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

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-David Howard
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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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*Love the LORD thy God
with all thine heart and
with all thy soul and
with all thy might."*

Deuteronomy 6:5

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!

Be Sober for the Scales

Belshazzar was a young Babylonian king who was filled with pride. Even though God had showed the Babylonian kings, like Nebuchadnezzar, that they should be humble before the Most High God, Belshazzar did not take to heart the lessons God had showed his predecessors. Daniel 5 reveals how he made a feast, praising the false “gods of gold and silver, bronze and iron, wood and stone” (Daniel 5:4). It was “the gold vessels that had been taken from the temple of the house of God which *had been* in Jerusalem” that he used in this drunken feast of idolatry (Daniel 5:3). Daniel 5:22 says, “But you his son, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, although you knew all this.”

Because Belshazzar got drunk, he continued down a path of doing things he knew he shouldn't. Intoxication loosens the willpower God has given us to restrict ourselves from moral transgressions and brings out the animal part of man, causing the baser instincts to hold sway. Drinking leads to doing things we will soon regret. Who has woe and sorrow? Those who seek wine (Proverbs 23:29-35).

To sober Belshazzar up to the consequences of his actions, God made a hand appear and write a message on the wall in the midst of this feast (Daniel 5:5). Belshazzar was so afraid his knees knocked and he asked for someone to come and interpret the message (Daniel 5:6-7).

Daniel was finally brought in to interpret the message of God. Belshazzar offered Daniel gifts if he would interpret the message, but Daniel esteemed the blessing of God greater than the gifts of a king and said, “Let your gifts be for yourself, and give your rewards to another...” (Daniel 5:16-17). How great it would be if all of us could be like Daniel; if we could only get covetousness out of our hearts and have our sole desire to be to please God by properly interpreting and applying His message.

The writing on the wall was, “MENE, MENE, TEKEL, UPHARSIN” (Daniel 5:25). What do these words mean?

Mene, mene: God has numbered your kingdom and put an end to it.

Tekel: you have been weighed on the scales and found deficient.

Upharsin: your kingdom has been divided and given over to the Medes and Persians.

Nothing could have been further from the mind of Belshazzar than an overthrow of his kingdom by the Medes and the Persians. Belshazzar ruled in a city that was surrounded by two enormous walls. The inner wall was 21 feet thick and 300 feet high. Chariots could ride around on the top of it. But little did he know that Darius and the Medes had spent months outside the walls, digging. The Babylonians, thinking they were secure, ignored the enemy and got drunk at their feasts. God's message brought Belshazzar to grips with reality. The very night of the handwriting on the wall, in 537 B.C., Darius (under Cyrus the Persian) took Babylon by diverting the riverbed and going under the city gates. They killed Belshazzar.

Belshazzar knew that he should have been giving respect to the Most High God, instead he decided to live it up and enjoy pleasure, but before his night of frivolity was over he was weighed on God's scales and put to death. When the world wishes to live for the moment, we must be seriously minded to live for that eternal day that awaits those obedient to God. “But let us who are of the day be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and *as* a helmet the hope of salvation.” 1 Thessalonians 5:8

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- *“Rebuilding Our Spiritual Bulwarks ”*

PM- *“The Good News of the Gospel ”*

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:16

Dates to Remember

Jun 28- Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet-4:30p

Jun 30- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Jul 7- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Jul 11- Picnic Saturday-6pm-van shelter (rain: moves it to the annex)

Jul 14- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Jul 14- Ladies Evening Devotional at Tabitha Wallace’s home- 6:30pm

Jul 16- King’s Island- leave at 7am- see Mark Day if you are going

Jul 19- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

Jul 27-31- Vacation Bible School- 6:30- 8:30p

Aug 9- Ice cream & dessert night-7pm-annex

Aug 16- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

Sep 1- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Sep 8- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Sep 10- Little School Orientation- 7pm

Sep 12- Men’s Leadership training- Stephen Rogers- 5 sessions- lunch provided

Sep 13- Potluck luncheon-12pm- annex

Sep 13-16- Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers

Sep 17- FBI fall class begins-annex- 7pm

Sep 20- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

Sep 22- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Sep 29- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Oct 6, 13, 20, 27- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Deena Maio and her family at the loss of her mother, Jeri Blevins. Mrs. Blevins passed away June 15. Her funeral was June 19 with burial in Rose Hill.

Many Thanks

Deena Maio would like to express her gratitude to everyone who prepared food for her family during the time of her mother’s funeral. Deena and her family very much appreciated it.

Returning Members

Jordan and Lauren Conley have placed their membership in our congregation upon Jordan completing Optometry School and internship.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting

The group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Prime-timers

Prime-timers group meets each Tuesday morning at 10am in the annex large classroom through July 14th. The group will break until September 1st, then resume. This group is a discussion/study group and is open to everyone.

Gauging Our Faith

	06/21/15	Goal	06/22/14
Bible Study	92	110	76
AM Worship	nc	150	122
PM Worship	92	110	74
Mid Week	83	110	nc

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?**



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: J.C. Hughes

PM: Clyde Hammonds

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Nathan Parks, Jordan Conley,
Adam Poplin, David Castle,
Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Greg Hall

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Bobby Edmonds

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Chris Scott

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 our preacher 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, but
everyone is invited to attend.

Boys have a song ready
to lead for the group.

