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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am Morning Worship 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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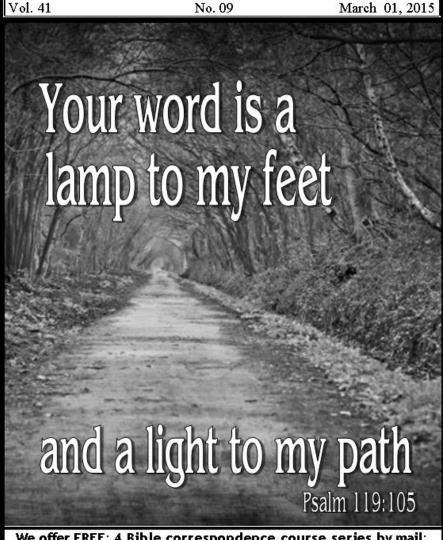
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Our Responsibility In Maintaining the Purity of the New Testament Church

The church that the Lord Jesus Christ built in the 1st century is the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, Isaiah 2:2-3, and was the eternal plan of God from the beginning, Ephesians 3:10. The church is one of three divine institutions revealed in Scripture: marriage, government, and the church. The church that Jesus built is not to be corrupted by outside influences. It is the responsibility of New Testament Christians to maintain the purity of the church.

We do this by maintaining the purity of the Word of God. To do this, children of God must learn, grow, and teach God's Word. Whether the New Testament church is pure or not is based upon its faithfulness to the Word of God. If I do not know God's Word how could I know what is or is not required? Therefore I must be a diligent student and "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ", 2 Peter 3:18. As I learn and grow spiritually I am to teach others the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Hebrews 5:12-14 teaches "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." All Christians are babes in Christ at the beginning of their Christians walk. It is not a sin to be a babe in Christ, however it is condemned to remain one. One must mature spiritually to defend against those who would corrupt the Gospel and thereby corrupt the church.

We must maintain the purity of the Gospel plan of salvation. The Gospel is God's power to save, Romans 1:16. To corrupt the Gospel is to ruin its saving power. A perverted Gospel has no power to save and is not God's power. Clearly the Bible teaches that one must (1) Believe – John 8:24; (2) Repent of Sin – Luke 13:3; (3) Confess The Name of Jesus Christ – Matthew 10:32; (4) Be Baptized For The Remission of Sins – Mark 16:16; and (5) Be faithful Unto Death – Revelation 2:10. To add to or take from God's scheme of redemption is to destroy its saving power.

We must also maintain the purity of worship that God has commanded. Many today will have events they call worship which are more like a rock concert or a theatre production. There will be handelapping, hyper-emotionalism, instrumental music, ad infinitum ad nauseam. The problems come when those in the Lord's church wish to be like "the nation around them" and begin to include such unauthorized acts into their worship assembly. Faithful children of God will maintain the purity and simplicity of worship authorized in the New Testament: Acapella Singing – Ephesians 5:19, Praying – 1 Timothy 2:1-2, Lord's Supper – Acts 20:7, Preaching – Acts 20:7, and Giving – 1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

And finally we must maintain the purity of the New Testament church by staying in the fight. It is incredibly sad when one hears that a Christian or even a congregation gives in and the purity of the local congregation is corrupted by denominationalism, worldliness, etc. If we are to maintain the purity of the church for which our Lord Jesus Christ died and gave His precious blood we must stay in the fight. 2 Timothy 2:4 teaches, "No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." The Christian soldier must let nothing interfere in his duty to the "Captain of our salvation", Hebrews 2:10. This battle is to the death. The purity of the New Testament church is too important.

-Jerry Sturgill

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM-Jerry Sturgill "The Grace of God"

PM- Jerry Sturgill "The Old Covenant"

Scripture Reading: Exodus 19:1-6

Dates to Remember

Mar 3- Prime-timers -10am -annex

<u>Mar 8</u>- Daylight Savings Time beginsspring 1 hour forward

Mar 10 - Ladies' Devotional-6:30p - Katie Smith's home

Mar 10- Prime-timers -10am -annex

Mar 15-Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

Mar 17- Prime-timers -10am -annex

Mar 24- Prime-timers -10am -annex

Mar 27- Ladies Luncheon-12:30-place tbd

Mar 29-5th Sunday Q&A-pm service

Mar 31- Prime-timers -10am -annex

Dates to Save

Apr 26-29 Gospel Meeting with Jerry Carmichael theme: "Come To Jesus"

Apr 27-29 – Morning Bible study classes with Jerry Carmichael – 10am

<u>Jul 27-31</u> Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30p

<u>Sept 12</u>- Men's Leadership training-Stephen Rogers

Sept 13-16- Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers

Gauging Our Faith

	02/22/15	Goal	02/23/14
Bible Study	54	110	84
AM Worship	75	150	142
PM Worship	83	110	68
Mid Week	84	110	76

Condolences

Our deep sympathy goes to Jeanie Tushay and her family at the passing of her brother, Ralph Sturgill, on Wednesday, Feb. 25. His funeral was Saturday in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

Ladies' Devotional

There will be a Ladies' Devotional at Katie Smith's home on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:30pm. Light snacks will be provided. Please sign the list in the foyer if you plan to attend.

March Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the monthly Ladies Luncheon on the 27th at 12:30pm at a place to be determined. Join in the fun.

5th Sunday Q&A

March 29th is the fifth Sunday, so please, submit your Biblical based questions to either preacher or in the wooden box in the back of the auditorium by the 21st to get those questions answered. Thank you.

Spring Semester of FBI

The semester has started with a class on 1st & 2nd Thessalonians. The class is taught by Mark Day on Thursdays from 7 - 8:30pm in the annex large classroom. Everyone is invited to drop in for any class.



<u>⊊⊚ Today's Servants</u> <u>⊚</u>⊗

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Clyde Hammonds

PM: Bob Tushay

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Mark Parks, Bob Tushay, Chris Scott, Michael Perry, Adam Gullett, Darick Carter, Will Scott

Presiding PM: Bobby Edmonds

Assisting: Brad Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Roy Murphy

&⊚Wednesday Servants ⊚ ⊗

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Mark Day

<u>DEVOTIONAL</u>: Greg Conley

🛵 Weekly Servants 🚱

POWER POINT: David Castle **BLDG. ATTENDANT**: Chris Scott **ATTENDANCE**: Michael Perry **COORDINATOR**: Steve Wallace

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let one of our preachers know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.

*** Youth Notes ***

★Every Sunday★ Pew Packers

at 5:45pm in the front of the auditorium -geared to age 12 & under

