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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-
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www.flatwoods bible-
institute.org

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MISSIONS

-Virgil McIntosh
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-Alton Norman
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-David Howard
Boulder, Co.
-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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Welcome to our

Gospel Meeting

How to Be a Good Follower

Sept. 13th -16th

with **Stephen Rogers B.A.**

Freed-Hardeman College & David
Lipscomb College B.A.- Minister at the
Washington Ave. church of Christ in
Evansville, Indiana- author & missionary



Sunday, the 13th:

9:45am- "Cultivating the Heart of Jesus"

10:45am- "Members MUST Help Address
The Crisis in the Church"

6pm- "God's Expectations in the
Elder/Member Relationship"

Monday, the 14th:

7pm-"Are You TRULY a Follower of
Jesus Christ?"

Tuesday, the 15th:

7pm-"Submission to the Will of Christ"

Wednesday, the 16th:

7pm-"The Best Followers Discipline Themselves"

AM Bible Classes: "Facing Life's Challenges"

Monday 10am: "When My Health Fails"

Tuesday 10am: "When a Loved One Is Ill"

Wednesday 10am: "Preparing For My Death"

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!

The Fellowship of Follow-ship

“And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; And to esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.” 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

In this section of 1 Thessalonians, Paul gives the Thessalonians some practical exhortations that will help the congregation to advance spiritually. The first order he gives involves how the members regard elders. Though the word “elder” is not used in this context, the ones described are those who fulfill the three following roles: 1) “labour among you” 2) are “over you in the Lord” and 3) “admonish you.” Other passages use this type of description of elders, likewise without giving a title. Consider Hebrews 13:7, “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of *their* conversation.” Also, Hebrews 13:17, “Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.” It is God’s will that each congregation of the Lord’s church have a plurality of faithful men who can function as spiritual overseers of God’s people (Acts 14:23; 20:28-32; Titus 1:5-8; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; 1 Peter 5:1-4).

The first directive is that we appreciate our elders. The word in the original translated “know” in the KJV also carries the idea of knowing in order to appreciate or respect. These elders were men who diligently labored among the Thessalonians; thus, in God’s plan elders are not merely decision makers, but are, as caring shepherds, busy working among the congregation, sacrificing their time and themselves for the members. Do we appreciate the sacrifice elders make for the congregation? The Bible here commands us to “esteem them very highly in love for their work’s sake.”

The eldership of a local congregation also has charge over the congregation in the Lord; that is, they are responsible for giving direction to the congregation and have authority vested in them to direct the congregation according to the Lord’s word, giving correction when individuals do not act as they should. Instructions from the eldership are not to be dismissed as if they are no account, but are to be obeyed as long as it is in keeping with the Lord’s commands. The point of this passage is for members to regard their leaders for their work and make them feel that they are loved. If, as a congregation, we are good followers, it will make the work of elders go better, “that they may do it with joy, and not with grief” (Hebrews 13:17).

The final word of exhortation in 1 Thessalonians 5:13 is, “be at peace among yourselves.” If we fail to regard the leaders of the congregation in high esteem, then contention will likely follow. When critical and disrespectful attitudes prevail, the work of the church is stymied; however, when unity and good fellowship prevail then the church can accomplish great things. An effective leadership is essential to the spiritual health of a congregation, but it takes willing followers to have effective leaders. If I am trying to work for peace among the brethren, then I will hold my tongue and go to the brother with whom I disagree instead of openly criticizing everything. May each of us do everything within our power to promote peace and respect in the Flatwoods congregation.

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Sermons Today

Please, see the list on the bulletin cover.

Dates to Remember

- 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 20-23- Ceredo church gospel meeting-
 details on bulletin board in office
Sep 22- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Sep 26- Men's Day- Rolling Hills church of
 Christ- RSVP- see office board
Sep 29- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 3- Audrey Wallace Wedding shower- 1pm
Oct 3- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6p
Oct 6- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 11- Michael Mayo (Thailand)- AM service
Oct 13- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 13- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- host:
 Sherry Sturgill
Oct 18- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Oct 20- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Oct 24- Ladies Day- Rolling Hills church of
 Christ- RSVP- see office board
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- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 7- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6p
Nov 10- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 10- Ladies Devotional- 6:30p- cookie &
 candy recipe and sample exchange- annex
Nov 15- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30
Nov 17- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Nov 24- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

Potluck Luncheon

Today, following morning worship, we will have a potluck luncheon in the annex. Everyone is welcomed and visitors are especially encouraged to attend.

FBI Class Begins

This Thursday at 7:00pm, FBI class begins on 'Leadership in the Church.' Classes will be Thursdays through Dec 12 taught by Stephen Rogers. Please, sign up on the foyer board.

Gratitude Expressed

Many, many thanks to all who attended the Little School Orientation and helped with that event. Also, many thanks to Carol Allen and all the ladies who volunteered to help make the seminar lunch a success. Your hard work is appreciated.

Elders, Deacons Preachers Meet

Next Sunday, this group will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Potter Home Donations

The Potter Children's Home needs the following: lemonade mix, Italian dressing, black olives, ranch dressing, & instant mashed potatoes. Pick up will be sometime between Sept. 27- Oct 3.

Save the Date- Wedding Shower

On Saturday, October 3rd, at 1pm in the annex auditorium, you are invited to a wedding shower for Audrey Wallace and Daniel Goshom. They are registered at Target, JC Penney, and Walmart. To help, see Denise Smith, Jennifer Morris, Dottie Phillips, & Allix Smith. Please, RSVP to Denise or sign up on the foyer board.

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



Gauging Our Faith

	<u>9/06/15</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>09/07/14</u>
Bible Study	95	110	82
AM Worship	142	150	140
PM Worship	85	110	99
Mid Week	90	110	99

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Bobby Edmonds

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: J.C. Hughes,
Greg Hall, Greg Conley,
Tim Hammond, Ernie Perry,
Roy Murphy, Jacob Martin

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Nathan Parks

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Denny Deskins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Gospel Meeting

DEVOTIONAL: Gospel Meeting

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Conley

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

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 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.

