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Suriname, So. America  
-Michael Mayo  
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**FOR I AM PERSUADED, THAT  
NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE  
NOR ANGELS  
NOR PRINCIPALITIES  
NOR POWERS  
NOR THINGS PRESENT  
NOR THINGS TO COME  
NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH  
NOR ANY OTHER CREATURE  
SHALL BE ABLE TO  
SEPARATE US FROM THE  
LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN  
CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.**

**ROMANS 8:38-39**

**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!**

## Jesus and the Old Testament: Canon, Inspiration and History

How did our Lord view the written oracles of God? How did He use God's word while He lived among men for a third of a century? Since Jesus is our example (1 Pet. 2:21), we should allow His approach to Scripture to influence our approach.

**Jesus recognized the true Old Testament canon.** The word *canon* refers to a measuring rod; those books that are considered canonical are those which "measure up" to the characteristics of inspired writing. Our English Old Testaments today are comprised of 39 books. While several other books were circulated among the Jews, most frequently referred to as today as "the Apocrypha," Jesus only recognized the material that comprises our 39 books as part of the canon. In Matthew 23:35, He said, in essence, from the beginning to end of the Old Testament, all the blood of the righteous would be required of that generation; thus, he delineated the ends of the Old Testament referring to Abel, the first martyr recorded in Genesis, to Zechariah son of Barachias, the last martyr mentioned in 2 Chronicles (the last book in the Jewish order of the Old Testament).

**Jesus viewed the Old Testament as inspired and historically accurate.** Instead of considering the first eleven chapters of Genesis as a fable, or reinterpreting the creation account in order to fit billions of years between creation and the coming of man, Jesus spoke of Adam and Eve in Mark 10:6 saying, "from the beginning of creation God made them male and female." He considered the devil to be real, referring to him as "murderer from the beginning" and a "liar" (Jn. 8:44). The account of the days of Noah in Genesis 6 was a reality that he likened to the time when He would come (Lk. 17:26-27). Abraham (Jn. 8:56), Isaac and Jacob (Mt. 8:11) were historical figures in His mind. The demise of Lot's wife, while laughed at by some today, was considered a real story with a sobering lesson by our Lord (Luke 17:32); moreover, that the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed was an historical fact that Jesus used to show the reality of God's final judgment (Matthew 10:15). Jesus believed that God really spoke to Moses through a burning bush (Mk. 12:26), that Moses made the bronze serpent and lifted it up for Israel to be cured (Jn. 3:14), and that Moses received God's commands and wrote the law (Mt. 8:4; Mk. 10:3; Lk. 24:44; Jn. 5:46; et. al.); should we not believe the same?

Christ not only believed in the inspiration of the law, but the other portions of the Old Testament as well. Jesus used David's actions recorded in 1 Samuel 21 as inspired proof in His argument with the Pharisees over the Sabbath (Mt. 12:4). On another occasion, He quoted David's words from Psalm 110, saying "David himself said by the Holy Ghost" (Mk. 12:36); thus, Jesus believed David was inspired. Jesus often referred to the prophets as part of God's inspired word (Mt. 5:17; 7:12; 11:13; 22:40). He recognized God's prophets of the Old Testament were persecuted because they spoke the truth (Mt. 5:12; 23:34) while the false prophets were lauded (Lk. 6:26). Jesus even considered the preaching of Jonah and his sojourn in the belly of a great fish to be just as historically accurate as His own death and resurrection; He even placed it aside the historical account of the Queen of Sheba visiting Solomon (Mt. 12:39-42). While legendary materials can be used as illustrations, it is hard to interpret Jesus' use of Jonah as anything other than the use of historical material to make His point.

On and on we could go. Suffice it to say that those portions of the Old Testament that have been questioned or dismissed by some today as mythical or composed by uninspired men, Jesus considers historical and inspired. Jesus is the truth (Jn. 14:6), and we should side with Him.

—Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

AM- **Jerry Sturgill**- "*When I Survey The Wondrous Cross*"

PM- **Mark Day**- "*Beware of Covetousness*"

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-15

## Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

Today, the elders, deacons and preachers will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

## Dates to Remember

**Nov 15**- Elders, Preachers, Deacons Meet-4:30

**Nov 17**- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

**Nov 20**- Ladies Luncheon-12:30p-  
O'Charley's in Ashland

**Nov 22**- Youth Devo- annex -7p- the Scotts

**Nov 24**- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

**Nov 29**- 5th Sunday Q&A- evening service

**Dec 1**- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

**Dec 4**- Parents Night Out- annex- 6 to 9pm-  
hosted by Nathan and Davonne Parks

**Dec 5**- Pancake breakfast -8am/annex -host: Scotts

**Dec 5**- Greasy Ridge Singing & Potluck- 6p

**Dec 6**- Youth Devo- annex-7pm- hosted by  
the Wallaces

**Dec 8**- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

**Dec 12**- Ladies Holiday Party at Kathy Hall's-6p

**Dec 15**- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

**Dec 18**- Ladies Luncheon- 12:30p- Gail  
Tritapoe's home

**Dec 19**- Youth Holiday Party at Jeremiah &  
Katie Smith's

**Dec 29**- Prime-timers- 10am- annex

**Dec 31**- New Year's Watch- 9pm-midnight

## New Members

On Nov. 7th, Daniel & Audrey Goshorn placed membership in our congregation. Their address is 3413 Morgan Ave., Ashland, KY 41102.

## November Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, Nov. 20th, all ladies are invited to meet at O'Charley's Restaurant in Ashland at 12:30pm for lunch.

## Youth Devotional

On Sunday evening, Nov. 22nd, Chris and Amanda Scott will host a youth devotional in the annex following evening worship service.

## Donations For Food Baskets

It's the time of year to begin collecting canned foods for our holiday food basket requests. There are lists on the foyer table for your shopping convenience. Thank you for helping!

## 5th Sunday (the 29th) Q & A

On Sunday, November 29th, Mark Day and Jerry Sturgill will be answering your Bible questions during evening service. Please, submit your questions to Mark or Jerry, email or text them, or put them in the wooden box at the back of the auditorium. Thank you.

## Save the date - Parents!

On Friday, December 4th, there will be a 'Parents Evening Out' with your children having a get-together in the annex from 6pm to 9pm. Pizza is usually served and you are asked to bring your child's soft drinks. This will be hosted by Nathan and Davonne Parks. Your child can bring games and toys. Please, RSVP for planning purposes.

## Gauging Our Faith

	11/08/15	Goal	11/09/14
<b>Bible Study</b>	115	110	nc
<b>AM Worship</b>	163	150	135
<b>PM Worship</b>	98	110	88
<b>Mid Week</b>	91	110	79

Have you contacted  
a shut-in lately?

Why not  
today?



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Dan Stone

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Chuck Dolen

**PM:** Bobby Edmonds

### LORD'S TABLE:

**Presiding AM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Will Scott,  
Denny Deskins, David Smith,  
Mitch Stafford, Adam Gullett,  
Jacob Martin, Darick Carter

**Presiding PM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Tim Hammond

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Bob Tushay

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Will Scott

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jordan Conley

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Nathan Parks

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Mark Day

**ATTENDANCE:** David Castle

**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. Come back soon!

## ★★★ 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.**

### ★★★ Nov 22 ★★★

### Youth Devotional

**In the annex following evening worship. Hosted by the Scotts.**

### ★★★ Save the Date- Dec. 4 ★★★

### Parents Evening Out

**In the annex 6-9pm- Food & fun! Bring your own soft drinks, games & toys. Hosted by the Nathan & Davonne Parks- Let them know you are coming (RSVP)!**

