lunch is \$59.00. Information concerning times, schedule, housing, etc will be sent to you. If you did not sign up, but are interested in attending, there are still a few tickets available.

EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE

MEALS ON WHEELS..... Thank you to all who volunteered to help deliver our adopted Meals on Wheels route on Tuesdays and Fridays for the past few months. We will need to make a new schedule beginning in October, so if you are willing to serve in this ministry in the future, please let Judy know.

MEALS ON WHEELS

LOOKING AHEAD

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:
Summer Salad Supper - Aug. 26th - Fall Craft Night - Tuesday, October 5th; Christmas Festival of Gifts - Dec. 1st. If you would like to help with any of these events or have questions about them, please contact Judy.

COMING UP:

BABY SHOWER

YOU ARE INVITED...to a baby shower for Heidi (Nemecz) Benton, July 5th, at 6:30 p.m., at 3812 Tuttle St, Danville. Please RSVP to Jessica Nemecz at 217-637-5172 by July 1st. Heidi is registered at Babies 'R Us and Target.

BABY SHOWER

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COMING UP: WOMEN'S TRIP

Carus Mansion in LaSalle, IL followed by shopping at IKEA. We'll leave the church at 7:00 a.m. (IL) on Friday, July 9th. Admission to the mansion is \$7. No cost for the trip itself, just your spending money for meals and shopping! Sign-up at the Women's Bulletin Board right away. Call Sue Gibson at 442-7555 for more information. Join us for a fun girl's day out!

Young @ Heart

YOUNG @ HEART, Thursday, July 22nd
Beef & Boards Dinner Theater - Indianapolis. "Church Basement Ladies" - a group of ladies who do their part by volunteering in the church basement kitchen. While they gossip, cook and bicker, they will have you laughing until your side dish hurts!

The bus leaves the church at 8:30 a.m., and returns 4:30 p.m. \$44 includes everything.

Reservations and money need to be to Gloria, 446-5357 or Sue, 442-7555 by July 4th.

Habitat for Humanity

MISSIONS MISSIONS MISSIONS

Members of Second Church of Christ support several missions through weekly offerings. The mission team oversees the distribution of the monies to the various missions.

MISSION: To provide homes for people who would like to own their own home, but, for various reasons, are unable to afford one.

HISTORY: Since 1986 HfHD has built 43 homes in Danville, IL. It is affiliated with HfHI, an international, ecumenical Christian, non-governmental organization devoted to partnering with low-income families to build simple, decent, and affordable houses.

SECOND CONNECTIONS: 2CC has partnered with Habitat several times, sponsoring a house each year for the past few years. One of our members, John Graves, is employed at Habitat, and many of our members volunteer on a regular basis.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU: If you would like to get involved in this amazing ministry, four houses are being built this year. Give our local office a call and help give someone a home this year!

National Web site: <http://habitat.org>

Habitat for Humanity of Danville

T R I P

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT...Yes, it's back! We are planning a ladies craft night this fall on October 5th. Plan to sign up soon and have a wonderful time making some neat things for your house this fall.

SAVE THE DATE

TIME TO GET CRAFTY!





**WELCOME
TO OUR
CHURCH
FAMILY**

**WERE
GLAD
YOU'RE
HERE!**

TRANSFERS

May 23rd

Sami Rmaila
Ava Rmaila

Our monthly meeting will be in the Conference room, Tuesday, July 13th, at 7:00 p.m.

**Brother's
Keeper**

For the month of September

We Need:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

**Brother's
Keeper**

Our group is in need of several things this month: blankets, pillows, pots & pans and cleaning supplies. 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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
217-442-7306

TWO BY TWO DAYCARE
217-709-0093

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Ed Walter
Steve Walter
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*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

To Stan Grubb & family in the death of Stan's sister, Cheryl Dykston.
To Richard Garmon & family in the death of Richards sister, Barbara Lanie.
To Phyllis Townsley & family in the death of Phyllis' husband, Steven Townsley.

Do you have a green thumb? Would you be interested in helping make God's house more attractive to our members, visitors, and the community? We are starting a landscaping ministry at the church, where areas of our landscape will be assigned to different individuals for design, upkeep, and maintenance. If you are interested in helping, please contact Shaun Spangler at the church, 442-7306 or shaun@secondchurchofchrist.org.



SUMMER

**I love
Summer
Time
@ 2CC**

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

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

FREE
All Summer Activities
While Supplies Last

@SECOND



facts 'n' figures

**building
FUND**



Total to date:
\$209,910.68

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 June 16, 2010 \$1,327,883.92

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	5/23	5/30	6/6	6/13
1 st Worship	172	162	147	145
2 nd Worship	269	279	202	211
3 rd Worship	545	532	487	498
4 th Worship	121	105	94	114
Total	1,107	1,078	930	968
A.B.F. Attendance	159	192	154	138

Average Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment

5/23/2010 - \$29,488.58
5/30/2010 - \$29,282.12
6/6/2010 - \$29,256.32
6/13/2010 - \$29,243.50
weekly need is \$26,533.82





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

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| SUNDAYS | Worship Services |
| TUESDAYS | OASIS |
| 5th | Church Office Closed |
| 8th | Widow's Might |
| 9th | Women's Van Trip to LaSalle, IL |
| 11th | V.B.S. Kick-off Swim Party |
| 12th - 15th | Vacation Bible School (V.B.S.) |
| 13th | Brother's Keeper |
| 18th | Summer@Second Jamboree |
| 19th | Back to the Streets Ministry |
| 21st | Sr. High Knight's Action Water Park |
| 21st | Jr. High U of I Service Project |
| 22nd | Young at Heart |
| 23rd | Singles @ Second |
| 26th | Book Club |
| 27th | Pleasant Meadow's |

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JAMBOREE:
like you've
never seen
before!

Sunday, July 18th, 6:00 p.m., in the
Worship Center. Be there to witness
and take part in our own MINUTE TO
WIN IT "Last Man Standing" competi-
tion between the staff and YOU! Check
out the games on our website!



**SUMMER@SECOND
JULY JAMBOREE**

