

Let's Get a
Check-up

November Sermon Series

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A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

some lives. Thank you for your giving to the regular Sunday morning offering; you made a difference in some lives.

During October we emphasized decisions for Christ and His church, and I am so thankful for those who responded. But there are still many more of you who attend Second who need to take your next step. We are not pressuring you, but we are continuing to invite you to ask the Lord what He wants you to do and then respond to Him. If there is any way I can help you with your decision, please call the office and let's set up an appointment to talk.

I want to give a warning to some who are reading this to do something before it is too late. This month we are going to be looking inward and doing a check-up on our lives. In a physical sense, some people put off going to the doctor, or they put off taking their medicine or following the doctors instructions until it is too late.

How is your marriage, your family, your attitude, your heart, your behavior? Sometimes people come to me with marriage problems that have been going on for years that they have not dealt with. Sometimes I think people are hoping for a miracle because of all the damage that has been done. Please don't wait until it is too late to get your life, your marriage, and your family right with God. Some of the saddest words are "if only I had... but it's too late".

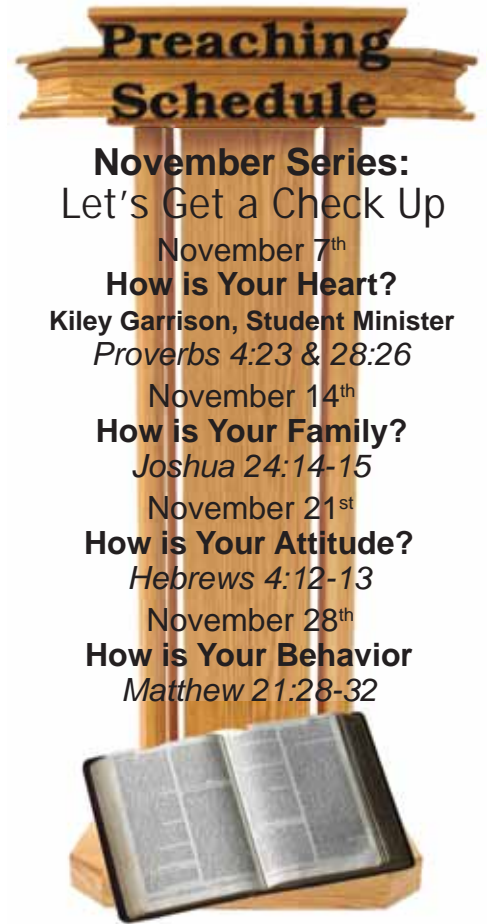
One of my favorite writers is Philip Yancey. In his book, "Rumors of Another World," he mentions a little poem that says "Only one life, will soon be past, Only what's done for Christ will last." And then he says, "I ask myself how my life would differ if I truly played to an audience of One, if I continually asked not 'What do I want to do?' or 'What would bring me approval from others?' but 'What would God have me do?' Certainly my sense of ego and rivalry would fade because I would no longer need to worry about proving myself to other people. I could concentrate instead on pleasing God by living in such a way that would attract people to Jesus' style of life."

Let's move Beyond where we have been. Let's work on our attitudes and our actions to determine to be more like Christ. This matter of following Christ is life-changing if we are serious about it. Jesus came so that we might have life and have it to the full. He offers us life that is above the world and is also eternal. But with the gift comes the responsibility - to live a life that is not conformed to the world but transformed by our Friend, Jesus the Christ.

I look forward to worshiping and serving with you this month as we think about life lived to the full.

Drew

I want to thank all of you who have been so generous in so many ways here at Second. Thank you for your work for and your contributions to our Food Drive; you made a difference in some lives. Thank you for your giving to the Women's Care Clinic; you made a difference in



November Series:
Let's Get a Check Up

November 7th

How is Your Heart?

Kiley Garrison, Student Minister

Proverbs 4:23 & 28:26

November 14th

How is Your Family?

Joshua 24:14-15

November 21st

How is Your Attitude?

Hebrews 4:12-13

November 28th

How is Your Behavior

Matthew 21:28-32

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Parking Construction Update:

After considerable work over the summer by the Property and Development Team – Dan Furry, Tim Holycross, Russ Osgood, and Dale DeNeal – construction has finally begun on phase one of the parking lot expansion project. Phase one includes the removal of trees in the construction area; a large gravel lot that will park approximately 100 cars; a storm water swale that runs along the South edge of the parking area, and two new culverts under the south road. It is likely that phase one will be completed by the end of October.

Phase two will begin in the spring and involve the construction of two storm water detention areas connected by an overflow ditch.

New Staff Member: We are thrilled to welcome Kathy Kumler as our new CARDIO Coordinator. Kathy is taking over for Crystal Orlea who stepped down to pursue an opportunity in special education in the Covington, IN, school system. Crystal did a wonderful job as our first CARDIO Coordinator, and she will be missed. However, Kathy has been an active member of the CARDIO ministry team since its beginning over a year ago and brings to this role a great deal of background and knowledge. Kathy also has a strong background in computer and information technology as she was the IT developer and trainer for Heatcraft before it closed. Kathy, we welcome you!



A Special Thank You:

I want to acknowledge a special gift presented to SCC by Old National Bank.

Last month, ONB donated a twelve foot conference table for which we were in great need. Our old conference table was eight foot long and could not accommodate staff meetings as well as other meetings with large ministry teams.

So, thank you Jim Anderson and Old National Bank for your generosity.

TIME IN THE WORD

In Psalm 19:7-11, King David talks about the affect of the Word of God on people who seek to live by it.

The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul. The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever. The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

In short, the Word of God refreshes the soul, brings wisdom to the unsure, joy to the joyless, security for the insecure, and truth for the doubtful. The fundamental attitude here is one of delight: God's instructions are more desirable than the best riches and more pleasurable than the finest tastes. The outcome of living by the Word is assurance, character growth and reward.

Spending time in the Word is important not because we can say we've engaged in spiritual practices, but because the Word is intended to give us life and joy and peace. In other words, it is through the Word of God that we experience fulfillment, satisfaction, hope, direction, and peace for our lives. Unfortunately, we often seek cheap substitutes to fill the longing in our soul, but we soon realize that nothing can truly satisfy us like God's

Word. Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." So, if we really want to experience life in its fullest sense, we must spend time in the Word of God!

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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 Food Drive Ministry is featured. Some might argue that this is a mission, and they are right, but it is also a ministry here at Second. For the past five years Second has joined efforts to collect much needed supplies to help the hurting in our communities.

Each year we ask everyone to join in and we collect a ton of food. Actually, we collect several tons of food! Dried, canned and boxed, non-perishable food is distributed to 9 different food pantries; many are located in Vermilion County and a couple of pantries are in Indiana. These pantries assist hundreds of families to put food on their tables, which might not be there if it weren't for the efforts of concerned and caring people.

While we only collect food in the fall, trying to help out before the holiday season, our efforts are long-lasting and this ministry goes further. This outreach has lead our Student Ministry to become regular volunteers at one of the pantries where they go once a month to help with food distribution. Many of our students, along with several leaders from the Student Ministry, are reaching out and touching lives right here, making our communities a better place.

If you would like to get involved with a ministry that is helping our communities, look into helping out one of the food pantries in our area. This type of help makes a big difference in people's lives and gives us the chance to show Jesus to our communities.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Plan to join us, Wednesday, November 24th, at 6:00 p.m. for our annual Thanksgiving Eve Service.

It will be a special time of worship, thanking God for all He has done for our communities, families and our church.

We hope to see everyone one there as we begin the holiday together.





HANGING ROCK CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Make plans to take the beautiful, short drive to HRCA for their 2nd annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, November 6th, from 6:00 – 10:30 a.m. (IN time) to help support this amazing ministry.

Donations will be accepted at the door for breakfast. For more information on the pancake breakfast, visit the camp's web-site at: www.hangingrock.org

December's Children's Ministry Event

All of our Kindergarten – 4th grade students are invited to join us on Sunday, December 12th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., for an "It's a Meaningful Life" party. Watch for details in the December newsletter.



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



Everyone is invited to join the Children's and Jr. High Ministry Departments as we host a "Skate & Serve" skating party at Illini Skateland (located on Brewer Road in Danville) on Sunday November 21st from 5:30 – 7:30 pm. Admission and skate rental are free – with a donation of a winter hat to be donated to the Boy's & Girl's Club of Danville. We will also be taking monetary donations to help the Jr. High Ministry's "Give Christmas-Away" project, where we will learn that giving Christmas to someone in need is such an awesome thing.

"Skate & Serve" will be a great time of roller skating fun as well as a service project to help both the Boy's & Girl's Club of Danville and the "Give Christmas-Away" project. **PRIZES * PRIZES * PRIZES:** As everyone arrives at "Skate & Serve", you will be asked to fill out a door-prize entry with the winner being announced at 6:30 pm. The winner will receive a large sausage and pepperoni pizza and 4 drinks from the concession stand. If you bring a friend to the "Skate & Serve" skating party your name will be placed into a drawing for 20 free tokens!

For further information on the "Skate & Serve" skating party, please call Ms. Kenna or Terry at the church, 442-7306.

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

"Bible Boot Camp" and our Wednesday evening programming will end on November 17th for the holiday season. (There will be no Children's Ministry classes on Wednesday, November 25th, as we want to encourage all of our families to worship together.)

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us at our next session of "Bible Boot Camp" and Wednesday evening classes which will begin on Wednesday January 5th, 2011.

SUNDAYSCHOOL

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m. -

Series "The Basics of Faith"

November 7 – Here Comes Trouble!

November 14 – Give it Away!

November 21 – Friends Forever!

November 28 – Service Day!!

Make your Sunday morning a two-hour Sunday and join us for Sunday School!

**Way on
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Live** **CB - Wednesday's
@ 6:30 p.m.**

Come on out on Wednesday nights at 6:30 as we study 10, 12, or 15 minute moments from God! We will read and study together in addition to some food and fun along the way. We would love to see you all on Wednesday nights, and invite your friends as well!

**JUNIOR HIGH
MINISTRY**

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Parenting or "Peer-enting"?

Every parent wants a close relationship with their child, but for some, the strong desire to be a friend to their son or daughter can actually get in the way of their parenting. Sometimes the fear of hurting the relationship can cause parents to cover their eyes or ears and avoid confronting their children's negative behavior. When a parent places too much value on being a friend to their child, they often fail to take the appropriate position of parental authority in their child's life.

In his article, "A Healthy Relationship with Your Teen," author, speaker and national radio host, Mark Gregston, writes, "Parents who give up their authority in an effort to build a stronger relationship become more like a peer than a parent." As Gregston notes, this style of "peer-enting" tends to be more of an issue when there is a split in a family and each parent tries to impress their child in an attempt to gain their affection. It can also happen if a parent is insecure, if they are too absorbed in their child's life, or if they are overwhelmed with their child's rebellion or anger.

The Bible tells parents that they are to discipline (Prov. 22:15), train (Prov. 22:6), and instruct their children in the ways of God (Deut. 6:6-7, Eph. 6:4). When parents neglect these God-given responsibilities for the sake of being a friend, they actually weaken the parent-child relationship rather than strengthen it.

Children need structure and boundaries at every age, but especially during the teenage years. In his book, "Boundaries with Teens," Dr. John Townsend writes, "Good boundaries are the bedrock of not only better relationships, but also maturity, safety, and growth. In order to help teenagers grow into healthy adults, parents need to help them experience how to take responsibility for their behavior, their values, and their lives."

It is a parent's responsibility to protect their children and prepare them for the future, and discipline is a key ingredient in this process. In Hebrews 12:5-6 God says, "My child, don't make light of the LORD's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the LORD disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child" (NLT). In the same way, as Gregston points out, "a parent may need to willingly allow their child to experience some discomfort for a time in order to help them build their maturity muscles. The result of good discipline may mean your child is temporarily unhappy, and he may not like you in the process."

The bottom line is that your child needs you to be their parent and not their peer. Children have plenty of friends, but only you as a parent. If you don't help them move toward maturity and responsibility, who will? They are counting on you to discipline and train them to meet the demands of adulthood. So what's it going to be? Parenting or "Peer-enting"?



**OLD
TIMERS**
PRICELESS ADVICE FROM
OLD FRIENDS

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

GET IT ALL AT THE BRIDGE - 200 Jr. High Ministry - 10:15 AM, SUNDAYS

INCREDIBLE!

JESUS' MOST SHOCKING MIRACLES

Jesus turns water into wine at wedding reception in Galilee

November 14th
Turning Water Into Wine!

November 26th
Healing a Paralyzed Man!

November 21st
Healing a Blind Man!

JESUS TOUCHES AND HEALS

SIGHT FOR THE BLIND
Jesus restores the sight of a man born blind - read more inside

HIGH SCHOOL ILLINOIS CHRISTIAN TEEN CONVENTION

Friday and Saturday, November 19th - 20th, Springfield, IL

The cost is now \$85 plus money for 2 fast-food meals (includes registration, hotel and transportation). We will meet at the church at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, the 19th. We will be back around 6:00 Saturday evening.

To register, turn in a \$50 deposit by Sunday, November 14th. Make your check out to "Second Church of Christ," put in an envelope and drop it in the gray drop box across from the pop machines at church.

For more info, visit www.ictc.org.

Boys and Girls Club Christmas Party

We are gearing up for our Christmas Party at the Boys and Girls Club next month. This year, we are collecting winter hats for the kids. We will also need dozens of cookies, volunteers, and donations for crafts. If you would like to help with the party this year, there will be sign-ups in the foyer later this month.

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WIDOW'S MIGHT

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Thursday, Nov. 11th,
at 12:00 p.m. in

the Cafe. Lunch will be chicken casserole, green beans, jello salad and pumpkin pie. Marilyn Newman will have devotions and the program is "I'm Thankful for..."



SINGLES @ SECOND-

Friday, Nov. 19th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafe. We will be having a Thanksgiving Dinner. The turkey & dressing will be provided. Please bring a side dish if you are able. Come and join us for a time of fellowship and giving thanks.

@ second



"BOOK CLUB - book club corner"
Monday,
Nov. 22nd, at 6:30 p.m.
at Judy's house. The book for November is The Christmas Secret by Donna VanLiere. Read the book and come and share with us. Please remember that Christian Book Club does not meet in December.

MILITARY CHRISTMAS PACKAGES...

We will be mailing 25 military boxes using the "MILITARY" flat rate boxes @ \$10.70 per box. Donations are both welcome and needed to help defray the cost of shipping. We need 125 dozen homemade cookies. Please wrap each cookie individually in plastic wrap, similar to Saran Wrap. We have found that the homemade cookies get to overseas personnel in excellent shape when they are wrapped individually. We also need individually wrapped hard candy, purchased or homemade. We need everything in the Cafe by Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. We need volunteers to assemble, tape, fill, pack & label the boxes. Please help us make a very Merry Christmas for our loved ones in the military.

cookie

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE... Monday, Nov. 29th, at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. Make a recipe of your favorite cookies or goodies or try a new one and then bring them for tasting & taking home. Be sure to include copies of the recipe. This is a fun way to begin your Christmas baking!



exchange

FESTIVAL OF gifts

FESTIVAL OF GIFTS.....

Wednesday,
Dec. 1st at
6:30 p.m. at
the church.
Begin the
Christmas
season



with this special event. Join us for music, laughter, food, fun, and sharing in the Gifts of the Season. Tickets will be available following all morning worship services on Sunday, Nov. 14th, 21st and 28th. The cost of the ticket is \$5.00. For further information about this event, contact Judy or Stephanie Spangler.

Master Provisions

In 1994, God called a farmer and a telephone man together to begin ministry to the millions of people in Ukraine. In the first few post-Communist years, the 5,000 coupons that could have once bought a new car turned into 5,000 coupons for a loaf of bread. Ukrainians lost their life savings and could not afford to clothe their families.

Into such disastrous situations, MASTER Provisions brings hope, using clothing as the tool to assist the church. We ship containers full of good used clothing and shoes to accomplish God's purposes.

Our Mission:

The fourfold mission of MASTER Provisions is to:

- * Create Jobs
- * Empower the Local Church
- * Provide Affordable Clothing
- * Offer Short-Term Missions Opportunities

MASTER Provisions exists to evangelize through clothing and other benevolent ministries established in economically devastated countries. We follow Christ's pattern of meeting temporary physical needs to gain the opportunity to address the more urgent spiritual needs of non-Christians.

How can you help?

Second is planning an overnight trip this month. November 12th & 13th. If you would like to join the team, call Lily Leveille at 217-474-4612 right away. If you are able, you can also visit the website and donate.

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Contact Master Provisions: 859-816-6087, or learn more at www.masterprovisions.org

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.



MASTER Provisions

Charles & Nancy
Crispin, Co-founders & Ministers

YOUNG @ HEART,
Friday, November 12th, 12:00 to 2:30 p.m.,
at the church, catered lunch, and piano concert by Julie McClarey. Julie shares the love of Jesus through her piano ministry. She will play a varied selection of styles from lively ragtime to classic melodies and well loved hymns. A portion of her concert is played with her arms behind her back! Everyone is welcome! A free will offering will be taken. Cost: \$8 covers lunch. Reservations and money need to be to Gloria - 446-5357 or Sue - 442-7555 by November 7th.



WELCOME to our CHURCH Family

BAPTISMS

September 29th - Amber Bullock
October 13th - Mikayla Harper

TRANSFERS

October 3rd - Rita Crain
October 10th - Janice Smoot, Brenda Smith

we're glad you're here!

Our Deepest Sympathy

To Amy Brandt & family in the death of Amy's grandmother, Ruth Cox.

To Teresa Winn & family in the death of Teresa's father, Richard Caudill.

Our monthly meeting will be in the Cafe, Tuesday, November 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

Brother's Keeper



Starting in October, Our Brother's Keeper has partnered with Love INC. to provide resources to those in need in our community. OBK is still collecting basic household items. We currently are in great

need of toasters, dishes, blankets, towels, brooms & mops. 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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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.

November 3rd

Chicken & Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Broccoli Salad
Bread & Butter
Cherry Cheesecake
Chocolate Layered Dessert

November 10th

Roast Beef
Cheesy Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Cole Slaw
Bread & Butter
Italian Cream Cake
Red Velvet Cake

November 17th

Turkey and Dressing
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Green Beans
Bread & Butter
Pumpkin Pie
Mississippi Mud Cake

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:
\$278,425.28
Total principal paid to date:
\$239,840.71

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 October 22, 2010: \$1,278,689.58

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	9/26	10/3	10/10	10/17
1 st Worship	128	136	146	124
2 nd Worship	186	231	254	248
3 rd Worship	564	535	504	525
4 th Worship	123	107	116	133
Total	1,001	1,009	1,020	1,030
A.B.F. Attendance	268	204	186	193

Average Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment

9/26/2010 - \$28,710.23

10/3/2010 - \$25,832.07

10/10/2010 - \$25,230.98

10/17/2010 - \$26,754.16

weekly need is \$31,014.10



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

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| SUNDAYS | Worship Services |
| TUESDAYS | OASIS |
| WEDNESDAYS | Common Bond |
| THURSDAYS | Women's Bible Study |
| 9 th | Brother's Keeper |
| 11 th | Widow's Might |
| 12 th | Young @ Heart |
| 15 th | Back to the Streets Ministry |
| 19 th | Singles @ Second |
| 19 th & 20 th | Student Ministry ICTC Trip |
| 21 st | Children's/Jr. High Skate 'n' Serve |
| 22 nd | Book Club @ Judy's |
| 23 rd | Pleasant Meadows |
| 24 th | Thanksgiving Eve Service |
| 25 th | Happy THANKSGIVING! Office closed |
| 26 th | Office closed |
| 29 th | Christmas Cookie Exchange |
| 29 th | Military Care Package Work Day |

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of
Gifts**

Get
Your
Tickets
all this
Month!



Wednesday, December 1
6:30 P.m.

Women's Ministries of  **Second
CHURCH
CHRIST**