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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
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Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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SEARCH TV
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

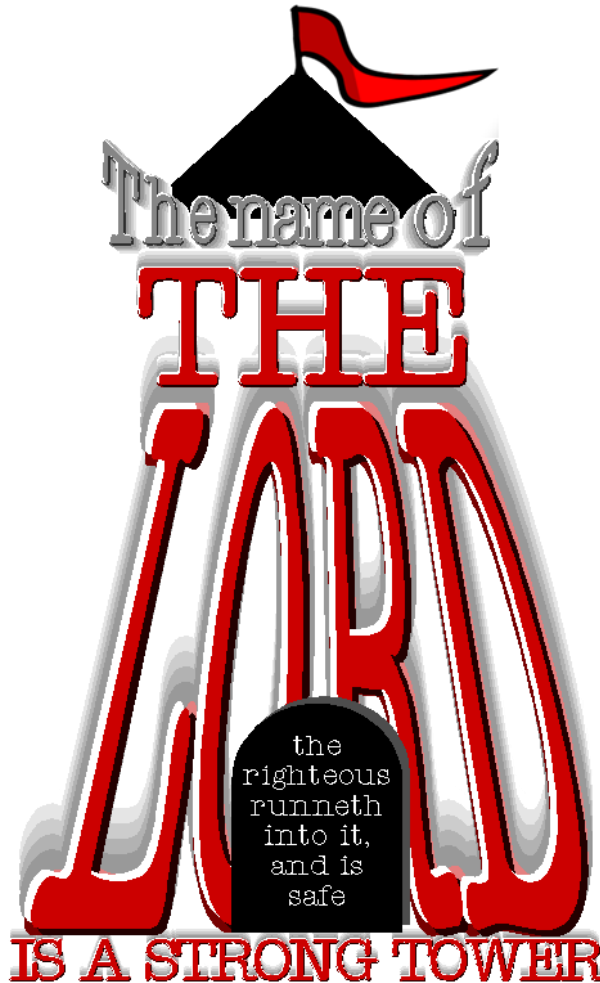
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Are You Willing to Fight for It?

Jude wrote in verse 3 of his epistle, “Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.” Jude changed the subject of the epistle. False teachers, who are described beginning in verse 4, were creeping into the church and trying to persuade Christians to believe a false, compromising message rather than the true message of Christ. What initially was to be a treatise on the common salvation was changed to an encouragement to strive for the faith because of the threat of this false teaching. Preachers and teachers may have plans for what they will address, but because of more pressing needs may need to change their subject in order to protect the body of Christ.

Jude encouraged Christians to contend earnestly for the faith. We may strive about politics, how our business is conducted, how we spend our money, or any number of subjects, but one subject that ought to be at the forefront of our efforts is the faith. In Jude 3, “the faith” refers not to one’s personal conviction, but rather to the system of faith, the body of truth that is revealed in the New Testament: the Gospel. It is used this way in other verses such as, Acts 6:7, where “a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith,” and Galatians 1:23, where Paul describes how some heard that he preached “the faith which once he destroyed.”

It is the Gospel that God uses to save people; the devil makes all sorts of attacks against the faith because of its saving power (Rom. 1:16). Many people seem to think Christianity is exclusively enjoying the blessings of being in Christ without having to struggle or strive for anything. While we ought to rejoice in our blessings as Christians (Phil. 4:4), we must also fervently fight for the faith because many would change the Gospel into a different message that cannot save (Gal. 1:6-9; 1 John 4:1). Jude 3 is a call to arms, not just to preachers or elders, but to every single Christian. While contending earnestly for the faith can be done in a public forum such as a debate, it certainly is not limited to such. Contending for the faith occurs when a Christian goes to the workplace and stands for God’s word amidst co-workers who are in misbelief or unbelief. It occurs when a Christian wife has an unbelieving husband but stands for biblical principles when he tries to go against them. When parents explain the scriptural reasons why they will not allow their children to act, dress, or attend an event that would identify them with the world rather than with Christ, that is contending for the faith.

The faith was “once delivered” to the saints. “Once” is not used in the sense of “once, twice, etc.,” but rather conclusively as some versions translate it “once for all” (NKJV). The word in the original translated “once” is the same word found in 1 Peter 3:18, where Christ “once suffered for sins,” indicating once for all time. Jesus will not and does not need to suffer the agony of the cross many times over; His death on the cross is a sufficient payment once for all time for all who will be saved (Heb. 5:9; 9:26). The Gospel was given once and for all to the first-century prophets and apostles (Eph. 3:5). It is the only saving message until the end (2 Thess. 1:8). Will you defend it?

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- "Couldn't Be"
 PM- "Do It Yourself"
 Bible Reading: James 1:21-25

Dates to Remember

- Mar 13– Potluck luncheon– 12p– 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– Potluck luncheon– 12pm– annex
- 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
- Apr 22-23– 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
- May 14– workday– 8am/ cookout 11-12noon
- May 15– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
- May 17– Prime-timers– 10a- annex
- May 24– Prime-timers– 10a- annex
- May 27– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p

Member Pictures

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

March Potluck Luncheon

Today, we have a potluck luncheon at noon in the annex. Everyone is invited and visitors are especially encouraged to attend. Please, join in the great Christian fellowship.

Anna Bean's Baby Shower

We will have a baby shower for Anna Parks Bean from 2-4pm this 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. See Julie Parks, Dawn Fleming or Bev Conley for details.

Potter Children's Home

We are asking for specific items to be donated for the Potter Home by April 3rd. The list is on the foyer board as follows: Black Olives, Lemonade Mix, Snack size Bags of Chips, Paper Towels, and Pull-ups- size 2T boys & girls. Donations may be dropped off in the sound room hallway. Thank you for your donations.

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.

Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?

Why not
 today?



Gauging Our Faith

	03/06/16	Goal	03/08/15
Bible Study	99	110	91
AM Worship	152	150	134
PM Worship	92	110	94
Mid Week	73	110	73
Contribution:	\$5828.93	\$5600.00	\$6472.25

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Phil Degelia

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Trimble

Assisting: Chris Scott,
David Smith, Denny Deskins,
David Castle, Michael Perry,
Adam Gullett, Dan Stone

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Mitch Stafford

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: JC Hughes

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Edgar Phillips

DEVOTIONAL: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: Jerry Sturgill

Memory Verse

March 13th– James 1:22

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

Mar. 20th– 1 Timothy 6:8

Apr. 3rd– Ephesians 4:26

★★★ 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.

★★★ Tonight ★★★

Youth Devotional

7pm- annex- for details see
Nathan & Davonne Parks

★★★ March 25-27 ★★★

Lads 2 Leaders Convention

