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Not a fan is more than just a series here at 2CC. Not a fan is more than just a small group study. Not a fan is more than just a Church-wide campaign with fancy banners and signs. Not a fan is a change in mindset for many of us.

One of the goals of the “not a fan” series is to get us to move beyond being just fans. As we have already discussed, a fan is an enthusiastic admirer, and Jesus doesn’t ask for admirers. Jesus calls us to follow him. Luke 9:23 says this Then he said to them all: **“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”** If we choose to follow him we must deny ourselves and take up our cross daily. Being a follower of Jesus is not something you decide to do, and then forget about it a few days later. Being a Follower requires commitment and passion.

As followers of Jesus we now understand that He wants everyone to follow Him. He doesn’t just call people like you and me, but he wants everybody. As we continue on throughout this month studying “not a fan,” you need to make a choice. You need to decide if you are a fan or a follower, and if you don’t like the answer then do something about it. Make the decision to be a follower of Jesus today!

Decision Weekend February 25 & 26

Decision Weekend is a call to action. It is an opportunity for you to take the next step in your spiritual journey - a day to make your choice known.

On Saturday, February 25th, from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm, Elders and Ministry Staff will be available at the church building to pray with you and talk to you about any spiritual decision you are thinking about or are ready to make. On Sunday, February 26th, an opportunity to make a spiritual decision will be available during all four services. Will you accept Jesus and begin your spiritual journey? Will you take the next step in your spiritual journey and be baptized? Will you make a commitment of fellowship to Second Church of Christ?

Of course, you can make these decisions anytime of the year; but we want to offer you a starting line, a jumping off point (if you will). A day you can mark on your calendar. A day you can make a decision to change your life forever. A day you can move from being a fan of Jesus to a follower of Jesus. Will you decide?

We Saw Many Decisions for Christ

Drew Mentzer



On January 10th, Bill Knight (one of our 2CC Elders) traveled with me to Thailand to visit and encourage Tom and Gayle Silkwood who are missionaries from Second Church. While in Thailand, Bill and I visited the headquarters of North Burma Christian Mission (NBCM) and the studios of Freedom Films. We also visited some of the villages that Tom and Gayle work with. It was an exciting trip, and we learned a great deal about the Silkwoods' work. We were encouraged by what we saw. Please be praying for Tom and Gayle and their ministry.

On January 17th Bill headed back to the states, but I continued on to India. While in India, I preached in remote villages as well as in a couple of large cities. I usually preached two to three times a day to an audience comprised mostly of Hindus or Muslims. Instead of working with American missionaries, I was privileged to work with native Indian evangelists. These men are special to me. I'm excited to report that many people gave their lives to Christ! I returned on January 31st. I want to thank all of you who have prayed for us and for the work of the Kingdom. Thank you for caring about Kingdom work and allowing me to make this trip.

During February we are going to continue with our theme "not a fan." I hope you have been challenged, as I have, by this material, and

I pray that all of us will be growing in our relationship with the Lord. Last Sunday I closed my message with the words of 2 Thessalonians 1:3 and I give them to you now, "We ought always to thank God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love everyone of you has for each other is increasing."

Coming up on February 25th and 26th, we are going to have another Decision Weekend, and I want to invite you to participate. Last year when we offered this service, we saw many decisions for Christ and His church here at Second. I believe there are many more who are ready to make their next move. So here is what you can do. If you are already a Christ-follower and have made a commitment to Second, I need to you to be praying and encouraging. Pray that lives will be changed, that people will respond to the Lord, and that many will take the next step that God is calling them to make. Also on the Saturday of Decision weekend, if you would like to volunteer to be here at the building and help the staff, we would appreciate that.

Now, if you have not made that step to receive Christ as Lord and Savior, or if you are an immersed believer and have not placed your fellowship here, please be praying about what God wants

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PREACHING SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2012

Continuing the series:
not a fan

February 5 -
Choosing Intimacy
Luke 7:36-50

February 12 -
The Comfortable Cross
I Corinthians 1:18-25

February 19 -
More Than Rules
John 8:1-11

February 26 -
Is Jesus Enough?
John 6:25-29

A Note from Drew continued

you to do. If you have questions or need to talk to one of the staff, please call the office (217-442-7306) and let's set up an appointment. I pray that there will be many decisions for the Lord on this special weekend.

Here is another area where you can help me out. Recently someone told me about a member who had not been here in several weeks because of illness, which I didn't know about. Yes, maybe I should have missed them, or maybe everyone else assumed I knew they had not been here, but

for whatever reason I missed this information. So if you or someone you know is missing for several weeks, please let us know so we can follow up with them and see how we can pray for them or minister to them. Thanks for your help.

Finally, I want to express my appreciation for our very capable staff who all do such a good job in their own areas of ministry and do an excellent job filling in my areas. "... May the Lord keep watch between you and me when we are away from each other" (Genesis 31:49)

CHILDRENS MINISTRY

Kenna Osborne

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HANGING ROCK

PRESCHOOL DAY CAMP WITH KENNA:

Friday, February 10 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 a.m. (EST)
\$15.00 - January 30th – February 9th
\$20.00 - At the door

ICEBREAKERS WINTER RETREAT FOR KINDERGARTEN – 3RD GRADE WITH KENNA:

Saturday, February 11 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. (EST)
\$20.00 – January 30th – February 10th
\$25.00 – At the door

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT FOR 4TH – 6TH GRADE WITH TERRY:

Friday, February 3rd, 7:00 p.m. – Saturday, February 4th, 3:00 p.m. (EST)
\$40.00 – At the door

**See Kenna or Terry for additional information or for registration forms.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In the Children's Ministry area, we are experiencing some amazing growing pains, and we need your help to make sure that all of God's precious little ones are being cared for, taught and loved while they are here at Second. We have current and immediate volunteer openings in these areas:

*NURSERY – Sunday morning during the 11:30 a.m. worship hour.

*PRESCHOOL ASSISTANTS – Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings.

*SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAM TEACHER –During the 10:15 and 11:30 a.m. hours.

If you would like to discuss any of these ministry opportunities, please contact Kenna at the church at 442-7306.

You will be blessed beyond measure by working with His amazing kids!

BIBLE BOOT CAMP

It's not too late to start our exciting and rewarding Wednesday night Kindergarten – 4th grade program called "Bible Boot Camp"!

During Bible Boot Camp the kids are challenged and encouraged to work hard as they complete their daily prayer time, at-home challenges and Bible memorizations as we work together to grow closer to God!

Make plans to join us in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 as we work together to equip our kids to become soldiers for God!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for our brand new (and super duper exciting) program for all of our current Kindergarten – 5th grade students as we take our traditional VBS (Vacation Bible School) and change it into something so cool, so different and EPIC! VBC (Vacation Bible Camp) will be held on June 8th & 9th! Be on the look-out for details, coming soon!

If you have a preschool child (ages 3 – not yet in school), mark your calendars for our annual VBS (Vacation Bible School), June 25th – 28th.

JR HIGH MINISTRY

Terry Goodwin



Compassion Child

Our Compassion Child is Keyling Stefany Rodriguez Morales! She is an 8 year old girl from Nicaragua. Part of our offering on Sunday mornings goes to support her so that her food and schooling needs are taken care of on a monthly basis. \$1 per person can go a long way if we all work together!

Sunday Mornings at 9:00

Every week we keep our 5th and 6th grade students together to study Grapple. This group study is designed to help students wrestle with the teachings of the Bible. Our 7th and 8th grade students meet together for a time of deeper study and wrestling with where they stand in their relationship with Jesus.

Sunday Mornings at 10:15

During the month of February, we will be going through the “not a fan” series. This study will challenge us to become fully committed followers of Jesus. Join us each Sunday as we laugh and learn together.

Winter Youth Retreat @ Hanging Rock

This retreat is for all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students and will be at Hanging Rock Christian Assembly on February 3rd and 4th. The weekend’s events will include Glow-in-the-Dark Dodgeball, and we will have a special guest with us - Hayley Holmes, who plays the part of Alice on the Disney show, “Good Luck Charlie!” Go to the Jr. High page on the church website to print off a registration form, and get it to Terry as soon as possible.

CIY Superstart

Superstart is March 2nd and 3rd at Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington, IL. This trip is for all 5th and 6th grade students. The cost for this event is \$55, and registration forms can be found on the church website!

CIY Believe

Believe is April 20th and 21st at Anderson University in Anderson, IN. This trip is for all 7th and 8th grade students. The cost for this event is \$65 if you register before March 18th. Registration forms are available on the church website!

STUDENT MINISTRY

Kiley Garrison

CIY MOVE 2012
Windermere Conference Center
in Roach, Missouri
July 22nd – 27th

The Hard Work of Parenting

I’ve had several conversations with parents over the years who struggle with the challenge of discipline. Many times parents find it difficult to create boundaries and follow through with discipline. No parent wants to be the “bad guy” all the time, but there is no question that children and teenagers need clear and unmovable boundaries in order to thrive.

Recently I came across this list of things to remember about discipline from homework.com. Perhaps it will help you as it did me.

1. Rules without relationship cause rebellion.
2. Look to their interest, not your own.
3. Discipline means confrontation, even if you don’t like it.
4. Don’t be afraid of seeing your child go through the pain of consequences.
5. You can’t be consistent with everything, so pick your battles wisely.
6. Discipline is training.

I hope my kids know that I will always walk alongside them no matter what life throws at them. And I pray that I will always have the wisdom and courage to stand in front of them when they start down a path that could potentially lead them in the wrong direction. Parenting is hard work, but somebody’s got to do it. Praying for a “peaceful harvest of right living” for my kids and yours!

Read Kiley’s complete article at secondchurchofchrist.org



“Followers Thrive on Bread”

Dale DeNeal

spiritually because they do not think that nourishing the soul is important, or they believe they are too busy to eat. Would we not also think these people were disturbed or crazy? The truth is we really don't see people physically starving because they refuse to eat; however, spiritual starvation due to neglect is rampant – even among Christ-followers.

Andrew Murray writes:

Bread is indispensable to life. However strong a person may be, if he takes no nourishment, he will grow weak and eventually die.

Bread must be eaten. I may have bread in my house and on my table in great abundance –

but if I cannot or will not eat it, I'll die.

Likewise, mere knowledge of God's Word will not help me. It is not enough to hold it and think about it; I must feed on God's Word. As it is absorbed into my life, I am sustained and strengthened. Bread must be eaten daily. The same is true of God's Word. The psalmist says, “Blessed is the man [whose] delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2). To secure a strong and powerful spiritual life, feeding on God's Word everyday is indispensable.

Murray is correct. If we want to experience a robust and prevailing spiritual life, it is vital that we feed on God's Word every day. To achieve spiritual health and wellbeing, there is no substitute for feeding on the Bread of Life. Jesus was clear that while physical bread is important, real life cannot be sustained without consuming God's Word the Bread of Life daily.

In my travels around the world, I've noticed that no matter how different the culture may be, the geography, or the social and economic situation, one thing seems constant: bread. For thousands of years bread has been the dietary staple by which most civilizations have derived sustenance. In The Lord's Prayer Jesus recognizes the importance of bread for bodily wellbeing and the need for daily petition in order to experience its provision. Nevertheless, as important as bread is to physical life, Jesus also said that, “man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4).

We are all saddened when we hear about people dying of starvation because of drought or war-induced famine. But how would we feel if we heard that people were starving in spite of the fact that a free and abundant supply of bread was available to them? If upon further investigation we discovered that these people were starving because they believed eating was not important and that they believed they were simply too busy to eat, would we not think these people were disturbed or crazy? Yet, on a spiritual level, I see people all around who are starving in spite of the fact that the Bread of Life, God's Word, is in abundant supply. These spiritually emaciated people choose not to feed themselves



WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Widow's Might

Thursday, Feb. 9th, at 12:15 in the Cafe. For lunch we will have Sloppy Joes, chips, veggie bars and cookies. The program will be "Leap Year." Widow's Might is for all widows in our church and community. Plan to come and share with us.

Christian Book Club

Monday, Feb. 27th, at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for February is Heaven Is For Real by Todd Burpo. Read it and come join us for prayer, discussion, fellowship, fun, and, of course, food. If the weather is questionable, please check with the church office about cancellation.

Singles@Second

The singles group will not meet in February. The next gathering will be Friday, March 2nd, at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafe. It will be Pizza & Movie night.

Coming Events

Christian Women's Conference at Lincoln Christian University on Wednesday, April 25th. Mark your calendars now so that you will be able to attend.

Spring Ladies Luncheon - date to be announced. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Donna DeNeal right away.

Ministry Moment

Many of the Women at Second are not yet involved in one of our Women's Ministries. Pick up a Women's Ministry Brochure, look through it and see what interests you. If you are interested in beginning a new ministry, call Judy and she will help you get it started.

YOUNG AT HEART

Friday, Feb 17th • 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Our next program will be a catered lunch in the Chapel with a program by chalk artist, Jan Rolin, and pianist, Jo Pugh. If you would like to attend, reservations and \$8.50 for lunch are due to Gloria (446-5357) or Sue (442-7555) by February 12th.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 15th, for the "Celebrate St Patrick's Day" show with Hopkins & Miller in Carmel, IN. Details later.

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 pm to 6:15 pm (CST).

February 1 – roast pork, parsley potatoes, frosted strawberry Jell-O salad, white sheet cake

February 8 – taco salad bar, Spanish rice, turtle brownie

February 15 – loaded potato soup, mini ham & turkey sandwiches, deviled eggs, pineapple cake

February 22 – Italian beef, potato salad, strawberry pretzel salad, chocolate layer dessert

February 29 – chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, corn, cherry cheesecake pie

Sunday Morning Attendance

	1/1	1/8	1/15	1/22	1/29
1st Service	82	132	108	116	111
2nd Service	322	274	264	256	272
3rd Service	389	634	602	596	521
4th Service	136	155	118	105	107

Total	929	1195	1092	1073	1011
ABF	98	202	177	196	176

Actual offering received Goal for Erase the Comma:

1/1	\$21,879.58	New Target \$51,366.61
1/8	\$32,847.07	
1/15	\$28,611.28	Weekly need: \$3,681.00
1/22	\$31,310.60	Monthly Payment: \$15,950.00
1/29	\$27,309.89	Loan Balance as of Jan 22:
Weekly goal ...	\$29,139.02	\$1,051,366.61



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

February, 2012

Sundays Worship Services
Mondays Men's Basketball, Boy Scouts
Tuesdays OASIS, 2CC Volleyball
Wednesdays Supper@Second, Common Bond
Thursdays Women's Bible Study

3rd-4th Winter Youth Retreat @ HRCA
4th Man2Man Pizza/Movie Night
9th Widow's Might
10th Preschool Retreat @ HRCA
11th Icebreakers Retreat@HRCA
14th Our Brother's Keeper
15th High School Food Pantry
17th-18th Art of Marriage
20th Back to the Streets Ministry
25th-26th Decision Weekend
27th Book Club @ Judy's
28th Pleasant Meadows

The Art of Marriage Seminar



Friday and Saturday, February 17th & 18th
Friday from 6:00-9:00, Saturday from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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. This one-and-a-half day video conference brings together some of today's most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. Join us as we explore God's design for marriage and find practical tools to enhance your relationship with your spouse.

The cost is \$45 and includes materials, snacks and lunch on Saturday. You can register at the table in the foyer on Sunday mornings or stop by the church office. Invite your family members and friends to take part in this powerful weekend.