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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

**WEB PAGES:**

[www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org](http://www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org) and  
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**Owingsville, Ky.**  
-David Howard  
**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)

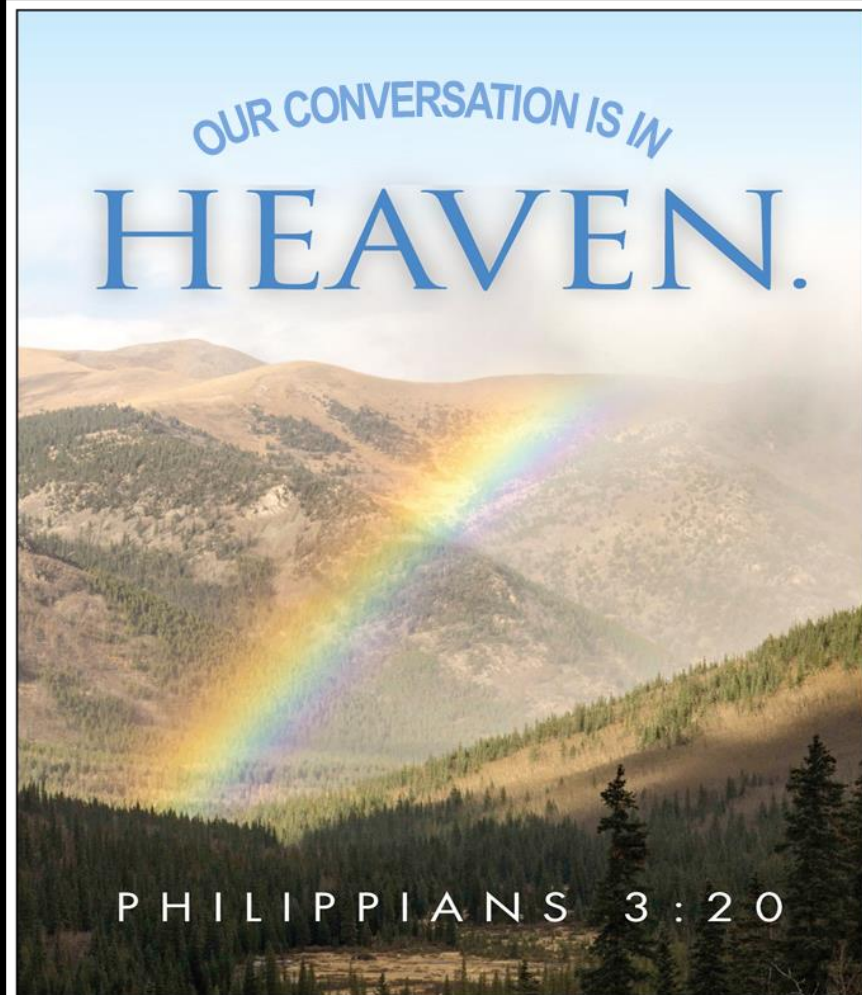
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**We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:**  
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"  
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the  
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr.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

## The Path to Citizenship

Philippians 3:20 says, "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (NKJV). Whatever our earthly situation, Christians can rejoice in the fact that we are citizens of heaven. Before we were in Christ, we were aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, but contact with His blood changed all that (Eph. 2:12-13). Now God has gathered people of all nationalities into His Son and made a holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9), Christ's church, the true Israel of God (Gal. 6:16).

How do people become citizens of heaven, so that their names are written there (Heb. 12:23)? Well, by birth. Citizenship has always had a connection with birth. Birth was how the apostle Paul became a Roman citizen, "Then the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? He said, Yea. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this freedom. And Paul said, But I was *free born*" (Acts 22:27-28).

While the path to becoming a citizen of an earthly nation can be by birth or through naturalization (which may involve applications, waiting lists, and various other prerequisites) the uniqueness of citizenship in heaven is that everyone today must be *naturalized by birth*. Nicodemus was born an Israelite, and through hard work had become not only a Pharisee, but also a ruler of the Jews (John 3:1); thus, he probably thought he would certainly be a citizen of heaven because he was a descendant of Abraham (cf. Mt. 3:7-9). However, when Nicodemus approached Jesus one evening, he heard the truth, which radically challenged his beliefs. Jesus said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). This new birth was not a second physical birth, as Nicodemus obtusely queried (John 3:4), but is a spiritual birth of water and Spirit (John 3:5).

When one is ready to submit to the Savior, water baptism brings new life (Rom. 6:4), makes one a child of God (Gal. 3:26-27), washes away sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16) and saves (1 Pet. 3:21). Truly baptism is this new birth, the washing of regeneration, and renewal of the Holy Spirit (Tit. 3:5), at which point one becomes a citizen of the kingdom of heaven. Jesus is the one and only path to the Father (John 14:6), and baptism puts one into Christ (Rom. 6:3-4; Gal. 3:26-27); thus, the one path to heavenly citizenship is defined.

While many may give most of their time and effort to the affairs of earthly commonwealths, trying to make their government the best it can be according to their views, the Christian must always place citizenship in heaven first. Are we working to help people become citizens of heaven? Christ is our loving monarch, who rules in righteousness as Isaiah 32:1 prophesied. His is the only perfect kingdom, and the only one that will matter in the end (1 Cor. 15:22-24).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

AM: *"The Best Baby Shower"*

PM: *"Both Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions"*

## A Note From The Elders

Over the last few months we have been considering potential candidates for selection as additional elders and deacons of the Flatwoods congregation. On May 22, we placed before you the following brothers for consideration: Chris Scott as an elder and David Smith & David Castle as deacons. If you have any scriptural objections or comments regarding these men serving in those roles, we are asking that you submit such to one of the elders by June 5. If no justifiable reason is given for them not to serve, these brothers will be appointed on June 12.

## Dates to Remember

May 31– Prime-timers– 10a- annex  
Jun 15– Coffee, Tea & Cakes– 8pm– annex  
Jun 24– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p  
Jun 25– Ladies Day– Grant & Summitt–  
 Amanda Scott speaking– 12noon  
Jun 26– Elders/Dacons/Preachers meet-4:30p  
Jul 3-9– Ft. Hill Youth Camp week  
Jul 16– Picnic– 5pm– here  
Jul 17– Elders/Dacons/Preachers Meet–annex  
 large classroom -4:30p  
Jul 25-29– Vacation Bible School– 6:30-8:30p  
Jul 31– 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your  
 Bible Questions– evening service  
Aug 7– Ice Cream Social– annex– 7p  
Aug 19-25– Polishing the Pulpit– Sevierville

## Gauging Our Faith

	05/22/16	Goal	05/26/15
<b>Bible Study</b>	113	110	102
<b>AM Worship</b>	151	150	150
<b>PM Worship</b>	109	110	108
<b>Mid Week</b>	90	110	107
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$4993.50	\$5600.00	\$5490.50

## Shut-in Member Relocating

In a week or two, John Ball will be moving into the Thomas Hood Veterans Center, south of Lexington in Jessamine County. That address is 100 Veterans Drive, Wilmore, KY 40390. John will be in assisted living where he can have the medical attention he needs for his dialysis and cancer care.

## 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.

## Children's Worksheets

In the foyer, on the round table, you will find work sheets to help your school-age children understand more about the worship service and sermon delivered. These can be used to help your children develop listening skills, focus, and grow in their role in our congregation.

## Memory Verse Challenge

In 2016, everyone will be given an opportunity to participate in a new memory verse challenge on 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:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Chris Scott

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Denny Deskins

**PM:** Clyde Hammonds

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

**Presiding AM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Mark Parks,  
Nathan Adkins, Daniel Goshorn,  
Jacob Martin, Adam Gullett,  
Bob Tushay, Will Scott

**Presiding PM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Roy Murphy

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Edgar Phillips

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

## **☞ Wednesday Servants ☜**

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** J.C. Hughes

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## **☞ Weekly Servants ☜**

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Mark Day

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

## **Memory Verse**

**June 5th- 1 Corinthians 15:58**

your name \_\_\_\_\_

witnessed by \_\_\_\_\_

### **Preview:**

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**

