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A Note From Drew...

Drew Mentzer
Senior Minister

I love this time of year because of its beauty and because we are reminded, with a holiday, to give thanks. We are an abundantly blessed people in this country. God has been very merciful to us and patient with us, and we have so many privileges. Sometimes, however,

we become so concerned about all that is wrong and the uncertainty of the future that we forget to be thankful. Why is it that it is easier to be critical than it is to be thankful?

So this month I want to speak to all of us about thanksgiving. I think this will be life changing for some people, when they move from complaining to thanksgiving, from depression to thanking. I hope you will join us every Sunday during November as we contemplate the how and the why of being thankful.

I would like to share something with you that you might want to share with people you speak with who do not attend church. One of the advantages we have with our four services is that it meets so many needs and overcomes so many excuses. If you are talking to someone who says they like to sleep in on Sunday morning, invite them to our 11:30 service. If you are talking to someone who has lots to do on Sunday, invite them to our 7:45 service. If you are talking to someone who doesn't like a large church, invite them to either the 7:45 or 11:30 services. If you are talking to someone who is looking for a large church, invite them to our 9:00 or 10:15 service. Please let people know that we have lots of parking at all four services and that we have nursery and children's programming at all four services. Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi programming is during the 9:00 and 10:15 services and Adult Bible Fellowships meet during the first three services.

The best publicity we have here at Second is when you enthusiastically speak to others about what is going on around here. Invite your friends and family to attend with you, and you might be surprised to find out they are just waiting for someone to talk to them about church and about the Lord.

If you have been in worship during the last two months, you have seen and heard a lot about our theme for the year, *It's Your Move*. We are encouraging everyone who attends here to take personal responsibility for their growth in the Lord and the church. Church is like a lot of things, you get out of it what you put into it or as God's Word says, you reap what you sow. But let me add that if I, or any of the staff, can be of help to you, please contact us. Call the office and ask for the staff person to whom you wish to speak, or you may email us and we will answer as soon as we can. While it is your move, and while you are personally responsible, we want to help where we can.

Remember two special opportunities this month. On Sunday, November 13th, the Children of the World Choir will be with us again-wow what an exciting presentation they made when they were with us last year. Invite your friends to be with you on that day. Then on Sunday, November 20th, we will receive our annual Thanksgiving Offering. This is over and above your regular giving. Half of the offering will go to Lincoln Christian University - a great school that is training workers for the Kingdom. The other half will go to Christian Church Disability Ministries, a very special organization that works with the disabled with both group homes and educational materials. I serve on the board of CCDM and recommend it to you. Give as God has blessed you.

Look forward to seeing you every time the doors are open here at Second.

Drew

Preaching Schedule

November Series:

Let's Have a Feast of Thanksgiving

November 6th

Because of Who God Is
Psalm 100

November 13th

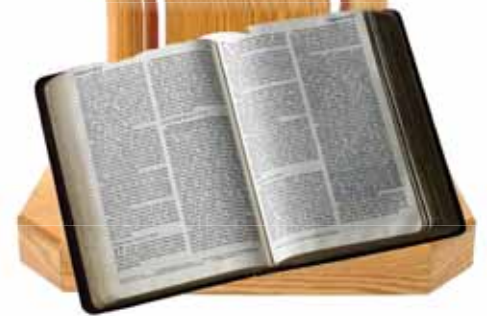
In Every Circumstance
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

November 20th

In An Acceptable Way
Hebrews 12:28-29

November 27th

Because of All God Has Done
Psalm 118



UPCOMING EVENT

“OLD BARN SPORTING CLAY TARGET SHOOT OUT”

at Oakland, IL., December 3rd.

Watch for more details and sign-ups coming soon.

Time In The Word

Acquire an Insatiable Desire

for God's Word!

Psalm 119 is one of my favorite chapters in the Bible. There are several reasons I'm fascinated with this Psalm. First, with 176 verses it is not only the longest psalm, but it is also the longest chapter in the Bible.

Second, Psalm 119 has a unique acrostic structure based on the Hebrew alphabet. Psalm 119 is divided into 22 sections and each section is made up of eight verses. Each of the 22 sections and eight verses begin with a different letter in the 22 letter Hebrew alphabet. Unfortunately, this beautiful structure is lost when translated into English. However, among past believers it was known as "The Christians' golden ABC of the praise, love, power and use of the Word of God."

The third reason I'm drawn to this Psalm is its passionate focus on God's Word. The writer of Psalm 119 possesses a consuming excitement for God's Word, and he expresses his fervor for the Word as a smitten lover expresses his adoration for the love of his life. He is infatuated by Scripture. The psalmist is consumed with pondering and reflecting on the mysteries of God's words, laws, commandments, statutes, and precepts.

Some of the most familiar (and my favorite) passages from the Bible come from Psalm 119, which is the fourth reason I'm drawn to this



Psalm.

- 9: "How can a young man keep his way pure? By keeping it according to Your word."
- 11: "Your word I have treasured in my heart, That I may not sin against You."
- 18: "Open my eyes, that I may behold Wonderful things from Your law."
- 103: "How sweet are Your words to my taste! Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"
- 105: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

The fifth reason this Psalm resonates with me is because I desire to acquire the same level of yearning for God's Word as the psalmist expresses. For many, reading God's Word is an act of discipline. Don't misunderstand my point here – discipline is very important, and discipline is to be admired. But the psalmist's drive for God's Word goes beyond discipline and can be described with words such as desire, longing, compulsion, yearning, and perhaps obsession – "I open my mouth and pant, longing for your commands" (131). When Christ-Follower's are driven to read and engraft scripture into their

lives through these motivations, there is little need for discipline. Spending time in God's word becomes as natural and necessary as breathing. I long for that level of yearning for Scripture.

So, how do we achieve this yearning for God's Word? David B. Loughran says, "Are you eager to learn about the Almighty and His Word? Do you really want to understand His will for mankind and how He reacts to human behavior? To be sure all Christians want to be holy, just and true. But do we yearn for these things? Do we want them with all our heart and soul? No one, be they musician, singer, sportsman, artist, poet, writer or inventor, ever accomplished anything of worth without total dedication, absolute commitment and maximum effort. It is exactly the same with the things of the Spirit. To arrive at your goal you must give it all you've got. Nothing less will do."

Giving it all you've got in order to achieve spiritual maturity means we spend time in the Word every day. Not only must we read the Bible, but we must reflect on it and apply it to our lives. We must take the opportunity to engage in Bible studies with other people through ABFs or small groups. Giving it all you've got means we make the intake of Scripture as important as mealtimes or exercise.

As we do these things, we will nurture a yearning and passion for the Word and acquire the psalmist's insatiable desire for God's Word!

Friday, February 17th 6 - 9 p.m.

Saturday, February 18th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

save the date

FAMILY LIFE
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For the month of September

We Need:

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**Brother's
oKeeper**

Our monthly meeting will be in the Cafe, Tuesday, Nov. 8th, at 7 p.m. OBK is still collecting basic household items. We currently are in need of pots & pans, dishes and silverware. For more

information, call Barb Calvin at the church office, 442-7306, or Jessica at Love INC's office, 442-5683.

**Brother's
oKeeper**

**GIVING
THANKS
Before
THANKSGIVING**
LUKE 17:11-19

Our Annual
Thanksgiving Offering

Our special offering this Thanksgiving will be divided between Lincoln Christian University and the Christian Church Disability Ministries. Search your hearts and plan to take part in this important effort November 20th during our worship services. This is a special offering over and above your regular giving.

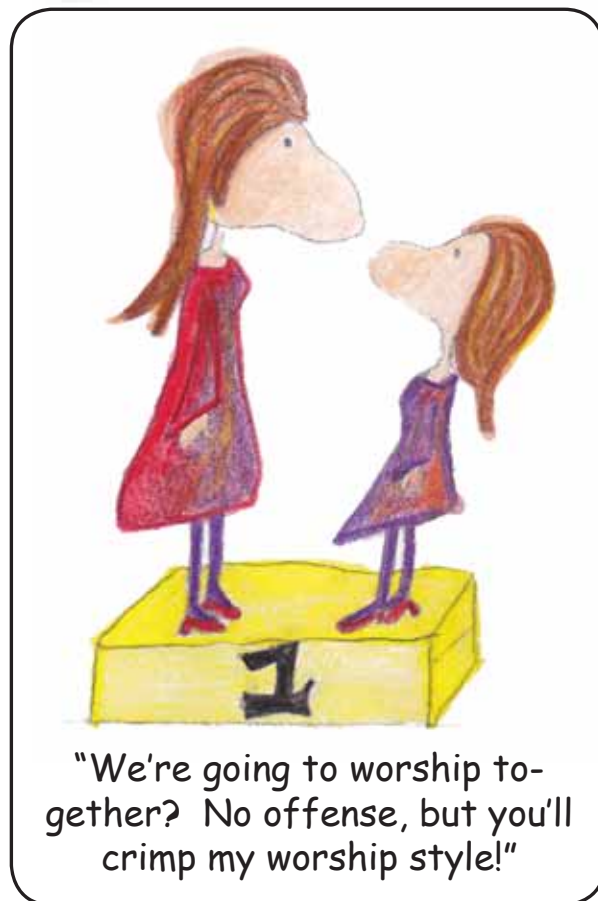


PRAISE PARTY!

Each Sunday morning, during VBS week, at any camp or retreat at Hanging Rock, and on Wednesday evenings, I have the pleasure of watching some really amazing kids praise our amazing God. They praise Him in a way that brings a smile to my face, goose bumps to my arms and warms my heart in a way that is so sweet, that I want to give the kids, and you, their parents, an opportunity to praise together. By joining us for our "Praise Party," you will get to see how in love your kids are with Jesus and how they want to sing it, shout it and live it!

On Sunday night, November 20th, at 6:00 p.m., we will have an opportunity to Praise our King just as the kids do – through songs that make us move, sing, shout, and think about His greatness! Join us for this "Praise Party," complete with worship, videos and a time of refreshments.

There is only one requirement: that you leave your inhibitions at the door and enter into this time with an open mind to let Jesus take over your worship and that you join us in a "Praise Party" that is only for our God. You can not worry about anyone watching or judging you as you sing, shout, and dance – you just need to remember that this time is for Him alone. -- Become like a child and worship from your heart.



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Someone posted on Facebook this past week a question that made me think; "What if all you woke up to today is what you were thankful for yesterday?"

This time of year, autumn and Thanksgiving, makes it very easy for us to stop and thank God for His many blessings, but what about the rest of the year? Do you tell Him thank you for all that He has given to you? Do you tell Him thank you for not only the good times but for the hard times as well? Do you let Him know that you appreciate all that He does for you?

At the beginning of this year, I started a "Thankfulness Journal" where everyday I take just a few minutes to write down what I am thankful for. While some days it may be as I am getting ready to go to bed before I make the time to stop, think and thank Him for today's blessings, I have

continued to do so each and everyday, and I want you to know that I believe He has blessed me because of this.

I want your children to also stop, think and thank Him for their blessings. Our kids in "Bible Boot Camp" do this as a daily challenge, and it is so refreshing and encouraging to know that they do thank Him and that they want to say "Thank You". Maybe we can learn from these little ones, and remember to thank Him each and everyday for what He has given to us!

Happy Thanksgiving!





THE BRIDGE
Romans 12:1-2
Terry Goodwin
Jr. High Minister
terry@secondchurchofchrist.org

VIDEO GAME EXTRAVAGANZA
November 6th
5 - 7 P.M.

what to bring:

don't miss the fun!

you want to come

friends and a desire to play games



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

Sunday Mornings at 10:15 AM

THE BRIDGE

Come join us every Sunday for a time of learning and fun. Bring your Bible and a friend.

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.

Give This Christmas Away

Date: December 4th, 2011
Time: 2 pm - 4 pm

Sign-up by emailing Terry by November 27th

terry@secondchurchofchrist.org

Student Ministry

Kiley Garrison - Student Minister

kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org



COMING SOON!

Be watching next month's newsletter for the date and location for CIY MOVE 2012!

COLLIDE High School Ski Retreat

January 27-29, 2012

Cincinnati Christian University

Collide is a high impact weekend event that will set you on a direct course to explore what God has in store for your life. There will be great times of worship with the Mosteller band, thought provoking main sessions with speaker, Brad Tate, a service project and, of course, time to hit the slopes at Perfect North Slopes. If you don't want to ski, grab a tube and go tubing for the day! The cost is \$99, which covers lodging, transportation, food and skiing.

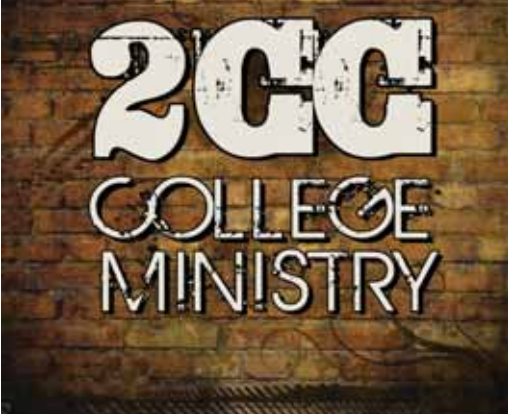
To register, turn in a \$50 deposit and drop it in the gray drop box by the Student Ministry Board across from the pop machines.

**NOTE: Students will have to miss part of the school day on Friday in order to attend this event.



Over the summer, the high school students had a goal of raising \$1,250 to help the Rapha House – an amazing Christian organization that is having a huge impact on the lives of girls who are victims of human trafficking and sexual slavery. Through our teens' weekly offerings, a matching gift from the 2CC Mission Team and the generosity of others in our church, the high school students were able to send \$3,411 to bless the Rapha House! We recently received this thank you note in the mail.

*Kiley and Second Church of Christ youth,
We received the check from your church for \$3,411!!! Thank you all so much for this amazing blessing and sacrifice! What a blessing for our girls and the ministry of healing that Christ is bringing at the Rapha House. We could not do it without your help and servants heart. Thank you for your generosity. We are blessed to serve His girls alongside you. Thank you for thinking of Rapha House. We so appreciate your passion for HIS heart of service. Again, thank you all!!!*



New 2CC College Ministry

Our new college ministry is just getting started, and if you're between the ages of 18-23, we'd love for you to be part of it! We meet on Sunday evenings at Kiley and Michelle Garrison's house (1211 Oak St., Danville).

For more information on plans and meeting times, join our Facebook group. Just search "2CC College Ministry" and ask to join the group. You can also get on our text message list by emailing Kiley at Kiley@secondchurchofchrist.org or contacting him through Facebook.

ST. JAMES

FOOD PANTRY - High school students are invited to help serve at the St. James food pantry on Wednesday, November 16th. ROOTS will not be meeting on this night. The food pantry will not be open during the month of December.



THANK YOU....

to Sue Gibson for planning our FALL CRAFT NIGHT. We had a great time and we really appreciate all the time and effort that she put into planning our crafts! Thanks also to those who helped by demonstrating and instructing at one of the Craft tables.



BOOK CLUB....

Monday, Nov. 27th at 6:30 p.m. at Judy's house. The book for November is *O Little Town* by Don Reid. Read it and come and share in the discussion and fellowship. Please remember that the Christian Book Club does not meet in December.

book club



WIDOW'S MIGHT

Thurs., Nov. 10th, 12:00 p.m. in the cafe. For lunch

we will be having Pizza, Salad and cookies (since we had our November lunch menu in October), devotions by Shirley Crow. The program will be "I'm Thankful For.....":

widow's might
corner



MEALS ON WHEELS....

there are still one or two openings in the Meals on Wheels Schedule. If you meant to call and volunteer, but forgot...it's not too late! Call Judy today!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL....

Festival of Time.....

This is the last of our Women's Ministry special events. It will be Wednesday, Nov. 30th at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Tickets will be available the last three Sundays in November. There is no cost for the tickets, but you must have one to come. Plan to come and join us for this special event. Call Judy or Stephanie Spangler for more information.



Saturday, Dec. 3rd.

Purdue University Christmas Show. Enjoy a musical stroll as we celebrate Christmas amid the cottages, stor fronts and steeples of a quaint town. This is the 78th season fo Outstanding performances. \$36 incudes show and buffet meal on the way home. Reservation immediately to Gloria 446-5357 or Sue 442-7555. Money due by Nov. 20th. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. and return by 5 p.m.

2CC's Trip to the Arizona Reservation Mission - October 2011

Just a visual of the the work done this past month. Look for opportunities where you might be able to serve and have the adventure of a lifetime, changing lives and serving the Lord! We would love to get you involved!



Pleasant Meadows Merry Christmas!

We will be taking donations in the foyer and the ABF's Oct. 30th and Nov. 6th to help give the residents of Pleasant Meadows a Merry Christmas. Our volunteers purchase and wrap a gift for each resident with these donations which are given at a Christmas party. Any help you can give will be appreciated and will put a smile on the residents faces. Checks should be made out to *Pleasant meadows Auxilliary*.



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.

November 2nd
Baked Spaghetti
Layered Lettuce Salad
Green Beans
Cherry Cheesecake

November 9th
Swiss Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Corn
Sherbet & Cookies

November 16th
Roast Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Noodles
Green Beans
Pumpkin Crunch

MONTHLY MENU

7th grade and up..... \$7.00
1st to 6th grade..... \$3.50
Kindergarten & under .. FREE



OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Bob Haas
Ed Walter



BAPTISMS

September 25th
Ray Markunas
October 9th
Katie Crawley

WELCOME to our Church Family

TRANSFERS

September 25th
Irma Goodwin
Sherri Askren
October 2nd
Andrew Delp



The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 24th & 25th for the Thanksgiving Weekend. Happy Thanksgiving!

H.R.C.A. Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, November 19th,
6:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. (IN)

Join the staff at Hanging Rock for pancakes and all the trimmings - sausage, coffee and juice!

This is a fundraising event - donations accepted.



Our Deepest Sympathy

To Ken Reynolds & family in the death of Ken's brother, Eldon Reynolds.
To Carolyn Wands, Ni Pop & family in the death of their brother, Keith Crowe.
To Scott Goodner & family in the death of Scott's stepfather, Gene Morrow.

facts 'n' figures

building FUND



Goal as of Oct. 1st
\$121,858.15
Received thru Oct. 24th
\$3,642.00
New Target:
107,299.42

Weekly need: \$3,681.00

Monthly payment: \$15,950.00

Loan balance as of Sept. 23, 2011: \$1,107,298.42

SUNDAY MORNING

Attendance	9/25	10/2	10/9	10/16	10/23
1 st Worship	139	109	139	132	138
2 nd Worship	275	255	270	257	250
3 rd Worship	573	537	494	498	594
4 th Worship	120	122	102	69	116
Total	1,107	1,023	1,005	956	1,098
			186		

Actual Offering Received

to meet operating costs & mortgage payment
9/25/2011 - \$29,294.75
10/2/2011 - \$29,645.13
10/9/2011 - \$24,600.01
10/16/2011 - \$27,344.92
10/23/2011 - \$27,264.28
weekly goal is \$29,139.02



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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

SUNDAYS	Worship Services
MONDAYS	Men's Basketball
TUESDAYS	OASIS
WEDNESDAYS	Supper @ Second/Common Bond
THURSDAYS	Women's Bible Study



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- 4th Singles @ Second (at Jocko's)
- 6th Jr. High Ministry Video Game Extravaganza
- 8th Our Brother's Keeper
- 8th County Meeting at Central Park
- 10th Widow's Might
- 20th Children's Ministry "Praise Party"
- 21st Back to the Streets Ministry
- 22nd Pleasant Meadows
- 23rd Thanksgiving Eve Service
- 24th & 25th Church Office Closed
- 28th Book Club at Judy's
- 30th Festival of Time - Ladies' Christmas Festival

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Children of the World Choir



*November 13th
During All Four Worship Services.*