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A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

During the month of September, I preached a series of messages entitled "What is It Going to Cost Me?" The purpose of those messages was to help all of us understand what is expected of us as members of Second Church of Christ. If you missed any of the messages,

please get a CD and listen. One of the reasons for the messages was because of what I am going to ask some of you to do during October.

Every Monday morning Ken Reynolds and I go over the tear-off sheets from the bulletin. Arlene Olmstead does a wonderful job of sorting those, and she keeps records of the attendance of those who are members here. Ken and I get the names of those who make prayer requests, have comments, and are "regular attendees" here at Second. And there are a lot of you who come regularly but, for some reason, have never taken the next step.

So here is your invitation and my prayer, that you will make a decision for Christ and His Church during October. If you have never received Christ, it is my prayer that this will be the time of your salvation. If you have never completed your obedience by being immersed into Christ, it is my prayer that you will obey the Lord. If you are an immersed believer but have never placed your fellowship here at Second, it is my prayer that you will make this your church home.

The messages this month will be entitled "Why Not?" And I am going to encourage everyone who attends here to take their next step in faith and obedience to our wonderful Lord Jesus Christ. To help encourage decisions, along with the series of messages, we are going to have a decision weekend, Saturday and Sunday, October 23rd & 24th. On Saturday I, and other staff members, will be at the church building from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. for baptisms and to help you place your fellowship here.

If you believe that Jesus is the Christ and are ready to receive Him, you can make that decision at any time; but to help you decide, the 23rd and 24th will be special times when I pray that many will respond to the Gospel. On Sunday, the 24th I will be asking the question "Why Not Today?" Think about that. Why not? What is holding you back from your next step? Yes, we have high expectations of members here, but the benefits are a wonderful growing family, support and accountability, good leaders and wonderful programs, and in the end eternal life. Why not?

Also, I would like to invite any of you to come to the building on Saturday, the 23rd, to pray for the lost and to pray for decisions for the Lord. Wouldn't it be something if several rooms were filled with Christians praying while people stood in line to be baptized into Christ?

This is a great place to serve the Lord and I want to thank all of you who serve in so many areas here at Second and out in the communities around us. Thank you for the generosity of your time and money. This month is also our annual food drive, and this is a great opportunity to meet needs and impact lives. Please continue to be generous as you bring your boxes of food.

When Moses was confronted with the presence of God at the burning bush, he took his shoes off in reverence. When we realize what we have come to in the church (read Hebrews 12:22-24), it should move us to reverence the God who purchased the church with His own blood and invites us to be a part.

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Drew

Preaching Schedule

October Series:

Why Not?

October 3rd

Receive the Gift of Eternal Life

John 3:16-21

October 10th

Make This Your Church Home

Ephesians 3:14-19

October 17th

Obey Christ in Baptism

Matthew 28:18-20

October 24th

Today

Hebrews 3:7-19

October 31st

Take Your Next Step

Colossians 1:9-14



Common Bond continues this month. It's not too late to join us! We are offering:

For Adults:

- Moving On to Maturity with Drew
- Discovering Second with Dale
- On Guard with Alan Thompson
- Griefshare with Bob Harshbarger
- DivorceCare with Bill & Mary Lou
- Celebration Choir with Stephanie

For Youth:

- Jr. High "Way 2 Live" with Terry
- High School "Roots" with Kiley

For Children:

- Bible Boot Camp with Ms. Kenna & Ms. Judy
- Preschool class with Ms. Jackie
- Nursery

Most classes begin at 6:30 p.m. (CST)

Don't forget to join us for Supper@

Second at 5:15 p.m., if you can. See the menu and pricing information on page 7.

TIME IN THE WORD

Many benefits are bestowed upon those who spend time in the Word of God. The writer of Psalm 1 lists several. First, the person who spends time in the Word avoids the snares and entrapments of sin that come through evil men:

"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. [Why? Because...] ... his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."

The writer of Psalm 119 adds, *"Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD... How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word"* (vs. 1, 9).

Did you notice that both verses begin with the word blessed? This word literally means happy – implying that when we spend time in the Word we not only avoid the unpleasantness of sin but we also enjoy a life filled with peace, contentment, and joy!

Furthermore, the benefits of spending time in the Word of God also produce strength, security, fruitfulness, and productivity. The Psalmist uses the following simile to illustrate the benefit of delighting and meditating on God's Word: *"He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers"* (Psalm 1:3). The person who spends time in the Word is like a mature tree with deep penetrating roots planted by a never ending water source. The tree is not affected by drought or difficult times and even in its old age produces fruit.

Jeremiah agrees with the psalmist – that a person is blessed

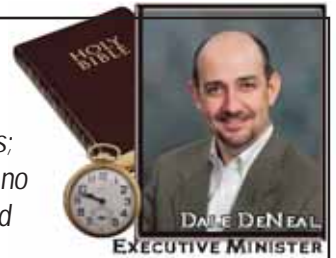
when he trusts in the Word of the Lord: *"He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit"*

(Jeremiah 17:8).

It is important to note that the person who experiences this blessed life is not an individual who occasionally dabbles in the Word. Look back at Psalm 1:2 – *"his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night."* In other words, this person starts his day in the Word and throughout the day is constantly thinking, reflecting, pondering, and applying the Word to the daily events and circumstances he encounters. This idea is further illustrated by God's instructions to the Israelites after he gave them His Ten commandments:

"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up" (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

In the last several months our church has engaged in a daily Bible reading emphasis. I can't help but wonder how people's lives have been changed as a result of the time spent in God's Word. I know this time in the Word has blessed people by helping them avoid the destructiveness of sin and experience greater peace and fruitfulness, because throughout my life God's Word has blessed me! I have personally experienced the benefits of God's Word in my own life. For this reason, I can't encourage people enough to spend time in the Word. Your life will be forever and profoundly changed if you commit yourself to spending time in the Word daily!



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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 our Mission Ministry Team is featured. There are 15+ people who meet every month to work with our mission support. They plan trips, find new missions that need our support, and plan each year's activities. These people have a heart for mission work and help direct the \$172,200.00 mission budget that Second maintains each year. Second supports local, continental and foreign missions through both monetary giving and volunteer work.

We have sent teams to Kentucky, Atlanta, Michigan, Chicago, Louisiana, and now Arizona, as well as overseas trips to Africa, Thailand, Austria, and Haiti. We even have a full-time missionary on staff at Second, whose salary is paid through our mission team's budget.

At Second one of our strategic goals states: *It is the dream of SCC to impact our communities nation and the world with the love of Jesus Christ.* And that is what this team helps Second accomplish. If you would like to be involved with or learn more about our mission efforts at Second, please come to the next monthly meeting of our Mission Ministry Team, Sunday, October 24th at 4:30 p.m., in the Cafe.

You will be glad you did!





TRUNK & TREAT

Join us on Sunday, October 31st, for a really exciting way to provide a fun and safe environment for our kids Halloween night! At 5:30 p.m., the kids may begin lining up on the sidewalk at the front of the building. And then at 5:45 p.m., we will begin our parade out into the parking lot where there will be decorated cars and trucks waiting for us to go trunk to trunk gathering all sorts of goodies and treats! Come in costume, bring your family and friends, and have a great and safe time!

FOR "TRUNK & TREAT" TO WORK WE NEED:

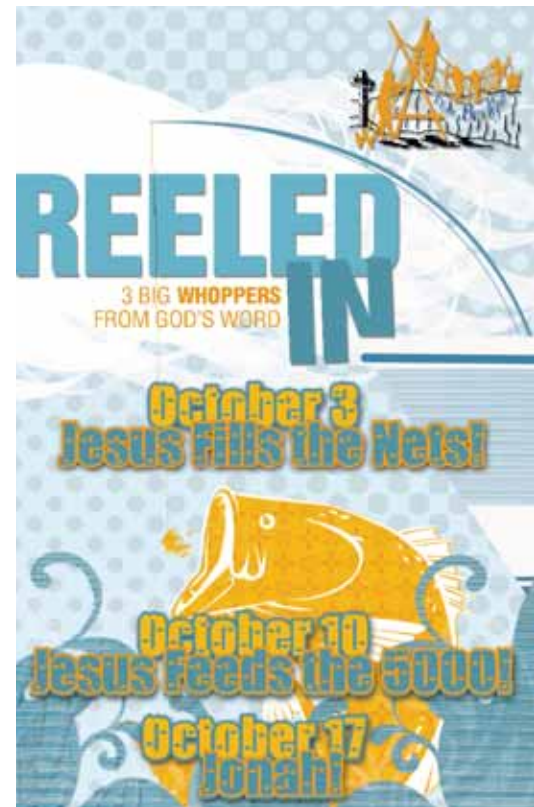
*Pre-wrapped candy donations. We need several hundred (yes, several HUNDRED) bags of pre-wrapped goodies to share with our children and their guests. To donate candy, simply bring your pre-wrapped candy donations to the church and leave them in one of the marked boxes located at all three of our "CheckPoint" Check-In locations.

*Cars or Trucks decorated and ready to hand out goodies during the parade. (There will be prizes for the best decorated trunks!) Please call Ms. Kenna as soon as possible to volunteer yourself, your family, your Small Group or Sunday School class to host one of the "trunks" PLEASE – no "scary" costumes or trunks. THANK YOU!

WE HAVE A PROBLEM, A GOOD PROBLEM!

Our family lives in the country-side of beautiful Warren County, IN, and on my way to church, I pass several fields that have become very busy this time of year with the farmers in their fields doing harvest. Driving past these farms and farmers reminds me of a scripture; *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field"* (Mt. 9:37-38). While our church family continues to grow and we adjust to our four-service Sunday, we have experienced a problem in our nursery; but we feel that God has blessed us with such a beautiful, plentiful harvest of His children to care for that this is a good problem to have!

We need "harvest workers" (Nursery volunteers) during the 10:15 and 11:30 Sunday service hours. (Without additional volunteers, we will be forced to limit the number of babies that we can effectively care for on a Sunday morning.) Please stop right now, call Ms. Kenna and volunteer to work with the Lord's harvest – His beautiful babies!



BAPTISM CLASS - any Jr./Sr. High Students interested in learning more and making a decision. Sunday, October 17th, during 4th service in room 202.

21 MARK YOUR CALENDARS
Children's/Jr. High
Skating Party at Illini
Skateland on Sunday,
November 21st from
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.



BAPTISM CLASS

If your child is asking questions about or has expressed interest in baptism, join us for our special "5 Steps to Baptism" class Sunday, October 17th, during the 11:30 service hour. "5 Steps to Baptism" is specifically designed to answer your child's questions about what baptism is, what it means, why we are baptized, and what it means to become a part of God's family.

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If your child would like to participate in this class, please call Ms. Kenna at the church (442-7306) to reserve a spot. For this important class, we encourage parents to participate in this lesson time alongside their child.



We have a fun event planned with an old fashioned campfire on October 17th! We want to invite all 5th – 8th grade families to come to this evening with hot dogs, s'mores, games, and devotions around the campfire! We will start at 5:00 p.m., and be finished by 7:00 p.m. We want to invite your whole family to come out to enjoy this time together.

JUNIOR HIGH MINISTRY

Terry Goodwin
- Junior High Minister
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Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister
kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org



HIGH SCHOOL HOT DOG ROAST AT 2CC

Wednesday, October 13th, at 6:00.
Come hang out and play some games at 6:00. We will eat at 6:30. Food and drinks are provided. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on if you want.

ST. JAMES FOOD PANTRY - On Wednesday, October 20th, we will not be meeting for our normal program, Roots. We will be serving at the food pantry at St. James United Methodist Church (corner of Vermillion and Williams). Students can arrive at St. James anytime after 4:30. If you need a ride, the church van will leave the 2CC parking lot at 6:00 sharp and return at 7:30. See Kiley if you have questions.

October 24 - King Saul!
October 31 - Shadrach!
November 7 - Esther!

Ministry in Motion PRACTICE

Sunday, October 10th
12:30 - 3:00
Lunch is provided.

2CC College - career Class CLASS HAS MOVED

The College Age class will continue to meet on Sundays at 10:15, but it is now meeting upstairs in Room 201. Starting this month, we will be looking in the Word of God to see how we can respond to the "least of these" - those who are often harshly judged or completely forgotten by the Church. Come check it out!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. -
Series "The Basics of Faith"
October 3 - Confident in Christ!
October 10 - What a Book!
October 17 - Let's Communicate!
October 24 - He's The Boss!
October 31 - Big Test!

5TH ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE - BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD

During the month of October, we will have the opportunity to show the love of Christ to our communities through our annual food drive. Last year the church donated 450 boxes of food that were distributed to seven (very grateful) community food banks in both Illinois and Indiana. With many families still facing economic hardships, this will be a blessing to hundreds of families in our area.

The foyer is stacked with hundreds of 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. With our 4-service format, 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 after church.

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, and spaghetti sauce.

PLEASE NOTE: Opened food or food past the expiration dates will be thrown away. We are also looking for individuals, families, small groups or Sunday School classes to help organize food in the trailer this year.

If you are looking for an easy way to get involved in serving the church and community and would like to help, please contact our Student Minister, Kiley Garrison, at church at (217)442-7306 or by e-mail at kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org.

Way 2 Live

Common Bond Wednesday's @ 6:30 p.m.

Come out on Wednesday's at 6:30 p.m. as we study 10 minute moments from God! We will read and study together and share some food and fun along the way. We would love to see you all on Wednesday nights. Invite your friends!



WIDOW'S MIGHT

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Thursday, Oct. 14th, at 12:00 p.m. in the

Cafe. Lunch will be sloppy joes, chips, veggie tray and cookie bars. Devotions by Judy. The program is Fall Bingo. Come and join us.

MIGHT



SINGLES @ SECOND-

Friday, Oct. 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafe. We will have hamburgers and hot dogs for supper. These will be provided but you can bring a side dish if you would like. The program is "Pictionary.... Round 2."

Come and share in this special time of fellowship.

singles

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BOOK CLUB - book

Monday, Oct. 25th, at 6:30 p.m.

at Judy's house. The book for October is Love As a Way of Life by Gary Chapman. Read it and come and share with us.

club

corner

THURSDAY MORNING



THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

..... begins Thurs-

day, Oct. 7th at 9:30 a.m. in the Cafe. We will be doing the study by Julie Gariss Living Whole in a Broken World. If you have not attended this Bible Study before and would like to, you will be welcome. Please contact Judy for further information.

BIBLE STUDY:

LADIES CRAFT NIGHT...

Tuesday, October 5th. if you have not signed up, it's not too late. Check out the crafts you can make (and the cost) and plan to come and share in the fun.



TIME TO GET CRAFTY!

craft night



MEALS ON WHEELS.....we still have places open on our Meals on Wheels schedule. If you are willing to deliver meals for one month on either Tuesday or Friday or both days, please let Judy know right away.

wheels

Illini Christian Ministries, Inc.

Illini Christian Ministries, Inc is a Christian social service agency seeking to help families in crisis. Since 1967 Illini Christian Ministries, Inc. has focused on protecting and caring for children at risk and perserving families. Numerous children and their families are served yearly by our dedicated Christ-focused staff. Whether the problems are abuse, neglect, crisis pregnancy, infertility, a runaway or behavior-problem child, a parent's inability to care for their child, or family dysfunction, ICM can help.

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.



Our Mission:

The Mission of Illini Christian Ministries is to glorify God by partnering with churches, organizations and individuals to maintain, restore and empower His families to wholeness through a variety of community based Christian social services.

How can you help?

Christmas is coming and ICM is planning on stuffing some stockings. Stockings for all foster children, their biological siblings, and biological children of our parenting partners. Here are some things ICM needs to stuff the stockings: pocket Bibles (NIV), stickers, art supplies, coloring books, travel size games, wrapped candy & gum, lotions, shampoo, nail polish, deodorant, body wash and other stocking items. Also, gift cards from Wal-Mart, Target, Old Navy, Kohl's, iTunes, Family Christian Bookstore, Barnes & Noble, Borders, McDonald's, Subway, Wendy's Jimmy John's, Pizza Hut, Culver's, O'Charley's, Dairy Queen, Steak 'n' Shake. Also, for the parenting partners we need gift cards from Cracker Barrel, TGI Fridays, Chili's & Texas Roadhouse.

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Contact ICM: 217-469-7566, admin@icmfamily.org, www.icmfamily.org

FESTIVAL OF GIFTS



CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL - FESTIVAL OF GIFTS.....Wednesday, Dec. 1st at 6:30 p.m. This is a special event to begin your Christmas season. Come and invite a friend!



YOUNG @ HEART,
Friday, October 28th, "**White Christmas**" at Beef and Boards in Indianapolis. Based on the classic Christmas movie - full of dance, laughter and the amazing songs of Irving Berlin - a merry and bright beginning the the holiday season!
Cost: \$45 covers everything, bus leaves the church at 8:30 a.m. & returns at 4:30 p.m. Resevations and money need to be to Gloria - 446-5357 or Sue - 442-7555 by October 14th.



WELCOME
to our
CHURCH FAMILY

BAPTISMS

September 15th - Christian Cohoon

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family of Edna Langley.

To Jamie Hinchee & family in the death of her grandfather, Roland Miller.

To Ava Cohoon, Mary Greenburg & families in the death of Ava's mother, Mary's grandmother, Mary Hall.

To Jackie Case & family in the death of Jackie's grandson.

Our monthly meeting will be in the Cafe, Tuesday, October 12th, at 7:00 p.m.

Brother's Keeper



Starting in October, Our Brother's Keeper is partnering with Love INC. to provide resources to those in need on our community. OBK is still collecting basic household items. We currently are in great need of blankets. Check your closets and bring in your clean, gently used or new blankets to the church. For more information, call Barb Calvin at the church office, 442-7306 or Jessica at Love INC's office, 442-5683.

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OFFICE HOURS

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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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. Children under 3 eat free.

October 6 th	October 13 th	October 20 th	October 27 th
Taco Salad	Roast Pork	Italian Beef	Lasagna
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches	Cheesy Potatoes	Hot Dogs	Green Beans
Jello/Bananas	Buttered Carrots	Potato Salad	Salad Bar
Coconut Cake	Cherry Fluff	Baked Beans	Garlic Bread
Apple Walnut Cake	Bread & Butter	Cole Slaw	Ice Cream & Cookies
	Strawberry Jello Cake	Italian Cream Cake	
	Lemon Cheesecake	Dirt Pudding	

MONTHLY MENU

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



facts 'n' figures

building FUND

Total received to date:
\$257,154.88
Total principal paid to date:
\$226,490.03

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 September 15, 2010: \$1,292,040.26

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	8/29	9/5	9/12	9/19
1 st Worship	151	142	140	152
2 nd Worship	214	216	247	292
3 rd Worship	539	506	593	674
4 th Worship	117	99	121	92
Total	1,056	963	1,101	1,210
A.B.F. Attendance	157	133	218	254

Average Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment
8/29/2010 - \$28,710.23
9/5/2010 - \$32,049.11
9/12/2010 - \$29,696.18
9/19/2010 - \$27,674.49
weekly need is \$31,014.10

ELDERS

- Dean Crandall
- Bob Haas
- Bill Knight
- Art Reeves
- Ed Walter
- Steve Walter
- Brice Yates



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

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SUNDAYS | Worship Services |
| TUESDAYS | OASIS |
| WEDNESDAYS | Common Bond |
| THURSDAYS | Women's Bible Study |
| ALL MONTH | FOOD DRIVE |
| 5 th | Ladies Craft Night |
| 9 th -16 th | Arizona Reservation Mission Trip |
| 12 th | Brother's Keeper |
| 12 th | Inquirer's Night |
| 14 th | Widow's Might |
| 18 th | Back to the Streets Ministry |
| 22 nd | Singles @ Second |
| 24 th | Mission Ministry Team |
| 25 th | Book Club |
| 26 th | Pleasant Meadow's |
| 31 st | Trunk and Treat |

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Tuesday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m., join us and learn more about Second Church of Christ.

If you are new to 2CC, please make plans to attend this informative gathering where you can learn about our beliefs, values, history and staff. Dinner will be served at 6:00, followed by a one hour meeting. We ask that you call in your reservation, by October 10th, so that we may prepare enough food. Call the church office or register online at www.secondchurchofchrist.org.

We hope to see you there!



Our Wednesday evening programming began September 15th. But it's not too late for you to join us. We meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m until Thanksgiving. There are several classes for adults and full programming for children of all ages. Look on page 2 for a list of all the classes we are offering. You won't want to miss out!

Hope to see you all there!