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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.flatwoodschurchofchrist.org and www.flatwoodsbibleinstitute.org

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-Alton Norman

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-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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# Brethren



## ye have been called unto liberty

-Galatians 5:13-

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!

#### **Prove All Things**

When another God-ordered period of discipline for the Israelites was accomplished, God desired Gideon to deliver His people from their Midianite oppressors (Judges 6:1-12). A stranger appeared to Gideon while he was threshing wheat by a winepress in order to hide it from the Midianites, who would likely confiscate his crop (Judges 6:4-6, 11; cf. Genesis 18:1-2; Hebrews 13:2). When the stranger expressed that God was with Gideon, he replied with his doubts whether the Lord was still with Israel (Judges 6:12-13). When told he would deliver Israel, Gideon also had doubts as to his own fitness as a leader (Judges 6:15). Gideon then asked for a sign by which he would know that God would use him to deliver Israel; God granted this request (Judges 6:17-24).

God has always given signs to accompany a new message from Him (Heb. 2:3-4). God does not expect us to listen to a stranger without proof (1 John 4:1). Instead, He gives signs that provide evidence in order that we might believe (John 14:11; 20:30-31).

After rallying a group of 32,000 men to meet the vast army (135,000 men) of Midianites and their allies who were gathered in the valley of Jezreel, Gideon asked for more signs. Placing a piece of wool fleece on the ground, he asked the Lord to make it wet with dew while the ground remained dry (Judges 6:36). The next morning, God granted this sign as well (Judges 6:38). Then Gideon pleaded that the Lord would not grow angry with him, and he asked for another sign: the reverse of the previous sign – that the fleece be dry and the ground wet (Judges 6:39). God granted this request that night (Judges 6:40). It seems that the men gathered with Gideon would have seen the wet fleece wrung out in the morning and then the dry fleece when the ground was wet with due after the next night. These signs gave them faith to follow Gideon as their commander, for if God could make a difference between the fleece and the floor, He could make a difference between them and the Midianites.

There is nothing wrong with making an investigation and wanting proof in order to have a sure faith. True followers of God are not without their doubts. We may have questions regarding scientific research in our day, why we suffer, the accuracy of the Bible, or many other topics that challenge our faith. We should be free to ask them and to help one another find answers and continue to be faithful when we do not have all the answers. Certainly when proof is provided, we need to accept it; we do not want to be "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" 2 Timothy 3:7. However, we should remember the charge of 1 Thessalonians 5:21, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." If we are lovers of the truth, we should not be afraid of thorough investigation.

May the Flatwoods church of Christ be a congregation where honest questions are welcomed and truth is pursued, obtained, and held.

-Mark Day

#### News & Notes



#### <u>Sermons Today</u>

AM: "My Home Congregation"

PM: "Free to Serve"

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-22

#### Dates to Remember

Jun 26- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Jun 26 – Teacher's meeting – 7p – annex large classroom

Jul 3-9- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 16- Picnic Potluck- 5pm- here

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

<u>Jul 25-29</u> – 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

Sep 6- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Sep 8- Little School orientation- 7p

Sep 10- Cookout & Singing @ the Scotts

Sep 13 - Prime-timers group - annex - 10a

Sep 18- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Sep 20 – Prime-timers group – annex – 10a

Sep 27- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Oct 4- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Oct 9 – Potluck luncheon – annex – 12p

Oct 9-12- 'Singing' Gospel Meeting with Andy Robison-here

Oct 18- Prime-timers group- annex- 10a

Oct 25 – Prime-timers group – annex – 10a

Oct 30- 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your
Bible Questions— evening service

Oct 30- Trunk O' Treat & Chili Supper- 7p



#### **Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet**

This group will meeting today in the annex large classroom at 4:30pm.

#### **Bible Class Teachers Meet**

Brad Morris will have a Teachers Meeting for all teachers, past and present, tonight after evening worship in the annex large classroom.

#### Van Drivers Needed

We need volunteers to drive the church van to and from Ashland to pick up and take home a family for each service. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board. Thank you.

#### <u>Greeters Needed</u>

If you are interested in being a greeter at our doors before any service, please, speak with Chris Scott. A rotation list will be implemented.

#### **Guyana Mission Trip**

Nathan Adkins and family are planning a trip to Guyana from July 19 to Aug. 2. If you would be interested in going or donating, please contact Nathan or Serpell.

#### **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 the sermon delivered. These can be used to help your children develop listening skills, focus, and to grow in our congregation.

#### **Prime-timers**

Prime-timers group is on a summer hiatus for the months of June, July and August.

Gauging Our Faith				
	06/19/16	Goal	06/21/15	
Bible Study	92	110	92	
<b>AM Worship</b>	138	150	nc	
PM Worship	80	110	92	
Mid Week	86	110	83	
Contribution:	\$4810.00	\$5600.00	\$7782.00	

#### wToday's Servants cs

#### WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

#### **SONG LEADER:**

AM: Brad Morris
PM: Steve Wallace
FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Mark Parks **PM:** Jordan Conley

#### LORD'S TABLE:

**Presiding AM**: Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Matt Vonderheide, Nathan Parks, Will Scott, Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford, Jacob Martin, Darick Carter

Presiding PM: Jeremiah Smith Assisting: Tim Hammond

#### CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Bobby Edmonds PM: Daniel Goshorn

#### > Wednesday Servants C8

<u>WELCOME</u>: Mark Parks <u>SONG LEADER</u>: Dan Stone **PRAYER**: Phil Degelia

**DEVOTIONAL:** Daniel Goshorn

#### w Weekly Servants cs

**POWER POINT:** David Castle **BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Steve Wallace **ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry **COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

#### **Memory Verse**

June 26th-Galatians 5:13		
your name		
witnessed by		
Preview:		

June 26th– Galatians 5:13 July 10th-Romans 6:11 July 17th- 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

