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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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-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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**Wherefore  
by their fruits  
ye shall know them.**

**Matthew 7:20**

**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!

## When the Time Is Ripe

We often wonder what the world is coming to; just how long will evil progress in our world? The Bible ought to be at the forefront of our focus when we have such questions. That God wrote the Bible is evident from many of its characteristics, one of which is its controlled way of describing evil in the world. There is no shocked helplessness at the evil acts of men, but rather a reminder that God is in control over the kingdom of men and works according to His own timetable (Daniel 4:25).

Just as farmers wait as long it takes for their crops to mature before they harvest them, God waits until the time is ripe to punish wicked nations. Often we can become anxious and impatient about evil, wondering when God will deal with it. Men in the Bible did this as well. Jeremiah questioned how long God would allow the wicked to prosper (Jeremiah 12:1-4). Habakkuk knew that God was of purer eyes than to behold evil (Hab. 1:13), but was troubled because to him it seemed that God was idly looking at wrongdoing (Hab. 1:2-4). John saw the souls of them who were slain under the altar crying out, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" (Revelation 6:10); an evident representation of God's sense of justice being so sensitive that innocent blood screams out to Him (cf. Genesis 4:6).

God will punish when the time is ripe. In Genesis 15:16, God promised Abraham that his descendants (Israel) would inherit the land where Abraham was sojourning (Canaan), when the iniquity of the present inhabitants (the Amorites) was full. However, before that time Israel would be a servant in the land of Egypt until the time was right for God to judge them (Genesis 15:13-14). God had plans to bless Israel and to punish Egypt and the people of Canaan, but it was all according to His time. When will the iniquity of our nation be full? God alone knows. He sent His Son to save the world "when the fullness of time was come" (Galatians 4:4).

Revelation 14:13-20 portrays an angel being sent forth with instructions to reap the earth with a sharp sickle gathering God's people for deliverance and the wicked for punishment. The destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70 came when the time was ripe. Jesus' parable of the wheat and the tares in Matthew 13:24-43 gives a glimpse of the harvest that will take place at the end of time. God harvests when the time is ripe for individuals and nations. He will issue His last and great harvest at the end of time. It is up to us to make sure we are prepared for the reaping when the time is ripe.

—Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

AM- **Mark Day**- "Full"  
 PM- "Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions"

## Donations For Food Baskets

It's the time of year to collect canned foods for our holiday food basket requests. There are suggestion lists on the foyer table. Please, let J.C. Hughes know if you can help deliver a basket. Thank you for your help!

## Parents Night Out

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.

## Dates to Remember

- Dec 1-** Prime-timers- 10a - annex
- Dec 4-** Parents Night Out- annex- 6 to 9p- 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-7p - hosted by the Wallaces
- Dec 8-** Prime-timers- 10a - annex
- Dec 12-** Ladies Holiday Party at Kathy Hall's-6p
- Dec 15-** Prime-timers- 10a - annex
- Dec 18-** Ladies Luncheon- 12:30p- tbd
- Dec 19-** Youth Holiday Party at Jeremiah & Katie Smith's- 5:30p
- Dec 29-** Prime-timers- 10a - annex
- Dec 31-** New Year's Watch- 9p -midnight

## Gauging Our Faith

	<u>11/22/15</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>11/23/14</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	106	110	84
<b>AM Worship</b>	153	150	139
<b>PM Worship</b>	104	110	82
<b>Mid Week</b>	90	110	70
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5654.25	\$5500.00	\$5167.04

## Pancake Breakfast Dec. 5th

Sign up on the foyer bulletin board if you plan to attend the Scott's breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 5th at 8am in the annex. Bring your favorite pancake toppings to share and your own beverages.

## Youth Devotional Dec. 6th

The Wallaces will host this event in the annex following evening worship service. Please, bring snacks to share and your soft drinks.

## Ladies Holiday Party Dec 12th

The party will begin at Kathy Hall's home at 6:00pm. You may want to participate in the gift passing (limit \$10). If you can drive the van, please, let Jane Isaacs know. Thank you.

## December Ladies Luncheon

The luncheon will begin at 12:30pm at a place to be determined.

## Youth Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 19th, the party will be at Jeremiah & Katie Smith's home at 5:30pm. More details will follow. Please, RSVP to Jeremiah or Katie for planning purposes.

**Saturday, Dec 12th**

**Ladies Holiday Party**

at Kathy Hall's home- 6pm

optional: bring a \$10 (or less) passing party gift -*sturdily wrapped*

Meet at bldg. 5:30pm to ride the van or carpool

**Have you contacted a shut-in lately?**

**Why not today?**

## **☞ Today's Servants ☞**

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Dan Stone

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** J.C. Hughes

### **LORD'S TABLE:**

**Presiding AM:** Brad Morris

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

**Presiding PM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Lowell Parsley

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Edgar Phillips

**PM:** Don Music

## **☞ Wednesday Servants ☞**

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Dan Stone

**PRAYER:** Don Music

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## **☞ Weekly Servants ☞**

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Nathan Parks

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**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.**

### **★★ Friday, 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)!**

### **★★ Dec. 6th ★★**

**Youth Devotional**

**in the annex following evening worship. Hosted by the Wallaces.**

### **★★ Dec. 19th ★★**

**Youth/Parent Holiday Party**

**at Jeremiah & Katie Smith's house- 5:30**