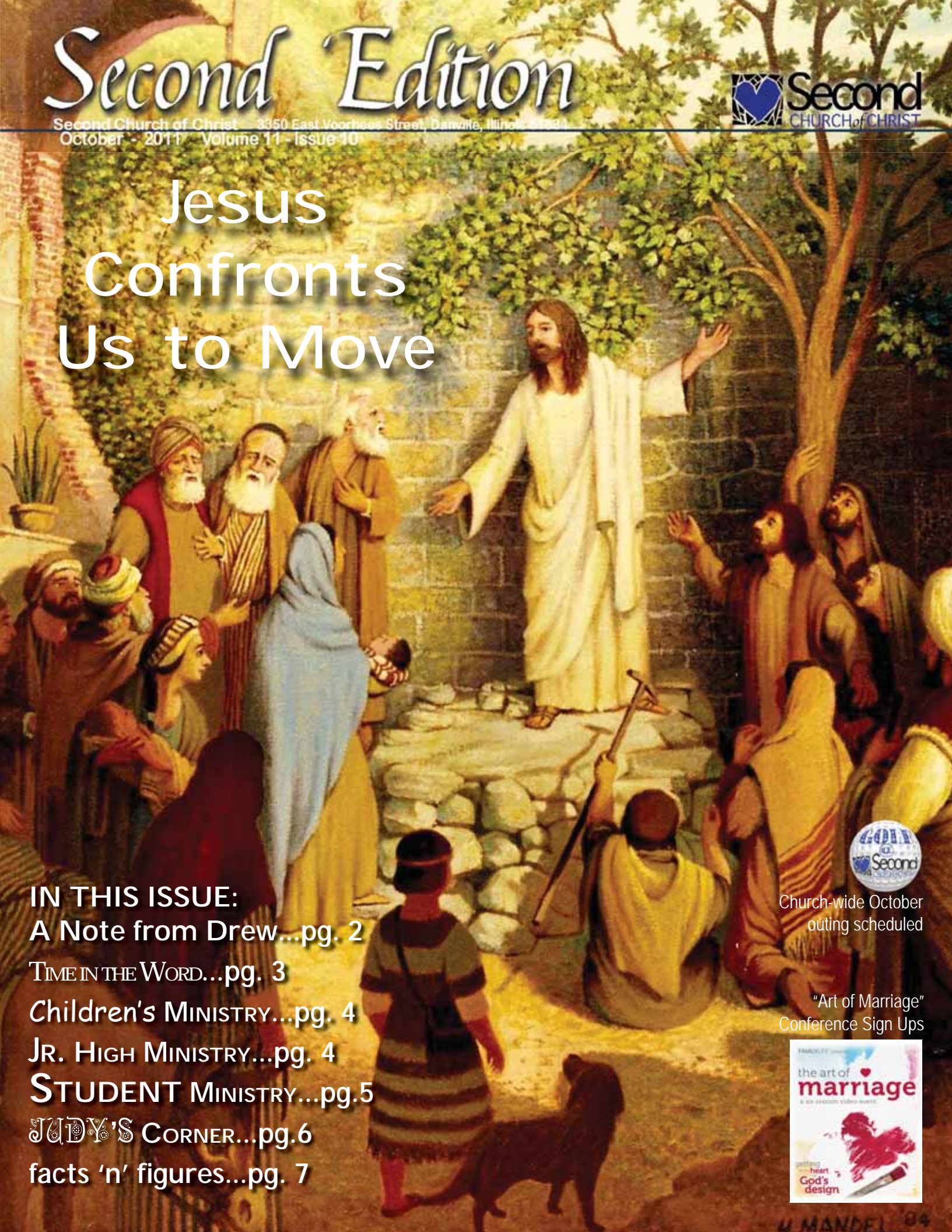


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Jesus Confronts Us to Move



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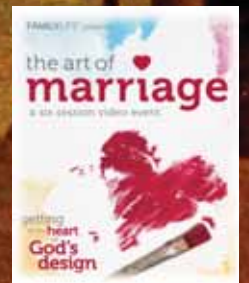
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Church-wide October
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Conference Sign Ups





A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

Thank you very much for your support, prayers, and work for Celebrate America. So many of you did so much to make the service at the Arena something very special and you have invested in our community by your work. We have received several very favor-

able comments and thank you notes from people who attended. We are so blessed to have so many talented, willing servants here at Second and I count it a privilege to be a part of this great team serving the Lord together.

Also, thank you for your participation and work for our Sunday morning service at the Arena. It is really nice to have everyone together in one service. I think it is possible to forget how many people we minister to here at Second until you see us all together (and everybody was not there). I continue to say that if everybody who considers Second their home would show up on the same Sunday, we would have a very big attendance.

If you were not at the Arena on Sunday (or to remind you who where there), we introduced our theme for the year: "It's Your Move." The elders and staff have been talking about what we need to do as a church and the Reveal Survey helped us understand a little better where we are. It seems that the satisfaction level here is very high, meaning that people like what happens here. But, as I pointed out Sunday morning at the Arena, we have stalled in our attendance growth (at 1100) and about 12% of those who took the survey are stalled in their spiritual growth. This is not acceptable and we all have some work to do. So the theme of "It's Your Move" is to remind all of us that we have a personal responsibility for our individual growth and for the growth of the Lord's church.

During October I want to talk to you on Sunday morning about some examples where Jesus confronts people, and us, to move from where we are to where we should be as His followers. Remember, there are some things we can provide to help in your growth, but we can't read your Bible for you, we can't say your prayers for you, we can't meditate for you, and we can't fill your calling of service. So let's all look at what God wants us to do and remember that Jesus may be saying to you and me, it's your move.

Also, I want to thank you who generously support the work of the Lord here at Second. Your tithes and offerings allow ministry to happen. What you give in the offering supports missions, pays staff salaries, pays bills (electric, gas, water, materials, printing, postage, insurance, etc.), helps people who are in a financial emergency, and makes events like Celebrate America possible. But also, please remember that your giving is a blessing for you. In Philippians 4, Paul is writing to thank the church for their financial support and he says in verse 17 *"Not that I am looking for the gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account."* God recognizes your generosity and blesses you for it and by your giving you are investing in Kingdom work and in eternity. Also, please know that we have a wonderful group, our Administration Ministry Team, who oversee our finances, report to the Elders, plan the budget, and make sure that everything is done properly. Also we have a new part time staff member who is already contributing greatly. Sandy Duncan is now working in accounting and she is helping improve the way we handle our finances. Welcome aboard Sandy.

I look forward to our continued worship and work together for our wonderful Lord. See you Sunday.

Drew

Preaching Schedule

October Series: Jesus Confronts Us To Move

October 2nd

From Doubt to Belief

John 20:24-31

October 9th

From the Ordinary to Mission

Mark 1:16-20

October 16th

From Fear to Faith

Mark 4:35-41

October 23rd

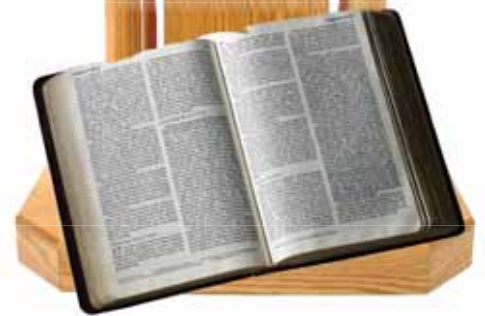
From the Less to the Best

Mark 10:17-22

October 30th

From the False to the True

Matthew 16:5-12



October 8th

"All Church Golf Outing"

* Rivercrest Golf Course, 1:00 IL [2 IN]

* Green fees & cart for a discounted price of \$25 each.

* Generations Catering to provide a meal after the golf for \$7.00 per person

* Rivercrest GC has reserved the banquet room at no charge.

* This outing is open to all members church-wide & friends and is sponsored by the M2M Ministry Group.

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

Time In The Word

Reading and reflecting on God's Word on a regular basis takes commitment and discipline.

I just want to affirm your commitment to spend time in the word and even challenge you to consider taking this aspect of your spiritual development to a new level.

Let me begin with affirmation. As you probably already know – because we talk about it a great deal – the Reveal survey says that personal time devoted to reflecting on Scripture is far and away the most powerful catalyst of spiritual growth. In fact, the research says that reflection on scripture *“has twice the power of any other spiritual practice to accelerate growth in spiritually mature people.”* In other words, reflecting on God's Word is two times more effective in spiritual formation than prayer, tithing, solitude, or journaling. The power of being immersed in the Bible is undeniable.

Why is spending time in Scripture so important and influential? Ken Boa, in his book *Conformed to His Image*, says it's about knowledge. *“Unless we know the truth, the truth cannot set us free. Faith in the Biblical sense is not based on our feelings and opinions or on those of others, but on the authority of divine revelation (the Bible)... The component of knowledge in our faith will be enriched when we renew our minds with God's truth, and this requires the discipline of regular personal time in the Scriptures.”*

An important factor in Scripture's ability to transform our lives is the amount of time spent reading God's Word. In other words, there is a correlation between frequency of Bible intake and spiritual development. The Center for Bible Engagement (CBE) conducted a research project to determine the impact of Bible reading on spiritual growth. The result of their study is significant:



There is no measurable difference in the moral behavior of someone who claims to be Christian and reads the Bible fewer than three times a week and the individual who is not a Christian. There is, however, a significant difference in the moral behavior of someone who consistently engages (reads or listens to) the Bible four or more times a week compared to someone who doesn't.

The study went on to say that people who engaged in Scripture intake four or more times a week were significantly less likely to participate in spiritually self-defeating behaviors such as pornography, sex outside of marriage, drug/alcohol abuse and gambling.

The Reveal Survey agrees with the CBE's findings. A noticeable change in spiritual transformation occurs among those who reflect on Scripture daily instead of frequently. Furthermore, the CBE study indicates there is evidence suggesting the more often a Christian is engaged in Scripture the more likely he/she will be able to discern God's voice (speaking through the Holy Spirit).

So, with this information in mind, I now want to present the challenge aspect of this article. Since the research clearly indicates that spiritual growth and transformation occurs only when we read and reflect on Scripture on a regular and frequent basis, I want to challenge you to engage in reading and reflecting on Scripture everyday! Accomplishing this will require making Bible reading and reflection a priority and discipline. Making a commitment like this often requires us to change habits and this can be difficult, but the benefit of such a commitment is life changing – a deeper and stronger faith as well as a greater peace and joy.

An important question at this point is “How much do I read?” or “How much time do I need to commit each day to reading and reflection?” Obviously, it should be more than a verse or two. If you are not using a Bible reading plan, I suggest you read until your heart is stirred by the Holy Spirit. At this point you should stop reading and start reflecting on what that verse is trying to say to you. Then, carry that question, thought, or revelation with you throughout the day.

Continue to think, ponder, and pray on the truth that is being revealed to you. It is this reflection on Scripture that begins to transform your life.



2CC to Host County Rally

Second will be hosting the 2011 Vermilion County Christian Church and Church of Christ's Annual Rally. October 2nd, 6:00 p.m. in the worship center. Programming for all ages is offered.

Guest speaker: George Ross, senior minister at Northside Christian Church in Albany, IN. He is a former

associate minister of Second Church of Christ.

George Ross is a graduate of Lincoln Christian College. He has ministered at churches in Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky and Nevada. He and his wife Sue Linn are currently serving in New Albany, Indiana at Northside Christian Church where he is the Senior Pastor. The church has grown from 1200 to over 5500 in their 12 years of ministry. George's daughter Rachel leads "Forget Me Not Ministries" in Tinca, Romania, with her adopted daughter Izabela. Their son Nathan serves as the Connect Pastor at Northside. George also serves on the board of Blessing Ranch ministry, led by Dr. John Walker. George and Sue Linn are quick to mention their days at Second Church of Christ in Danville, IL. are some of their fondest memories of ministries.

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS RALLY!



Master Provisions Trip Planned

Another trip is planned to Florence, KY, to the Master Provisions warehouse to help with the clothing ministry. Oct. 21st and 22nd are the dates for the trip. We leave early Friday morning and return Sat. evening. Several have already indicated interest in going. Others would be very welcome. If you are interested in going or would like more details, please call 446-2719 (B. Gossett) or 474-4612 (L. Leveille). A brief interest and information meeting is planned for Sunday, Oct. 9th. between the second and third worship services near the office area.



YOU'RE INVITED!

LIGHT THE NIGHT WITH JESUS

~ Halloween Alternative ~

This year for our annual Halloween alternative, we will be hosting a really exciting, brand new event called, "Light the Night with Jesus!"

WHO IS INVITED?

All of our Children's Ministry kids (through 4th grade).

WHEN IS "LIGHT THE NIGHT?"

Sunday, October 30th at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE DO I NEED TO BE?

Second Church of Christ's Worship Center

WHY SHOULD I COME?

To let Jesus' light shine on a night that is usually full of darkness.

*Everyone will gather in the Worship Center (Sanctuary), where we will experience an interactive time of celebrating the Light of Jesus!

- *PUPPETS*
- *BLACK LIGHT SONGS*
- *DEVOTION TIME*
- *WORSHIP*
- *AND SO MUCH MORE!*

*Everyone will receive a "goodie bag" full of candy and treats as they leave that will remind them that we need to let His light shine and "Light the Night with Jesus!"

NEEDED:

*Donations of pre-wrapped candy. Donation buckets will be located at each of the Children's Ministry Check-In Stations or they can be dropped off at the office. (Approximately 500 bags of candy are needed to fill our "goodie bags" for the kids.)

*Volunteers to assemble the "goodie bags" on Sunday afternoon. (Please call Ms. Kenna, at the church if you are available to help.)

Mark your calendars to join us next month, November 20th for a "Praise Party!" Watch for details on this exciting evening of Praisin' the King!



Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM

THE BRIDGE

Come join us every Sunday for a time of learning and fun. Bring your Bible and a friend.



If you still want a t-shirt, it isn't too late. See Molly or Terry for more info.

SUNDAYSCHOOL
Sunday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. -

We meet every Sunday morning to spend time studying God's Word together. This is an opportunity to go a little deeper and truly challenge you to study the Bible.



Don't forget to bring offering to The Bridge on Sundays. \$1 per person can go along way if we all work together!

Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister

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THE BRIDGE

Romans 12:1-2

Terry Goodwin
Jr. High Minister

terry@secondchurchofchrist.org

ST. JAMES

FOOD PANTRY - High school students are invited to help serve at the St. James food pantry on Wednesday, October 19th. ROOTS will not be meeting on this night.

High School Wienie Roast



Wednesday, October 12th, 6:00-7:30
Since we were rained out last month, we have rescheduled our wienie roast. Meet in the grass at 2CC. Come hang out, eat some food, enjoy a good fire and play some glow in the dark ultimate Frisbee. Food and drinks are provided. Invite a friend!



This month at The Journey high school students will be hosting a baby shower to donate supplies to help the Women's Care Clinic. This ministry is committed to "promoting life-saving alternatives to crisis pregnancies and communicating God's plan for sexuality." The Women's Care Clinic is making a positive impact on many people's lives in our community.

Students are encouraged to bring in any of the following items during the month of October and place them in the pack and play crib in the gym:

- Diapers - size 3 and 4
- Soap
- Powder
- Teething Rings
- Brush Sets
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Nursing Pads
- Wash Cloths
- Winter Clothes (no hats)
- Lotion
- Wipes
- Sippy Cups
- Socks
- Sheets
- Sleepers
- Hooded Towels



7th & 8th Grade Boys Paintball
October 1st

Cost: \$25 plus lunch money (this includes all necessary protective gear, a marker (gun), 200 paintballs, and unlimited CO2. Extra paintballs are available for purchase at the camp. We will travel to Hanging Rock to play paintball and then have lunch before returning to church.



VOICES

There are voices in your head. Whispers when you look in the mirror or at people around you. Words luring you to find something better than where you are. In fact, it is the pull of these voices that gets us off track. Behind the voices is an Enemy, Satan. His mission is your destruction. His whispers and words can completely mess with how we see ourselves and our world—unless we start listening to a better voice, God's, and work with Him to silence the voice of the Enemy.





BOOK CLUB.....Monday, Oct. 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for October is Castaway Kid by R.B. Mitchell. Read the book and come and join us!

book club

Singles@ Second

SINGLES @ SECOND.... will not meet in October. The next meeting will be Friday, Nov. 4th at 6:00 p.m. at Jocko's. Mark this date on your calendar and plan to come share in this time of fellowship!



WIDOW'S MIGHT
Thurs., Oct. 13th, 12:00 p.m. in the cafe. For lunch we

will be having pizza, salad & cookies. Bernice McCoy will have devotions and our program is Fall Fun. Come and join us!

WIDOW'S MIGHT corner



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY....

Began again Thursday, Sept. 22nd, but it's not too late to join us. We meet at 9:30 a.m. in either the Cafe or Room 105 and we are doing a study by Priscilla Shirer, Kay Arthur & Beth Moore entitled "Anointed, Transformed, Redeemed." Call Judy for more information.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL....

Festival of Time....
Wednesday, Nov. 30th at the church. This is a fun evening and a great way to begin the Christmas season. Tickets (at no cost) will be available Nov. 13th, 20th & 27th. Get your ticket and plan to come and enjoy this special event.



EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN CONFERENCE is coming up SOON. There are still tickets available at the cost of \$49.00. This is your admission for Friday night and all day Saturday, plus the box lunch on Saturday. The theme is "Everlasting Hope" and speakers will include some of the following: Thelma Wells, Lysa Terkeurst, Donna Vanliere, Elisa Morgan, Michelle McKinney Hammond, Meredith Andrews, and music by Michael O'Brien. We will be going to Fort Wayne, IN and the dates are Oct. 14th & 15th. Call Judy today if you are interested.

FALL CRAFT NIGHT....

Fall Craft

Thursday, Oct. 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. You still have time to sign up if you have not already done so. Check out the display of crafts to be made and come and take part in this fun evening. For more information, please contact Sue Gibson at 442-7555.



Night



MEALS ON WHEELS....

our new schedule begins in October. If you haven't called Judy to sign up yet, please do so right away!



Friday, Oct. 14th 11:30 a.m.
Kennekuk Cove Hideaway--located in Bunker Hill Historical area. "Picnic in the Park" Catered lunch-\$8.
Bob & Marsha Grider "Singing for the Lord" will provide music. A free will offering will be taken. Table games, horseshoes, corn hole, relays & Bingo. Lots of fun & relaxation.
If transportation or maps are needed, call Gloria 446-5357 or Sue 442-7555. Reservations & money by Oct. 9th.

Mission Emphasis Day
When:

Sunday, October 9th

You Make A Difference:

Through your giving, Second Church of Christ supports numerous missionaries and organizations that have a significant impact in our local community, within the United States and abroad.

You Can Learn More:

You will have an opportunity to visit display booths from a few of the mission ministries we support, such as Arizona Reservation Ministries, Master Provisions, Northwest Haiti Christian Mission, Lincoln Christian University, Women's Care Clinic and Hanging Rock Christian Assembly.

You Can Do More:

Because the need is so great here in our community, we will be collecting baby shower items for the Women's Care Clinic. Bring the following items, Sunday, October 9th and put them in the foyer.

- Diapers - size 3 and 4
- Lotion
- Wipes
- Sippy Cups
- Diaper Rash Cream
- Winter Clothes (no hats)
- Wash Cloths
- Sheets

- Soap
- Powder
- Teething Rings
- Brush Sets
- Nursing Pads
- Sleepers
- Hooded Towels
- Socks



GET INVOLVED

There are several openings to join the work of our Communion Ministry Team. For more information or to volunteer, please call Kim Pinegar at 431-4217 or 497-4217. Thank you!



COMMUNION PREP MINISTRY

SUPPER @ SECOND

Supper @ Second is our fellowship meal on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served cafeteria style. Take time to get to know your family here at Second. Supper is served from 5:15 p.m. CST until 6:15 p.m. CST.

October 5th
Roast Pork Loin
Parsleyed Red Potatoes
California Blend Layered Lemon Dessert

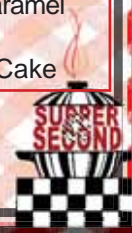
October 12th
Italian Beef
Potato Salad
Cole Slaw
Brownie/Ice Cream

October 19th
Baked Rosemary Chicken Breast
Ranch Potato Casserole
Strawberry Pretzel Salad
Texas Vanilla Sheet Cake

October 26th
Ham
Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole
Buttered Caramel Carrots
Pineapple Cake

MONTHLY MENU

7th grade and up..... \$7.00
1st to 6th grade..... \$3.50
Kindergarten & under .. FREE



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BAPTISMS

August 28th
Ben Cushwa
September 11th
T.J. Scott

WELCOME to our Church Family

TRANSFERS

August 21st
Cindy Gentile
Tina Nicholson
Matt Anderson

DO YOU KNOW WHAT CARDIO IS?

Do you see Cardio Coordinator listed in the bulletin but don't know what that means? No, it's not a fitness program, but Cardio, in short, is connecting & caring for our visitors and members.

Did you know that we have a connection team that connects with first time visitors?

Would you like to welcome visitors to our church?

Do you have a computer to use at your home?

Would you like to serve with the ministry of our church?

If you answered yes to the last three questions, then you could be a part of the church connection team! They volunteer a small amount of time to connect and call one or two visitors a week. If you would like more information, please call Kathy Kumler at the church all day Monday and Wednesday or mornings on Friday. We'd love to have you on our team! Don't wait, call this week!

Our Deepest Sympathy

To Carol Craig & family in the death of Carol's father.



Troop meetings are every Monday at 6:30 p.m.
Popcorn for sale - 1st two Sundays in October.



facts 'n' figures

building FUND

Goal as of Sept. 1st
\$129,057.27

Received thru Sept. 18th
\$806.00

New Target:
128,251.27

Weekly need: \$3,681.00

Monthly payment: \$15,950.00

Loan balance as of Sept. 23, 2011: \$1,121,857.15

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	8/21	8/28	9/4	9/11	9/18
1 st Worship	138	135	122	ARENA	138
2 nd Worship	304	272	267		250
3 rd Worship	588	486	496		594
4 th Worship	111	137	138		116
Total	1,141	1,030	1,023	1,100	1,098
A.B.F. Attendance	173	157	126	0	166

Actual Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment
8/21/2011 - \$26,831.76
8/28/2011 - \$24,396.16
9/4/2011 - \$41,239.50
9/11/2011 - \$17,139.55
9/18/2011 - \$27,264.28
weekly goal is \$29,139.02





MARK YOUR CALENDARS & DON'T MISS OUT! OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAYS
TUESDAYS
WEDNESDAYS
ALL MONTH

Worship Services
OASIS
Common Bond
2CC Food Drive

- 1st 7th/8th Grade Boys Paint Ball Excursion
- 2nd County Rally
- 6th Fall Craft Night
- 8th All Church Golf Outing
- 9th Mission Emphasis Sunday
- 11th Our Brother's Keeper
- 12th Widow's Might
- 14th & 15th Extraordinary Women Conference
- 17th Back to the Streets Ministry
- 21st & 22nd Art of Marriage Conference
- 24th Book Club at Judy's
- 25th Pleasant Meadows
- 30th Light the Night Halloween Alternative

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6th Annual Food Drive

Our sixth annual food drive is in full swing and we need your help. This year we are working to fill 450 boxes of food that will be donated to several different food banks in both Illinois and Indiana.

As you walk through the foyer at 2CC, you will find hundreds of empty boxes for people to take home, fill with food, and return to the church. You may return your filled boxes on any Sunday morning in October by dropping them off at the trailer in the parking lot. We will be collecting food AFTER our 7:45, 9:00, and 10:15 services only. Someone will be there to assist you. If the trailer is not open, please do not leave boxes on the steps or in the church building.

Please bring any of the following items: cereal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, noodles, boxed dinners, peanut butter, jelly, rice, beans, canned fruit, canned meat, canned pasta, canned vegetables, pork & beans, soups, spaghetti sauce and toilet paper.

PLEASE NOTE: Food that has been opened or is past the expiration date will be thrown away.

Let's work together to bless others in our communities. Thank you for your kindness and generosity!



Sign Up for the Art of Marriage Seminar



Friday and Saturday, October 21st & 22nd

Cost = \$45

Take some time to slow down, reconnect

and invest in your marriage at the Art of Marriage weekend event hosted by Drew and Judy Mentzer. Featuring some of today's most respected pastors and experts on marriage, this one and a half day video conference will explore God's design for marriage and give you practical tools to enhance your relationship with your spouse.

Some of the topics that will be covered include God's purpose for marriage, the different responsibilities for men and women in marriage, communication, sex and romance as well as several others.

The weekend goes from 6:00 - 9:00 on Friday night and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Lunch and snacks are included.

The cost is \$45 per couple. You can register on Sunday mornings in the foyer or by calling the church office at (217)442-7306.