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SERVICES

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

WEB PAGES:

www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org and
www.flatwoodsbible-institute.org

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-David Howard
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-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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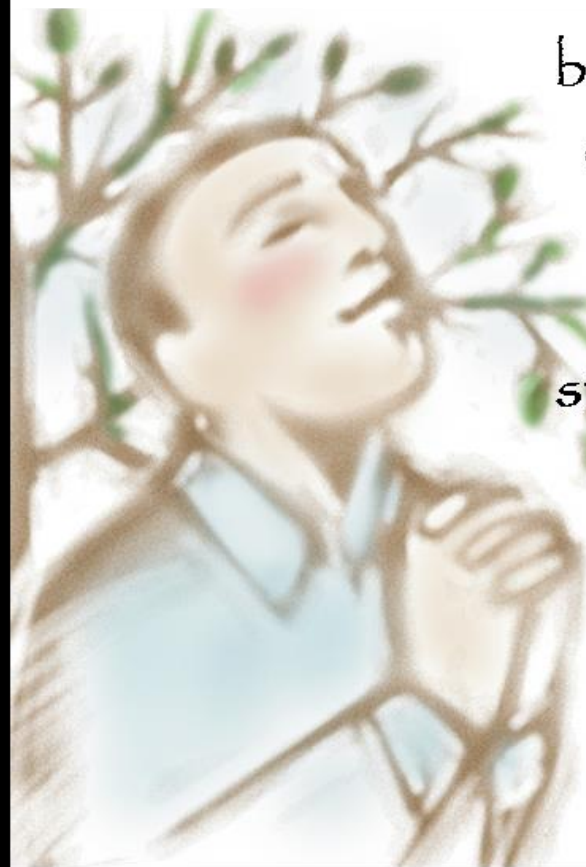
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Wait on the LORD:



be of good
courage,
and he
shall
strengthen
thine
heart...

Psalm 27:14

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!

Today's Epicureans

In Acts 17 Paul ran into a group of philosophers in Athens known as the Epicureans. They were followers of Epicurus who lived 341-270 BC and taught happiness was to be found in freedom from fear of God and death and practicing what brings one the most pleasure in this life. Does this sound familiar? The popular approach to life by the masses today is similar to Epicureanism. Stumpf said Epicureanism, "was a new direction in moral philosophy, for it focused upon the individual and his immediate desires for bodily and mental pleasures instead of upon abstract principles of right conduct or considerations of God's commands."¹

Acts 17:16 describes Athens as a "city wholly given to idolatry." The idol among the Epicureans who resided in Athens was man himself. Romans 1:25 says that the Gentiles, "worshipped and served the creature more than the creator," which is exactly what Epicurus did and what many have done today. The focus has been shifted from what God wants to what man wants.

Whenever man is put in the place of God, moral degradation occurs. This is because there remains no objective standard for right and wrong in the minds of those who reject God as the standard for goodness. Epicurus taught against excess, claiming that it did not lead to the greatest happiness, but if man's pleasure is the barometer for goodness, then who is to say that any self-restraint is more pleasurable than excess? The entire issue of good and evil becomes subjective and what each individual regards as the most pleasurable wins out. With God removed and man placed on the throne, every man does that which is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

Jeremiah 10:23 says, "O LORD, I know that the way of man *is* not in himself: *it is* not in man that walketh to direct his steps." Whether it is the Epicurus himself, the Epicureans Paul challenged a couple centuries later, or people today, man, left to himself, is too self-centered and sinful to do what is right. Paul concluded his sermon in Acts 17:30-31 by appealing to them to repent and follow the ways of the true God so that they will be prepared for the judgment of Jesus Christ that awaits all mankind. Instead of turning a blind eye to death and God's commands, true happiness is found in preparing for death by following God's commands. God knows what is good and right for us. He rightfully belongs on the throne; He is the righteous judge (Acts 17:30). When we sin we pull God off the throne of our hearts and sit on the throne ourselves, worshipping our own desires. Let us set the Lord alone on the throne of our hearts and make His ways our ways (1 Peter 3:15). —Mark Day

¹ Samuel E. Stumpf, *Socrates to Satre: A History of Philosophy* (New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1988) p. 111

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- Jerry Sturgill "What If Jesus Had Come Yesterday"

PM-Mark Day "The Church at Jerusalem"

Scripture Reading- Acts 4:32-35

Dates to Remember

- Jul 19** Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Jul 19- VBS meeting- annex 7pm
Jul 27-31-Vacation Bible School- 6:30- 8:30p
Jul 31- Ladies Luncheon- 12:30- Road House
Aug 9-Ice cream & dessert night-7pm-annex
Aug 16- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Aug 21-27- Polishing the Pulpit- Sevierville Convention Center, Sevierville, TN
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- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 11- Michael Mayo (Thailand)- AM service
Oct 13- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 18- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Oct 20- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 25- Trunk O' Treat & chili supper- 7pm
Oct 27- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 1- Bring A Friend Day
Nov 1- Potluck luncheon- 12pm-annex
Nov 3, 10- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 15- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Nov 15- Soup, stew & sandwich potluck-7pm Annex
Nov 17, 24- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Dec 5- Pancake breakfast -8a- annex -host: Scotts
Dec 12- Ladies Holiday Party at Kathy Hall's-6p

New Member Contact Info

Jacob Martin was baptized June 25th (on his birthday) by Matt Vonderheide.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting

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

VBS Meeting Tonight

Brad Morris would like to meet with everyone involved in VBS this year. Please, meet in the annex large classroom after evening service tonight. Thank you.

VBS Food Volunteers

There is a sign up sheet on the foyer board for people who can bring certain foods each night for snack time. Thank you for your help.

Ladies Monthly Luncheon

The ladies will meet Friday, July 31st, at 12:30pm at the Texas Roadhouse. All ladies are welcomed to attend.

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



Gauging Our Faith

	07/12/15	Goal	07/13/14
Bible Study	89	110	nc
AM Worship	142	150	121
PM Worship	98	110	98
Mid Week	78	110	nc

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Danny Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Mark Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Steve Wallace

Assisting: Roy Murphy,
David Smith, Bob Tushay,
Ernie Perry, Phil Degelia,
Adam Gullett, Will Scott

Presiding PM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Phil Degelia

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Roy Murphy

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Danny Stone

DEVOTIONAL: J.C. Hughes

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

RECORDING ASSIST: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: J.C. Hughes

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Jerry Sturgill

★★★ 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.

★ July 27-31 ★

VBS

6:30-8:30

-invite your friends !!!

Remember, best Bible boy & girl
awards and awards for the highest
number of visitors



The Online Academy of Biblical Studies

is accepting applications for
enrollment. The Fall Semester
begins August 1, 2015.

The courses for first year students are:

- 1) Introduction to Old & New Testaments
- 2) Principles of Interpretation Part 1
- 3) First Principles
- 4) Christian Evidences

One can choose as few or as many classes as you wish. There is no charge and can be taken for Credit or Audited.

Enrollment can be found at:

<http://oabs.org/application/>