

Second Edition

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A weathered, rectangular wooden sign is mounted on a wooden post. The sign is painted white and has the words "THE LAST DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN" written in large, bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The sign shows signs of age and wear, with some dark spots and scratches. It is set in a grassy field with a wooden fence in the background under a cloudy sky.

**THE LAST
DAYS ARE
HERE AGAIN**

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A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

Thank you for participating in our Reveal Survey. This is a very important tool to help us understand where we are as a church, and we will use the facts we receive to plan what we do in the future. There are obvious

things we can see that tell us about Second. We can look at our numbers, both attendance and offerings, we can analyze participation in classes and programs, and we can even sense something of your satisfaction level by the attitudes we see.

But the above information does not give us the whole picture. We need to know if we are growing in our relationship with the Lord, are we practicing the spiritual disciplines, are our beliefs Biblical, and are we involved in service to the church and to the world. Reveal will help us understand where we are, and, thus, what we need to work on. Again, thank you for taking part in this important tool. We will share with you the results when we get them back.

Judy and I want to thank the staff and volunteers who filled in for us while we were on vacation. We are so thankful to have such capable co-workers who are more than willing to take on our responsibilities so that we can get away for some rest and relaxation. One of the best compliments you can pay us is that things don't miss a beat while we are away.

The North American Christian Convention is coming up, July 5-9 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The theme this year is "Unleashed, The Church Turning the World Upside Down" As always it will be an inspiring, challenging, and exciting time of worship, teaching, and fellowship. This is a convention of Christian Churches/ Churches of Christ, and everyone is welcome. If you can attend, it will be a blessing to you. Learn more about the convention at their web site: www.2011.gotonacc.org.

How are the important things in your life? Are you taking care of what really matters? Are your priorities in order? The reason I am asking those questions is because I know how easy it is to become so preoccupied with the urgent - these things that just have to get done (we think) that we neglect what really matters in life. So how do we determine what really matters? What matters are things that last, those things that are permanent and, thus, have eternal value. And I can sum that up very simply; soul and relationships. In other words, what matters is our soul health and healthy relationships with God, family and friends.

But we have so much to do, so many things calling for our time and attention. And if you don't know it, let me tell you a little secret; if you don't set your own schedule for what is important, then lots of things and other people will set your schedule for you. Take time to be sure things are right in your life and in your relationships.

I hope to see you in worship every Sunday you are in town. Remember, God might just have something special to say to you in worship and you won't want to miss it. See you Sunday.

Drew

Preaching Schedule

July Series:

The Last Days Are Here Again

July 3rd

Why Did Jesus Not Come In May?

2 Thessalonians 2:1-12

July 10th

The End of the World As We Know It

2 Peter 3:3-13

July 17th

Is There Really A Hell?

Mark 9:42-50

July 24th

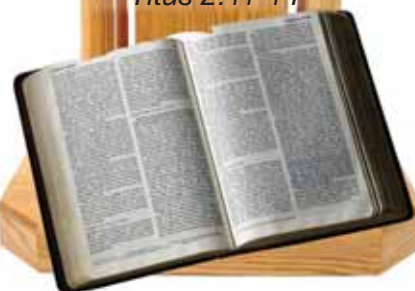
What Happens In Heaven?

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

July 31st

How to Live Today With Hope for Tomorrow

Titus 2:11-14




*Join Ken and Marj Reynolds
as they celebrate
70 years of marriage.
Open House
Sunday, July 17th
2 - 4 p.m.
Fellowship Center
Second Church of Christ
No gifts please, but cards and especially your presence are welcome.*

Time In The Word

The Power of God's Word

If you participated in the Reveal Spiritual Life Survey

– and I hope you did – you probably noticed the number of questions regarding Bible reading and study. That is because the Reveal survey has revealed that people who spend regular time engaging in Bible reading and study experience higher levels of spiritual growth and maturity than people who don't. Of course, this fact isn't a new revelation. Christians have known for centuries that God's Word is powerful and is more than capable of comforting the broken hearted as well as confounding the hordes of Hell.

The writer of Hebrews says, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." Hebrews 4:12

One of the most revered ministers and writers of his day, Andrew Murray (1828-1917) spent his life calling believers to uncompromising holiness, reliance on the Holy Spirit, and an ever-deepening relationship with the heavenly Father. One of many of Murray's accomplishments includes serving as the first president of the YMCA.

Murray loved God's Word and would encourage believers to spend the first part of each day reading the Bible, because he believed in the power of God's Word to change lives.



The Word is the power of God for salvation; it supplies everything we need. All the treasures and blessings of God's grace are within our reach. The Word has power to enlighten our darkness. Into our hearts it will bring the light of God and knowledge of His will. The Word can fill us with courage to conquer every enemy and strength to accomplish whatever God asks us to do. The Word would cleanse, sanctify, and become in us the seed of every trait in the likeness of our Lord. Through the Word, the Spirit leads us into all truth – that is, it makes all that is in the Word true in us and so prepares our heart to be the dwelling place of the Father and the Son.

Let us begin our training for that ministry of the Word by proving its power in our own experience. Let us begin to seek this, quietly committing ourselves to learn the great faith lesson – the mighty power of God's word.

I want to encourage you to engage in God's Word every day. Read it, study it, think about it, meditate on it, and share its truth with those around you.

God's Word possesses tremendous power and all we need to do is plug into it.



2CC has once again planned a celebration and we are going to need your help! We are moving to the Palmer Arena this September to celebrate America, to remember September 11, on the 10th anniversary and to worship together.

Saturday, we are inviting the community to celebrate and remember with us. Sunday, we will all come together for a 10:00 a.m. worship service. While this is not a community service, like our Easter service, this is still a great opportunity for you to invite people to church in a less threatening environment.

What can you do to help? Right now, start telling everyone you know about it. Invite everyone you know to come and celebrate with us. And remember, this is a church activity and we are going to need many hands to make it happen! Plan to volunteer!

TWO BY TWO

is now enrolling!

Two by Two CEEC offers a variety of services to provide exceptional care and training for your child.

- ♥ Infants – 6 weeks to 15 months
- ♥ Toddlers – 15 to 24 months
- ♥ Preschool – 2 years to 5 years
- ♥ Part-time Preschool – 3 to 5 years (September - May only)
- ♥ School Age – 6 to 12 years (May - August only)
- ♥ Field Trips
- ♥ Nutritious Meals and Snacks
- ♥ Excellent Teacher Ratio
- ♥ Christ-Centered Philosophy
- ♥ Faith-based Curriculum

Please call Janelle Lloyd at 217-709-0093 for more information.

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YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED to partner with us, the Children's Ministry Department, in ministry to some of God's wonderful and amazing kids!

CURRENT MINISTRY NEEDS:

- *10 volunteer openings in our nursery ministry. *(Serving one hour, one Sunday a month.)*
- *Teacher and assistant volunteer openings for our Pre-School Sunday School Ministry. *(Serving one hour a Sunday for one month at a time.)*
- *"Celebration Station!" *(Children's Church)* volunteers. *(Serving during the 10:15 AM hour, one or more Sundays a month.)*
- *"CheckPoint" *(Check-in stations)* volunteers. *(Serving 25 minutes one or more Sundays a month.)*

Here at 2CC, we understand that we are all called to minister to one another, and what an exciting area to give not just of your time, but to share your love for the Lord with some really amazing little ones.

If you are willing and available to minister in the Children's Ministry Department, please give Ms. Kenna a call (442-7306) at your earliest convenience to discuss the ministry opportunity that best suits you.

Not only does God want you to minister for Him, the precious little ones need you to minister to them!



HANGING ROCK
MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN
ATTEND CAMP WITH TERRY!
SUMMER CAMP 2011
H.R.C.A.

Junior 2
(entering 5th & 6th grade in the fall)
July 10th-14th
See Terry for more info!

BAPTISM

If your child is asking questions about or has expressed interest in baptism, Ms. Kenna wants to partner with you to ensure your child has been equipped with the answers they desire. Please give Ms. Kenna a call at the church, 442-7306, to schedule a one-on-one chat time, where your child can ask their questions and be challenged to consider what baptism is, what it means, why we are baptized, and what it means to become a part of God's family.

THE BRIDGE
Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM

SUMMER CAMP

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

If you are planning to send your child to one of the many wonderful camps that Hanging Rock Christian Assembly has to offer for summer 2011...it's not too late! HRCA still has camps available for most of the age groups, where the kids will not only learn about our amazing God, but have a ton of fun in the process! Please see Ms. Kenna or Mr. Terry for a registration packet or to ask any questions that you have concerning summer camp at Hanging Rock.

Don't forget to ask how you can receive a 50% discount on your camp fee!

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

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.

Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister
kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org



WHAT: 5th - 6th Grade
WATER PARK TRIP
WHEN: Thursday, August 4th
WHERE: Tropicanae Cove Waterpark in Lafayette, IN
TIME: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
COST: \$10 + money for lunch
SIGNUP: with Terry by emailing him at terry@secondchurchofchrist.org by July 27th



ATTENTION: CIY STUDENTS

The remainder of your balance is due right away. Your CIY Medical Release Form, CIY Covenant, and 2CC Release Form are also due. Forms are available at the Student Ministry Board and on the student ministry page of the church website - www.secondchurchofchrist.org. Make sure you include a front/back copy of your insurance card. You may turn money and forms in by dropping them in the gray drop box across from the pop machines at church.

NOTE: **For those students who went on the Washington, D.C. mission trip, you do NOT need to turn in a copy of your insurance card unless the information has changed.

Be watching your mailbox for more info with packing lists, departure times, etc.



The Journey will not be meeting on Sunday, July 17th. CIY students will be meeting at that time to load the bus for CIY.

LOOKING FOR A NEW BIBLE?

Do you need a Bible with words you can understand? The Student Life Application Bible contains notes and features that will help you apply God's Word to everyday situations. It contains the easy to understand New Living Translation (NLT) which puts the Bible in modern day language. If you're a student looking for a Bible that won't have you scratching your head after you read it, this is for you.

Bibles are only \$12 and are available at The Journey on Sunday mornings. (They're over \$25 in the store!) If you want to pick one up, talk to Kiley or Chel.



7th & 8th & Sr. High Students

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We're heading back to Knight's Action Park and Caribbean Water Adventure in Springfield! Sign up at the Student Ministry Board. More info coming soon!

Date: August 2
Cost: \$40

DON'T MISS OUT!



STUDENT MINISTRY TEXTING SERVICE

If you want the latest news on what's going on in the high school ministry, get on our text message list.

Just go to <http://trunc.us/S36dGG> to sign up. Parents are welcome to join!





Book Club.....Monday, July 25th at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for July is Gardenias for Breakfast by Robin Jones Gunn. Read the book and come and share in the discussion, prayer, fellowship, and of course, food.

book club

Singles @ Second

SINGLES @ SECOND....

Friday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafe. We will have hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans and whatever anyone else wants to bring....

and of course dessert. Following our meal and devotions, we will have a fellowship time and will be playing a new game - name cannot be printed! Mark your calendar now and plan to come and join us!



WIDOW'S MIGHT

Thurs., July 14th, 12:00 p.m. in the Cafe. We will have

chicken, potato salad, baked beans and brownies for our meal. Mary Morrison will have devotions and the program will be "America, the Beautiful." Widow's Might is for all widows in our congregation and community. Come this month and bring a friend.

WIDOW'S MIGHT

corner



EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

CONFERENCE is Oct. 14th & 15th in Ft. Wayne. Sign-up sheet is up, so sign up as soon as you can. A limited number of tickets have been obtained at the cost of \$49.00 each. This includes the Saturday box lunch. After August the ticket price will be \$59.00 and will be \$89.00 after that. For more information about this conference, please contact Judy.

SUMMER SALAD SUPPER.....

Thursday, Aug. 25th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. Tickets will be available at the cost of \$5.00 on Aug. 7th, 14th, and 21st. Besides a ticket you will need to bring a salad to share. Kay Moll, from Christ's Church in Mason, Ohio will be the speaker. Mark this date (if you have not already done so) and plan to come and join us!



TUESDAY MORNING

BOWLING LEAGUE....

Don't forget about the Tuesday Morning Bowling League at Lincoln Lanes. It begins again in September. If you are interested, please contact Sherry Pickering at 442-8410.



FALL CRAFT NIGHT....

Keep watching for more information about our fall craft night coming in October! It is a fun night for any aged woman.

Fall Craft



Night

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL....

Festival of Time.... Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 6:00 p.m. at the Church. Mark your calendar now so that you won't miss this special event. It is a good way to begin the Christmas Season.



C.C.F.H. - Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped

CCFH Ministries serve people with disabilities and their families by providing quality residential care and by developing disability ministry resources.

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 Statement: As an independent Christian non-profit ministry, the Christian Church Foundation for the Handicapped (CCFH) strives to enhance the lives of persons with disabilities in three ways:

- * Enabling others through training, resources, and encouragement to effectively minister with persons with disabilities.
- * Seeking partnership with individuals, churches, and other organizations to meet the physical and spiritual needs of persons with disabilities.
- * Providing a full range of services for persons with developmental disabilities including residential options, opportunities for social interaction, and opportunities for spiritual growth.

More about CCFH: For over twenty years, CCFH has ministered to the disability community through direct service, by enabling others through training and resources to effectively minister to persons with disabilities, and through partnerships with churches and organizations to better meet the needs of people with disabilities across the country. CCFH currently manages an independent living program, as well as two residential living programs for those with disabilities.

In order to educate those who feel called to participate in a disability ministry, CCFH produces numerous educational resources in the form of interactive and video-based training platforms, books, pamphlets, and user-generated Blogs.

Learn more: Visit CCFH's website, <http://www.ccfh.org>



YOUNG @ HEART, Wednesday, August 10th, Beef & Boards, Indianapolis - "Church Basement Ladies" They're servin' it up again! This time it's 1969 and the world is a-changin'. Return for heart-warming humor and hilarious antics. Cost: \$45, leave the church @ 8:30 a.m., return @ 4:30 p.m. Reservations needed immediately and money needs to be to Gloria, 446-5357 or Sue, 442-7555 by July 24th.



Our Deepest Sympathy

To Sue Pollitt & family in the death of Sue's husband, Russ Pollitt.

To Vicki Allen & family in the death of Vicki's husband, James Allen.

To Freda Walter & family in the death of Freda's sister, Louise Tribbey.



The church office will be closed Monday, July 4th, in observance of Independence holiday.

Our monthly meeting will be in the Cafe, Tuesday, June 14th,



at 7:00 p.m. OBK is still collecting basic household items. We currently are in



need of pots & pans, towels, toilet paper & paper towels. For more information, call Barb Calvin at the church office, 442-7306, or Jessica at Love INC's office, 442-5683.

OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday
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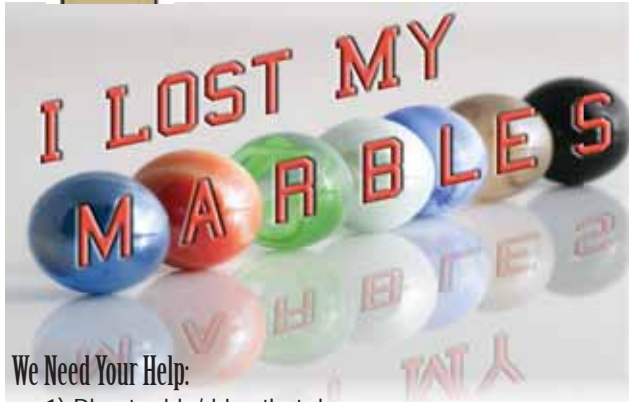
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COMING: September 17th CANCER BENEFIT FOR NOAH GARRIOT

We Need Your Help:

- 1) Plan to ride/drive that day
- 2) Have your group create a 'THEME' basket or donate an item for the auction
- 3) Commit to bring a dessert for the cake walk
- 4) Give some of your time during the event
- 5) Come out and have a good time

Activities Planned:

- 1) GEM Run
Includes motorcycles and all vehicles that want to participate. Stops will include the Rossville Fire Dept., a State Park and more. Activities or prizes at every stop.
- 2) Auction - 'Theme' baskets - Stampin'Up, more; Horse Trail Ride
- 3) Cookies, cakes, pies and brownies. (Yum! Makes your mouth water)
- 4) Meal - chili, hot dogs
- 5) Activities and games for kids of all ages

For more info or to help, contact Jeannie Huff at (217) 431-6661 or grandma012@sbcglobal.net



facts 'n' figures

building FUND

Total received to date:
\$420,604.92
Total principal paid to date:
\$359,056.19

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 27, 2011: \$1,159,112.07

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	5/22	5/29	6/5	6/12	6/19
1 st Worship	136	124	141	135	136
2 nd Worship	258	222	233	244	195
3 rd Worship	556	470	529	484	471
4 th Worship	121	123	116	111	121
Total	1,071	939	1,019	974	923
ABFAttendance	157	120	159	142	150

Average Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment

5/22/2011	- \$27,235.38
5/29/2011	- \$27,149.28
6/5/2011	- \$27,163.35
6/12/2011	- \$27,202.11
6/19/2011	- \$27,032.22
weekly goal is	\$29,139.02



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

SUNDAYS
TUESDAYS

Worship Services
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- 1st Singles @ Second
- 4th Church Office Closed for Holiday
- 12th Young @ Heart Chicago Trip
- 12th County Meeting
- 12th Brother's Keeper
- 14th Widow's Might
- 17th Student CIY Trip
- 21st Back to the Streets Ministry
- 25th Book Club at Judy's
- 26th Pleasant Meadows

More information inside this issue and on our website, www.secondchurchofchrist.org

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YOU'RE INVITED!

WHAT: All Church Picnic!

WHEN: August 27th - 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (LL)

Where: Hanging Rock Camp

cost: FREE! It's free, there is no cost, just a little of your time, a little of your food and a LOT of fun!

events: Fellowship + Train Rides + Hiking + Fishing + Zipline + Swimming + Eating at 5 p.m.

WHAT to bring: The church will provide meat, you simply bring a couple side dishes, your own plates, forks and such, your lawn chairs, swimsuits, fishing poles, and anything else you need to have a fun picnic with your church family! We hope to see you ALL there. Mark your calendars now and watch the bulletin for information, so you can register cause we wouldn't want to run out of food!

