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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-David Howard
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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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*Wine is a mocker,
strong drink is raging:
and whosoever is deceived
thereby is not wise.*

Proverbs 20:1

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!

Responding to Individuals Within the Congregation

Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:14, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all *men*.” Christians are to be concerned about how they respond to various members of their local congregation. The exhortations of this verse are not solely given to elders, but to all members. While elders play an important role in caring for the local congregation (v. 12), the burden of maintaining spiritual health in the local community of Christians is a shared responsibility of all; every member of the church ought to help other members to be built up in the faith (v. 11).

To do this the congregation must extend help to meet particular needs of each member. Within a congregation there are a variety of dispositions and we must respond in kind. Wisdom dictates that we not “warn the weak” nor “encourage the unruly.”

Instead we must “warn the unruly.” These are those who are literally “out of step,” or insubordinate to the commands of Christ. All too often congregations remain passive in the face of disorderly members who repeatedly flout the commands of Christ. The Scriptures teach the proper response to their conduct is admonition (cf. Rom. 15:14; 2 Thess. 3:15; Tit. 3:10).

A second group needing a particular response is the “feebleminded.” These are the timid and faint of heart. They may be discouraged and are in danger of giving up the Christian faith because they have suffered some sort of adversity. These individuals need a different response from the congregation than the first group. Rather than being warned, they must be persuaded not to give up. The response the congregation must make to these is to “comfort” or encourage them. Encouraging a brother or sister in Christ can go a long way toward helping them not to lose heart in the midst of worries.

Thirdly, Paul instructs the congregation to “support the weak.” These may be those who are weak physically. The sick among us are to be cared for (Matt. 25:43-44) and prayed for (James 5:14-16). The weak could also be those who are spiritually weak. The distinction from the second group would be that these are those who have scruples in regard to some externals. There were those weaker brethren in the first-century church who had hang ups about eating certain foods or keeping certain days (Rom. 14:1-12; 1 Cor. 8:7-13). The church’s response should be to help such people by taking an interest in them rather than walking all over them.

Finally, we are to “be patient toward all.” This call to be longsuffering would transform many congregations of the Lord’s church if it were practiced. Longsuffering is a fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22). We have already mentioned that within the church there are a variety of people with a variety of dispositions and a variety of needs. Instead of responding curtly towards others, each of us can develop and exercise patience. Patience is needed with all these groups: the unruly, the feebleminded, and the weak. Whatever the situation or problem, patience is to be used at all times toward all people.

May each member of the Flatwoods congregation improve in responding to the spiritual needs of others.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM: *"The Kingdom of Christ"*

PM: *"The Wine of the Unwise"*

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 23:29-35

Graduate Honor Night

Tonight, following evening service, we will have a graduate honor night in the annex. We have five graduates to honor this year: Josh Cox, Laura Francis, Jacob Martin, Sophie Quesenberry, and Morgan Vonderheide. Cake, coffee and punch will be served. Please, join us.

Ladies May Luncheon

All ladies are invited to attend the monthly luncheon at 12:30pm. The luncheon will be Friday, the 27th at Country Cookin' on Rt. 60 in Ashland (formerly Rajah's at Rockdale).

Dates to Remember

May 22– Graduate Honor Night– annex– 7p

May 24– Prime-timers– 10a- annex

May 27– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– Country Cookin' on Rt. 60

May 29– 5th Sunday Preacher Q&A– pm service

May 31– Prime-timers– 10a- annex

Jun 15– Coffee, Tea & Cakes– 8pm– annex

Jun 19– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Jun 24– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30

Jun 25– Ladies Day– Grant & Summitt– Amanda Scott speaking– 12noon

Jul 16– Picnic– 5pm– here

Jul 17– Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet–annex lrg. classroom -4:30p

Jul 25-29– Vacation Bible School– 6:30-8:30p

Aug 19-25– Polishing the Pulpit– Sevierville

Gauging Our Faith

	05/15/16	Goal	05/19/15
Bible Study	91	110	113
AM Worship	138	150	159
PM Worship	95	110	88
Mid Week	87	110	94
Contribution:	\$5921.28	\$5600.00	\$5871.50

New Brother In Christ

On Thursday, May 12th, Jesse Legg was baptized at Elk Grove church in Ohio. Chris, Liza, Jesse & Silas live at 4925 Beavers Ridge Rd., Peebles, OH 45660. Their phone number is (740) 493-3724.

5th Sunday Preachers Q&A

Sunday, May 29th, our preachers will answer your pre-submitted Bible questions during the evening worship service. You may give your questions to Mark Day or Jerry Sturgill or put them in the wooden box in back of the auditorium.

Guyana Mission Trip

Nathan Adkins is planning a trip to Guyana this year and will be purchasing tickets within the next month or two. If there are those who would be interested in going, please contact Nathan.

Prime-timers

Prime-timers group will meet at 10a.m. on Tuesday, May 31st, then take a summer hiatus for the months of June, July and August. Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that meets each Tuesday morning at 10am in the annex classroom. Everyone is welcome.

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.



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Edgar Phillips

PM: Tim Hammond

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: David Trimble,
Nathan Adkins, Daniel Goshorn,
David Castle, Adam Gullett,
Bob Tushay, Will Scott

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Denny Deskins

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Chris Scott

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: Jacob Martin

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

Memory Verse

May 22nd- Proverbs 20:1

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

June 5th- 1 Corinthians 15:58

June 19th- Galatians 5:13

June 26th- Romans 6:11

July 10th- Psalm 126:5

★★★ 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

★★★ June ★★★

**Youth/Parent Overnight
Campout at Carter Caves**

