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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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www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org and
www.flatwoods bible-institute.org

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-David Howard
Boulder, Co.
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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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but be of good cheer;
I have overcome the
WORLD

John 16:33

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 Weeping Prophet

God never promised His people an earthly life without tears. While many prophets wept for God's people, Jeremiah's tears were so frequent that he is known as the "weeping prophet." Jeremiah grew tired and heartbroken over the sinful people he was trying to teach. He wished for a lodging in the wilderness where he could get away from it all (Jeremiah 9:1-2). He became so discouraged that he decided to quit preaching (Jeremiah 20:7-9). However, God's word was in his heart like a fire burning in his bones so he would not quit. Jeremiah suffered severe persecution for his continual stand for the truth; while the false prophets were lauded, he was thrown into a dungeon and sunk down into the mire (Jeremiah 38:6). When we consider the march toward sinfulness of people of Judah, Jeremiah had much to weep over, but he also had much that could cause him to rejoice.

Psalms 126:5 says, "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy." While tears are shed because of pain, ironically they also provide healing for the soul. Solomon said, "Sorrow is better than laughter; for by sadness of the countenance the heart is made better" (Ecclesiastes 7:3). Jeremiah could look toward God who promises the faithful that He will wipe away all tears from their eyes (Revelation 21:4). The captain of the Babylonian army when he attacked Jerusalem let Jeremiah go free (Jeremiah 39-40). While Jeremiah had to prophesy and then see the destruction of his own homeland (Jeremiah 44:2), he could look toward a better homeland in heaven (Hebrews 11:16).

While we can feel sorry for those who suffer various pains and persecutions as a result of living faithful Christian lives, we can also regard them as spiritually blessed. Suffering causes people to desire heaven all the more. It is not an easy lesson, but those lessons that are worth the most never are. In this world we will have tribulation, but it is that tribulation that drives us to the one who can give us peace (John 16:33). Suffering will drive us to our knees in prayer to God. "Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray" (James 5:13). It will drive us to read the Bible that we might benefit from "the comfort of the scriptures" (Romans 15:4).

If you are suffering, read the words of Jeremiah and draw strength from them. Let the suffering you are enduring heighten your desire to go to heaven. It is a long, arduous lesson to learn that to die and be with God is "far better" (Philippians 1:23), but it is what God is trying to teach every one of us.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM: Jerry Sturgill- "*Blessed Assurance*"
 PM: Jerry Sturgill- "*What It Means To Believe On Jesus*" (Mark Your Bible)

Dates to Remember

- Apr 17– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
Apr 17-20– Gospel Meeting– Greasy Ridge
Apr 17-20– Gospel Meeting– Olive Hill
Apr 19– Prime-timers– 10a- annex
Apr 22-23– Overnight Youth Outing– Carter Caves State Park
Apr 23-24– Creation vs. Evolution seminar– 9a- St. Albans High School (23rd) & St. Albans church– 9:30a (24th)
Apr 24– VBS Theme Planning Meeting– 12p– annex large classroom
Apr 24– Tri-State Worship– Rome 2:15p
Apr 25-27– Gospel Meeting– Rome– 7p
Apr 26– Prime-timers– 10a- annex
Apr 29– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– Fannin’s Grill (car lot on Rt.60)
Apr 29-30– Gospel Meeting– Friendship
Apr 29-May 1– Gospel Meeting– Williamson Area church, Turkey Creek, KY–see flyer
Apr 30– Ladies Day– Williamson Area church Linda Bradshaw– speaker, 9:30a-1p
May 1-4– Gospel Meeting- Grant & Summit
May 3– Prime-timers– 10a- annex
May 6– Little School graduation– 7p
May 10– Prime-timers– 10a- annex
May 12-14– Yuma Gospel Meeting- Logan, WV
May 13-14– Men’s Retreat– Ft. Hill Youth Camp with Stephen Rogers featured speaker
May 14– workday– 8am/ cookout 11-12noon

Congratulations

At 8:09am on Monday, April 11th, Jordan and Lauren Conley became the parents of Violet Quinn and Blair Adaline Conley. Violet weighed 4 lbs. 3.4 ozs. and Blair weighed 3 lbs., 12.7 ozs. Both were 17.5 inches long. Mother and babies are doing well.

Overnight Youth & Parent Outing

Parents, on Friday and Saturday, April 22 & 23, an overnight outing is planned at Carter Caves State Park. Please, speak with David Trimble if you plan to attend and for more details.

First VBS Meeting

Plan to attend the first VBS meeting next Sunday following the morning service. We will go over this year's theme and have sign-up sheets for volunteers. See Jeremiah Smith for details.

Ladies April Luncheon

All ladies are invited to attend the monthly luncheon at 12:30pm. The luncheon will be Friday, the 29th at Fannin’s Grill in the Fannin Auto Mall on Rt.60.

Little School Graduation

Plan to attend the Little School graduation at 7pm on Friday, May 6th. Everyone is encouraged to attend. If you would like to help with the reception that follows, speak with Julie Parks.

Member Pictures

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

Have you contacted a shut-in lately?

Why not today?



Gauging Our Faith

	04/10/16	Goal	04/12/15
Bible Study	nc	110	96
AM Worship	141	150	152
PM Worship	nc	110	90
Mid Week	103	110	91
Contribution:	\$6073.64	\$5600.00	\$7897.00

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Chris Scott

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Tim Hammond

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Phil Degelia,
Daniel Goshorn, Nathan Parks,
Roy Murphy, Lowell Parsley,
Ernie Perry Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Steve Wallace

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Matt Vonderheide

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Nathan Parks

PRAYER: Chuck Dolen

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: J.C. Hughes

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

Memory Verse

Apr. 24th– Jeremiah 10:23

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

May 1st– Luke 21:19

May 8th– Ezra 7:10

May 15th– 1 John 5:13

May 22nd– Proverbs 20:1

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers at 5:45pm

in the front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under,

but everyone is welcomed.

Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★★ April 22-23 ★★★

Youth and Parent Overnight

Carter Caves Outing

Speak with David Trimble

if you plan to attend

