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MONTH AT A GLANCE

Sundays	Worship Services, College Study
Mondays	Men's Basketball, Boy Scouts
Tuesdays	OASIS
Wednesdays	Supper@Second, Common Bond
Thursdays	Women's Bible Study
Fridays	Co-ed Volleyball

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9 th	Church Office Closed
10 th	Our Brother's Keeper Meeting
12 th	Widow's Might
14 th	High School Nerf Wars
15 th	Monthly Missions Meeting
16 th	Back to the Streets Ministry
20 th	Jr. High Believe Trip to Anderson, IN
21 st	Ladies Spring Luncheon
23 rd	Book Club at Judy's
24 th	Pleasant Meadows
25 th	Final Common Bond
28 th	Ladies Spring Brunch at Hanging Rock

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INTO OUR DARKNESS GOD BRINGS LIGHT

2012 Ladies Spring Luncheon

Daughters
of the **KING**



Claiming Your Royal Heritage

Saturday, April 21
10:00 am to noon

\$8 per person

Tickets available in the
foyer on April 1 & 15

Easter at the Palmer Arena
April 8 • 10:00 am



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Into Our Darkness, God Brings Light

Drew Mentzer

There is a song entitled "The Light of the World is Jesus." The first line says, "The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin...". Think about being in the dark. What happens? What does it do to you? Well, of course, you can't see, and that can cause all kinds of problems. Have you ever stubbed your toe in the middle of the night because you ran into a piece of furniture that has always been there? Darkness will do that to you.

Extreme darkness can really have a weird effect on you. Judy and I once visited one of those underground caverns where the guide tells you all about rock formations and underground rivers; but this particular guide also gave me a lesson on life. He had us all sit down against a rock wall, and then he had the lights turned off. I realized that it would be very easy to become totally disoriented, confused and frightened in such total darkness. I suspect if someone lived in that environment for very long, they would even lose the ability to see. If I had been forced to try to find my way out of that cavern without light, I would have never made it. Fortunately the guide turned the lights back on, and, after a period of adjustment, I could see the way to go.

Do you understand that our world is lost in the darkness of sin, but that light has come into the world? People are disoriented, confused and frightened about life, and many have lost the ability to see the truth. But God has broken through the darkness. He came into the world in the person of Jesus Christ who died for our sins and rose again to give us the light of life.

The Easter message, the message of the resurrection, is that because Jesus lives we too can live. And now we

have something to share in this dark world. We can turn on the light so people can find the way. Easter is a great time to share your faith, to invite people to discover what you have discovered, and to encourage your friends and family to come into the light.

Please remember that many people around us are confused about what church is all about. They are disoriented as far as what it means to be a Christian, and they are probably afraid to even give this thing a try. But just maybe you can be the guide that helps them see, and, just maybe, they too will come to really live.



Do you understand that our world is lost in the darkness of sin, but light has come into the world?

I am looking forward to Easter at the Arena again this year, because it gives us an opportunity to all be together in one service; but also because it is a means of bringing many visitors into our gathering where we can share with them the good news. I hope you will be with us at the Arena on April 8 at 10:00 am and that you will invite everyone you can.

Then, after Easter, please follow up on those you invited. If they came to the Arena, invite them out to the building. If they did not come, don't be discouraged or hard on them. Understand darkness has that effect on people. Pray for them,

encourage them, invite them again, and let them see the light of Jesus shining through you.

See you Easter Sunday and every other Sunday as we remember that we serve a risen Savior, and, through Him, God has brought light into our darkness.

APRIL PREACHING SCHEDULE

CONTINUING SERIES: God, What Do You Want?

April 1 - Can I Make Any Difference?

April 8 - Risen: Into Our Darkness God Brings Light

NEW SERIES: Living the Good Life

April 15 - Overflowing With Faith, Hope and Love

April 22 - Learning to Be Content

April 29 - Inner Peace and Strength

Women's Ministry

Judy Mentzer

Christian Book Club

Monday, April 23, at 6:30 pm
Judy's house (1704 N. Vermillion)

The book for April is *Three Days* by Melody Carlson. Read the book and come and share in the discussion. While reading this book, please remember that it is a fiction book. Not all the events correspond with the Scriptural account, but the book serves the purpose of making us see the events through other's eyes.

Women's Ministry Involvement

Our goal is to have every woman at Second involved in one of our ministries, and as of right now, we are not even close to that goal. Your help is really needed - especially in the following areas:

Card and Prayer Ministry, Meal Ministry Circles, Christian Encouragers, Welcome and Visitation, and our Service Ministries.

Don't put it off any longer. Please call Judy today and see where you might best serve.

Christian Women's Conference

Wednesday, April 25, at 9:00 am
Lincoln Christian University

Another great event has been planned with speakers Ellie Lofaro and Kathy Troccoli, and you won't want to miss it! The theme is "Spaghetti for the Soul." Registration forms are available in the church office or on the Women's Bulletin Board. Please send in your own registration, but call the church office and put your name on the list if you would like to ride to Lincoln on the church van. The van will be leaving at 6:00 am. We will be back to the church between 5:30 and 6:00 pm.



When you get your registration form, please note that the cost for this event goes up from \$30.00 to \$35.00 after April 18.

Widow's Might

Thursday, April 12

Meet at Wendy's on Voorhees at 12:00 noon for lunch. Following our lunch together, we will go to Danville Gardens to make a Spring Flower Basket.

Supper @ Second

Supper @ Second is our fellowship meal on Wednesday nights. Dinner is served cafeteria style. This is a great opportunity to get to know your 2CC family. Supper is served from 5:15 to 6:15 pm (CST).

- April 4** Taco Salad Bar, Spanish Rice, Turtle Brownie
- April 11** Roast Pork Loin, Baked Potatoes, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Fruit Pies
- April 18** Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy, California Blend, Lemon Dessert
- April 25** Lasagna, Green Goddess Salad, Green Beans, Angel Roll with Fruit

Sunday Morning Attendance

	Worship	ABF/Sunday School
March 4	1,216	404
March 11	1,080	346
March 18	1,069	361

Tithes and Offerings/Building Fund

	Tithes/Offerings	Building Fund
March 4	\$37,437.40	\$4,855.69
March 11	\$28,980.48	\$4,714.25
March 18	\$26,134.44	\$1,488.00

Total Weekly Goal:..... \$29,855.22

Goal for Erase the Comma

New Target.....\$17,269.40
Loan Balance as of 3/18\$1,017,268.91

Parking for Easter at the Arena

This year there are two parking areas reserved for handicap and seniors: The Old National Bank parking lot directly east of the arena's main entrance, as well as the parking lot directly west of the arena. This new west lot provides close access to the arena through the ice skating entrance.

For everyone else there is plenty of parking as indicated on the map. Keep in mind that two of the parking areas are parking garages. The area in front of the Arena's main entrance is reserved for passenger drop-off and pickup only. There is no parking in the pickup and drop-off area.



Mission Trip Opportunity With MASTER Provisions

MASTER Provisions combines evangelism with delivery of clothing, orphan and medical care, farming aid, household supplies, food and other benevolent assistance to help people in economically distressed countries. They follow Christ's pattern of showing love by meeting temporary physical needs in order to gain the opportunity to address the more urgent spiritual needs of non-Christians.

A group from 2CC will be going to MASTER Provisions in Kentucky later this month to help sort and pack clothing. Be watching for more details.

Inquirer's Night

Thursday, April 19
6:00 pm

If you are new to 2CC, or would like to know more about us, join us for an informal time of discussion at *Inquirer's Night*. Learn about our mission, meet the staff, and take a tour of the facility.

Singles @ Second

The singles group will not meet in April. The next meeting will be Friday, May 4, at 6:00 pm in the Cafe. Watch for further details.

Common Bond to Resume in September

Common Bond will be taking a break over the summer. Our final meeting will be Wednesday, April 25. We will resume after Labor Day in September.

Young at Heart

Friday, April 20
12:00 - 2:30 pm at 2CC

Wade Kammin and his dog, Nifty, from "Canine Companions for Independence," will be with us to show us how service dogs are selected and trained. A free-will offering will be collected for Canine Companions.

There will also be music provided by Larry and Nancy Roderick.

Reservations and \$8.00 for a catered meal are due to Gloria (446-5357) or Sue (442-7555) by April 15.



Easter at the Arena: A Great Way to Introduce People to 2CC

by Dale DeNeal

Engaging people in spiritual conversations is often an intimidating experience for Christians. Many are worried they might say something wrong or stumble over their words. I believe one of the easiest ways to embark on a spiritual conversation with someone is to invite them to church. However, there seems to be two times in the calendar year where people seem especially open to an invitation to attend church - *Christmas and Easter*.

The first time Sherri Askren visited Second was at the 2010 Easter service at the Palmer Arena. I recently spoke to Sherri about her journey here at 2CC, and here is what she shared:



Sherri Askren

What brought you to the Easter Service at the Palmer Arena?

SHERRI: I had heard good things about Second Church and the Easter service through family members and friends who attended Second. They invited and encouraged me to come but I did not have the opportunity to check it out for myself until Easter 2010.

What do you remember about your first Easter experience?

SHERRI: I cried three times. The music and service was so moving. I remember the expressive signing group and the presentation they did using black light. I came away from that service and I felt like I had experienced the presence of Jesus and the power of the resurrection.

Did your Easter experience motivate you to check out Second Church?

SHERRI: Yes, but I didn't visit a regular church service until a few months later. When I visited in August I was impressed with how personable Drew was and how friendly the people were. After attending that service I knew this was the place I needed to be and I've been attending the church ever since. I placed my membership with Second in September 2011.

How has attending Second Church impacted you?

SHERRI: I was looking for something more spiritually in my life. Music is very important to me and I feel the services continue to motivate and inspire me. I enjoy the sermons. I feel like I know what I'm supposed to be doing when I leave a service.

What do you think is helpful to tell people when inviting them to attend Easter at the Arena?

SHERRI: I would tell people that they will feel welcomed when they come through the doors of the arena. The people at the doors will make you feel as if you were coming into someone's home. I would tell people that they will leave the service feeling excited and inspired.

Who are you inviting to attend Easter at the Arena? When you invite a friend, neighbor, or family member to Easter at the Palmer Arena, be sure to tell them what to expect. Tell them how the service makes you feel; and, if possible, make arrangements to sit with your guests so they feel more comfortable. Invite people to come to the Easter service at the arena – it is a great way to introduce people to Second Church of Christ.

Mission Trip to Ivory Coast, Africa

A short-term mission team is forming for a return trip to Ivory Coast, Africa. The trip is scheduled for August 3-17, 2013. The primary focus of this mission trip will be to conduct two dental clinics in the Abengourou area. One dental clinic will be conducted at the mission clinic, and the other dental clinic will be conducted in a predominately Muslim part of the city.

The team needs two to three dentists and several assistants. Assistants are not required to have dental experience, but they do need a willingness to be trained. The team can also use people willing to do painting or other general maintenance. Anyone fluent in French could also be helpful. The team size is limited to 15 people.

The cost of the trip is approximately \$3,600, which includes airfare, visa, insurance, and food and lodging while in Ivory Coast. For more information or to reserve your spot on the team, contact Dale DeNeal at (217) 442-7306 or email him at dale@secondchurchofchrist.org.





Children's Ministry (Birth - 4th Grade)

Kenna Osborne

Ready or Not...Here We come!

The Children's Ministry Department is preparing for our annual move to the Palmer Arena for our Easter service, and we need everyone to be aware of what will happen and how you can help.

What will happen? The "Safety Zone" (Children's Programming for Easter) will host the nursery through Preschool classes only. Kindergarten and older children will sit with their parents or family in the Arena.

How can you help? Volunteer to help in one or more of the following areas:

Registration workers, Nursery caregivers, Preschool helpers for the 2 & 3 or 4 & 5-year-old classes, Setting up the children's classrooms at the Arena on Saturday, April 7, Returning the church daycare classrooms to order on Sunday, April 8 (immediately following the service)

Pray for the children and the Children's Ministry volunteers, that Easter at the Arena will be a safe and secure environment where children will be loved and hear the amazing news of God's great love for them!

Preschool Vacation Bible School and the All New "V.B.C."

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, the week for our annual Preschool VBS has been changed to June 4 - 7 from 6:00 - 8:30 pm each evening.

"V.B.C." - I have only had a few people ask if there was a typo in our VBS and VBC announcements for this summer, and the answer is no. This year, all of our current Kindergarten - 5th grade students will be invited to join us for our first ever V.B.C.!

What is "V.B.C."? Well, it's not the traditional Vacation Bible School - it's...Vacation Bible Camp! So mark your calendar for Friday, June 8, and Saturday, June 9, for this new and exciting opportunity to attend V.B.C. Watch for more details!

Summer Camp at Hanging Rock

Summer registration forms are in! See Kenna, or stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin board, or visit www.hangingrock.org to get your registration form to pick the best time for your child to attend summer camp.

As always, the church will pay half of the registration fee for any regular attending child of 2CC to attend one camp this summer. To take advantage of this amazing blessing, your form must be returned to Kenna; or if you plan to register on-line, see Kenna to get the church code in order to receive the discounted price.

If you have any questions about summer camp at Hanging Rock, please see Ms. Kenna.

Jr. High Ministry (5th-8th Grade)

Terry Goodwin

CIY Believe

April 20 and 21 at Anderson University (Anderson, IN)

If you are a 7th or 8th grade student who has registered for this event, here's what you need to know! We are staying in a hotel, so you will need overnight items. You will also need a Bible and a pen. Bring money for 4 meals. We will stop for supper on Friday night and have 3 meals on Saturday.



We will leave from the church on Friday at 2:30 pm. This will mean students may need to get out of school early on this day. We will return on Saturday around 6:30 pm.

8th Grade Graduation Party

Wednesday, May 2

6:00 - 7:30 pm

In May we will be hosting a Graduation Party for all 8th grade students that are moving into High School next year. More info will be coming soon about this event.



Student Ministry (High School & College)

Kiley Garrison

High School Nerf Wars Rescheduled

Saturday, April 14, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

What is Nerf Wars, you ask? It's a cross between Capture the Flag and Dodgeball, with Nerf Guns and tons of Finger Blasters. Sound awesome? That's because it is! The cost is \$3 per person plus your favorite 2-liter of pop. Invite a friend! Enter through door #3 on the night of the event.

High School Mission Trip Registration Open

Who says you have to go someplace else for a mission trip? This year we will be serving others right here in our own community from June 17-22. This trip is open to all students in 8th - 12th grade, and the cost is only \$110. To register, fill out a registration form and turn it in with your \$55 deposit by May 20. More information is available at the Student Ministry Board.

St. James Food Pantry

ROOTS will not be meeting on Wednesday, April 18, so that we can help distribute food at St. James. The church van will leave 2CC at 6:00 sharp and return at 7:45.

Save the Date!

Sunday, May 6 - Ministry in Motion Worship Experience

Tuesday, May 15 - Danville Gardens Fundraiser for CIY

Sunday, June 3 - Graduate Recognition Sunday

Summer Camp

There are some great opportunities that you can take advantage of this summer at Hanging Rock. Camp is a great place to really separate yourself from the busyness of life and focus on God. There are a couple of events I would like you to consider.

Middle School Camp for students who will be going into 6th- 8th grade in the fall. This event is from June 17-22. Molly and I will be helping lead this event and would love for you to join us. This is a great week full of fun, games, and great teaching. The full registration cost for this event is \$270 if you register by June 3.

Mother/Daughter Camp is for Mothers and Daughters of 1st - 6th grade students. Molly will be leading this event held on June 14-16. This will be a great event for you and your daughter. We are excited to announce that Christian singer and songwriter, Jamie Grace, and her mother will be joining us for part of this camp! You won't want to miss it. The cost of this event is only \$55 per person if you register by June 3. For more information on Jamie Grace, go to www.jamiegrace.com.

To register for camp go to www.hangingrock.org and fill out the registration form. If you are a regular attendee of Second Church of Christ, see Terry for a code to enter online to receive a discount on your registration.



CIY Move

July 22-27

Windermere Conference Center in Roach, Missouri

The cost is now \$300 per person. More information is available at the student ministry page on the church website or at the Student Ministry Board across from the pop machines at church.

Snag A Tag for CIY

Starting Sunday, April 15

Our annual Snag-A-Tag fundraiser will be kicking off this month - and we need your help! We are looking for adults who will give at least a \$50 tax-deductible donation toward a student's or sponsor's trip to CIY and commit to pray for them by name in the weeks leading up to CIY. If you would be willing to do this, just stop by the display and snag a tag for CIY. We appreciate your generosity!

A Heartfelt Thanks...

On behalf of me and my family, I want to thank so many of you who prayed, texted, sent flowers and cards, gave hugs, sent messages on FB, cared for my kids, and drove miles to attend my sister's visitation/funeral last month. Thanks so much for your love and encouragement. You made a very difficult day easier to get through.

