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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

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www.flatwoodschurchofchrist.org and www.flatwoodsbibleinstitute.org

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Boulder, Co.
-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo

#### Thailand, SE Asia SEARCH TV

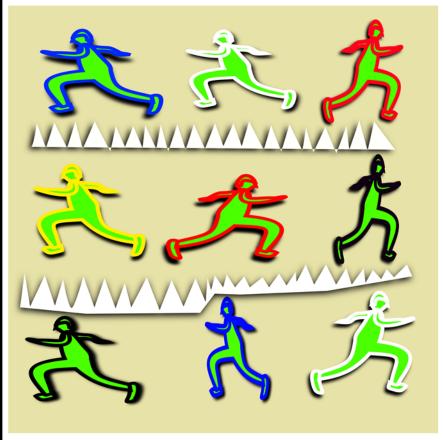
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

## FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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...LET US RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US... HEB. 12:1

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!

### **God's Sovereignty Revealed**

What is our world coming to? How long will evil people assail Christians? When anxieties about the future plague us, we must be reminded of the fact that God is sovereign. He reigns. He is in control. Everything is going according to His plan. Isaiah 44:24-28 is an encouraging passage that shows how God's sovereignty is revealed and how we can trust that He will work out good for His people.

God's Sovereignty Revealed in His Creation – Isaiah 44:24 God speaks to Israel, His chosen nation in the Old Testament, saying He is their redeemer, (Ex. 6:6; 15:13), who formed them from the womb. While it is true that each individual from conception is known by God (Jer. 1:5; Psa. 139:13-16), the context of Isaiah 44 is referring to God's formation of the nation of Israel (v. 2; cf. Gen. 12:2; Ex. 19:6). God established the nation of Israel by redeeming them from bondage. Likewise, God has established the church, His holy nation of Israel in the New Testament, in the face of all opposition of men (Mt. 16:18; Gal. 6:16; 1 Pet. 2:9). But it is no marvel that God is able to accomplish His will since He alone has created all things in heaven and earth (Isa. 44:24). Nothing would exist or subsist without the Lord (Col. 1:16-17).

God's Sovereignty Revealed in His Providence – Isaiah 44:25 The Lord is not only able to accomplish His efforts, but also frustrates the workings of evil men. Idolaters in Isaiah's day were habitually looking to various superstitious signs and interpreting them as messages from their gods. When they claimed to have the spirit of divination, (to receive information about the future), the Lord would make them look foolish by bringing about circumstances that they never guessed would occur. Even the wise men who seemed to have deeper insight regarding the workings of world events are left perplexed when God turns their wisdom into empty speculations. Though some may be too proud to admit it, how often are even the greatest scientific minds in our day reminded of how little they truly know. Our God is the master chess player of this universe who, while never infringing upon man's free will, works behind the scenes to bring about His will because He knows every conceivable outcome many steps ahead of any human.

God's Sovereignty Revealed in His Predictions – Isaiah 44:26-28 While God confuses those who serve idols, He confirms the words spoken through His servants, the prophets. Isaiah is one such messenger of God who goes on in this passage to deliver God's message regarding the rebuilding of Jerusalem and Judah. At the juncture this message was delivered, Judah had not even been destroyed nor its people carried to Babylonian captivity. Captivity itself seemed like an impossibility to many in Judah, but the Lord reveals through Isaiah the details of their return after exile. God calls the Persian King Cyrus by name, nearly 200 years before he came to the throne, as the one whom the Lord would use to grant His people permission to come back home (Ezra 1:1). The momentous occasion of relaying the temple's foundation after the people of Israel had spent 70 years in Babylon is mentioned here before the temple was ever destroyed. The detailed prophecies of the Bible should make us confident that the Lord knows exactly what the future holds.

The subject that remains is whether the Lord is sovereign in your life. Will you be His servant as He created you to be or will you pursue evil and have your purposes frustrated by Him who works all things according to His own will (Eph. 1:11)? Let Him be your Lord.

-Mark Day

## News & Notes



#### Sermons Today

AM— "Be Filled With the Spirit"

PM- "Run the Race"

Bible Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

#### Dates to Remember

Feb 21 - Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Feb 21 - Youth devo-7p- annex- hosted by

Matt & Tammy Vonderheide

Feb 23 - Prime-timers - 10a- annex

Feb 26- Ladies Luncheon- 12:30p- Cheddars

Feb 26-28 - Challenge Youth Conference

Mar 1 – Prime-timers – 10a- annex

Mar 8 – Prime-timers – 10a- annex

Mar 13 – Youth devo – 7p-annex – hosted by Nathan & Davonne Parks

Mar 15- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 19 – Anna Parks Bean's Baby Shower-2p

Mar 20 – Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Mar 22 - Prime-timers - 10a- annex

Mar 25 - Ladies Luncheon - 12:30p

Mar 25-27- Lads 2 Leaders Convention-Tenn.

Mar 29- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Apr 5– Prime-timers– 10a- annex

Apr 8- Parents Night Out- 6p- annex- RSVP

Apr 10-13 - Gospel Meeting w/ Phil Sanders

Apr 11-13 – Bible Study with Phil Sanders –

10a- annex large classroom

Apr 17– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Apr 19 – Prime-timers – 10a- annex

<u>Apr 22-23</u> – Overnight Youth Outing – Carter Caves State Park

Apr 26- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Apr 29 Ladies Luncheon 12:30p

May 3- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 10- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

## Gauging Our Faith

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02/14/16	Goal	02/15/15
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133	150	106
45	110	71
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#### Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meet

This group is scheduled to meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

#### February Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are encouraged to attend the ladies luncheon at Cheddar's on Friday, February 26th, at 12:30pm.

#### **Member Pictures**

If you have no picture or want yours updated for the member directory and foyer member display case, please, speak with Katie Smith to schedule a day and time. Thank you.

#### **Memory Verse Challenge**

In 2016, everyone will be given an opportunity to participate in a new memory verse challenge almost every week. See the back page of the bulletin. You may turn the form in at the box on the office desk.

#### **Anna Bean's Baby Shower**

We will have a baby shower for Anna Parks Bean from 2-4pm on Saturday, March 19th, in the annex. You can access all of her registries at Babylist Baby registry:

https://babyli.st/coreyandannabean under Corey and Anna Bean in Virginia.

#### Prime-timers

Prime-timers group meets Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. This is an open discussion Bible study group. Everyone is invited to attend.



## **Solution** Today's Servants &

### WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

#### **SONG LEADER:**

AM: Steve Wallace PM: Chris Scott FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** David Trimble **PM:** Clyde Hammonds

#### LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley
Assisting: J.C. Hughes,
Greg Hall, Mark Parks,
Darick Carter, Ernie Perry,
Larry Lyon, Carl Jordan

**Presiding PM**: Jordan Conley

## **Assisting**: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:
AM: Nathan Parks
PM: Denny Deskins

## > Wednesday Servants &

**WELCOME:** J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

**PRAYER**: Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL**: Nathan Adkins

## **™ Weekly Servants**

**POWER POINT:** David Castle **BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Steve Wallace **ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry **COORDINATOR:** Chris Scott

## **Memory Verse**

Feb. 21-Hebrew 12:1	
your name	
witnessed by	
February preview:	
Feb. 21st– Hebrew 12:1	

## \*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*

Mar. 6th-Matthew 5:28

## **★★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.

# ★★This Evening★★ Youth Devotional

7pm- annex- bring chips, drinks and/or desserts— for details see Matt & Tammy Vonderheide

