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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

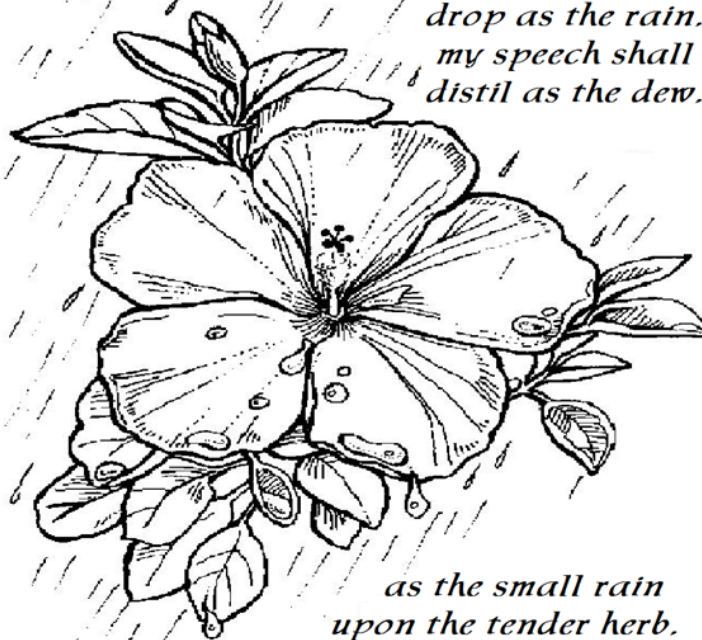
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*My doctrine shall
drop as the rain.
my speech shall
distil as the dew.*

*as the small rain
upon the tender herb.
and as the showers upon
the grass:*

Deuteronomy 32:2

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!

Teaching the Uninformed

When Paul arrived at Athens, he was moved by the pervasive idolatry in the city (Acts 17:16). He began to dispute with philosophers and idolaters that filled Athens. They even brought him to the Areopagus in order to hear this “new doctrine” he was teaching (Acts 17:18-19). Now how was Paul going to present the gospel to these Athenians? Would he quote the Old Testament and appeal to Jesus’ fulfillment of the prophecies as he did in Antioch of Pisidia in Acts 13:16-41? No. These Athenians had little if any knowledge of the Old Testament, and did not have the proper concept of the true God. Thus we find Paul establishing some more basic truths in his sermon in Acts 17.

Paul first combated the prevailing belief of pantheism among his audience. Pantheism is the belief that the world is deity. Paul shows how God is the creator of the world and all things therein, but is also distinct from the world (Acts 17:24). Next, Paul countered the assumption that deity is limited to a certain locale and has human-like needs. God does not dwell in temples made with hands (Acts 17:24). As Solomon recognized when the temple was built, nothing in this world can contain God because He is everywhere (1 Kings 8:27). God also does not need anything from mankind to continue to prosper, but instead is the sustainer of all things (Acts 17:25). God is self-existent and can live independently of all other beings; we, on the other hand, are completely dependent on Him.

After establishing some truths about God, Paul teaches the Athenians some truths about man. Contrary to the beliefs of many throughout history, the different ethnic groups that exist in the world do not have varying values. They did not come into being from different sources, but are all of one blood (Acts 17:26). Thus, the message of salvation is for all nations who inhabit the earth.

As a balance to the truth that God is distinct from the world, Paul goes on to point out that God desires men to seek Him. Contrary to many of the philosophers in Athens who believed in an impersonal God, Paul taught the truth that God, while being transcendent of the world, also desired personal involvement with His creatures. Thus, he declared the reason for our lives on this earth is that we should seek the Lord, who is distinct from the world, but not so distant that He cannot be reached (Acts 17:27). Paul even used the words of Cleanthes, a Stoic, who acknowledged that man is the offspring of God, to hammer home the acknowledged truth of God’s operating within the universe (Acts 17:28).

In conclusion, Paul shows that the above truths make idolatry wrong (Acts 17:29). Thus, he pleads with the Athenians to give up these practices, which are offensive to the true God, and turn to Him (Acts 17:30). It is only at the end of establishing these truths that Paul mentions the resurrection of Christ, which is fundamental to the gospel message (Acts 17:31).

In twenty-first century America, we cannot assume that those outside of Christ have biblical notions of God. Like the Athenians, many Americans may have never heard the most basic concepts of Christianity, and to them these truths may be considered “new doctrine” (Acts 17:19). As laborers for the harvest (Luke 10:2), we should be prepared to meet people where they are like Paul did with the Athenians. Are you ready to talk to people about moral absolutes, the exclusivity of truth, the nature of God, the concept of holiness, the definition of sin, the certainty of an afterlife, and many other issues that we often assume people understand? Let’s make sure people understand these concepts when we evangelize. —Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- *"If I Were Better"*
 PM- *"God Is Not Mocked"*
 Scripture Reading: Galatians 6:7-10

Dates to Remember

- Mar 24- Prime-timers -10am -annex
- Mar 27- Ladies Luncheon-12:30-at Tres Hermanos in Greenup
- Mar 29- 5th Sunday Q&A- pm service
- Mar 29- All Youth Devo- 7pm- annex- hosted by the Scotts
- Mar 31- Prime-timers -10am -annex

Save These Dates

- Apr 14- Ladies devo- details to follow
- Apr 20-22- Greasy Ridge gospel meet-7pm
- Apr 24- Ladies Luncheon-12:30-at Gerber's in Greenup
- Apr 26- Potluck luncheon- 12pm- annex
- Apr 26-29- Gospel Meeting with Jerry Carmichael- theme: "Come To Jesus"
- Apr 27-29- Morning Bible study classes with Jerry Carmichael- 10am
- May 16- Workday Saturday & barbeque
- June 10- Cake, coffee & tea- 8pm
- July 11- Picnic Saturday
- Jul 27-31- Vacation Bible School- 6:30-8:30p
- Aug 9- Ice cream & dessert night-7p-annex
- Sept 12- Men's Leadership training- Stephen Rogers
- Sept 13- Potluck luncheon-12pm- annex
- Sept 13-16- Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers
- Sept 17- FBI fall class begins
- Oct 25- Trunk O'Treats & chili supper- 7p
- Nov 1- Bring A Friend Day
- Nov 1- Potluck luncheon- 12pm-annex
- Nov 15- Soup, stew & sandwich potluck- 7p- annex
- Dec 5- Pancake breakfast (the Scotts)- 8am- annex

Monthly Ladies' Devotional

We want to start a monthly evening ladies devotional on the second Tuesday of each month. Please sign the list on the foyer bulletin board if you can host one at your home, in the annex or wherever you'd like. Thank you.

March Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the monthly ladies luncheon on the 27th at 12:30pm at Tres Hermanos just off US Hwy 23 on the right in Greenup. Join in the fun. Next month the last Friday meal will be on April 24th at Gerber's in Greenup.

Lawn Maintenance Time

It is that time of year again. Please, volunteer to help cut grass, do edging, trim trees and bushes, kill or pull weeds, or take care of the rose bushes and the courtyard. Your help is always needed and appreciated. See Greg Conley with questions. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board.

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.

Gauging Our Faith

| | 03/15/15 | Goal | 03/16/14 |
|--------------------|----------|------|----------|
| Bible Study | 101 | 110 | 85 |
| AM Worship | 159 | 150 | 141 |
| PM Worship | 98 | 110 | 75 |
| Mid Week | 77 | 110 | nc |

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Edgar Phillips

PM: Tim Hammond

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Phil Degelia

Assisting: David Smith,
Bob Tushay, Bobby Edmonds,
Michael Perry, Adam Gullett,
Darick Carter, Will Scott

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Chris Scott

DEVOTIONAL: Nathan Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

ATTENDANCE: Nathan Parks

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

New Information to be in the Pictorial Directory

Along with information currently in pictorial directory, we would like to include your place of employment, occupation, etc. And for those retired or disabled, you may want to include what you did before retiring. Of course no one is required to include anything. This will give an opportunity to patronize those who may provide services we need, and may be a connection for a friendship or show skills that could be used within the congregation. There is a paper on the foyer table for you to complete by April 19.

☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

☆ Every Sunday ☆

Pew Packers

**at 5:45pm- in the front
of the auditorium**

-geared to age 12 & under-

**-all boys: have a favorite song
ready to lead for the group**

☆ March 29 ☆

All Youth Devo

in the annex- 7pm-

hosted by the Scotts

-bring an empty laundry basket

