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SERVICES

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

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Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
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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!

The Keys of the Kingdom

When asked of the identity of Jesus, Peter made the confession, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16). Upon this bedrock truth Jesus promised to build His church (Matthew 16:18; cf. 1 Corinthians 3:11). Then immediately Jesus said to Peter, "And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:19). There is no change in topic here, for the church of Christ is the kingdom of Christ; therefore, it is natural for Jesus to speak of the kingdom when a discussion of the church is ongoing.

Keys give access. Jesus was saying that Peter would serve a function of giving access to the realm of the saved: the church. Nowhere in this promise is Jesus stating that Peter would pass the keys to the next generation and start a line of authority for humans to preside over Christ's kingdom and continually revise the doctrines and practices of the church.

Peter would open access to the kingdom. Others had been attempting to control access to heaven, but only Jesus had the right to grant access (Revelation 3:7). Jesus pronounced a woe to the scribes and Pharisees, "for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in *yourselves*, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in." Luke's account mentions the key, "Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered" (Luke 11:52).

Jesus expounds on the keys in Matthew 16:19 explaining, "and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." To "bind" and "loose" are terms that relate to matters of law. Even today we say, "this contract is binding." Thus, Jesus is saying what God had determined regarding transgressions of His law in heaven and pardon would be declared by Peter. In fact, two chapters later, Jesus uses the terms "binding" and "loosing" again in regard to forgiveness of sin (Matthew 18:18). Peter and the other apostles were not making up laws, but rather revealing God's terms of forgiveness for all (2 Peter 1:16-21).

In Acts 2:38, Peter, on Pentecost day, declared the terms of pardon to the Jews who were guilty of crucifying the Lord by stating, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." Not only did he function as the key bearer to grant access to the Jews, but also later to the Gentiles (Acts 10:47-48).

The way of forgiveness has been opened to all. All may enter the kingdom if they will respond to the terms laid out in the gospel by inspired men such as Peter; when they do such they are added to the church, the kingdom (Acts 2:47). Contrariwise, those who reject the inspired message of the New Testament will remain in their sins and be shut out of the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 25:10-12). -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM: guest speaker: Nathan Adkins
PM: guest speaker: David Trimble

Ladies August Luncheon

On Friday, August 26th, the ladies will meet at 11:30am at the Texas Roadhouse. Next month the luncheon will go back to 12:30pm.

Dates to Remember

Aug 26– Ladies Luncheon– Roadhouse– 11:30a
Aug 28– All Youth/Parent devotion–7p– annex
Sep 6– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Sep 8– Little School orientation– 7p
Sep 10– Cookout/Singing–the Scotts’ home– 5p
Sep 11-14– Chapmanville church of Christ
gospel meeting– M-W@ 7p (WV)
Sep 13– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Sep 18– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet–4:30p
Sep 20– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Sep 22– FBI class begins 7-8:30p– annex
Sep 25– All Youth/Parent devotion–7p– annex
Sep 27– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Sep 30– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p
Oct 4– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Oct 9– Potluck luncheon– annex– 12p
Oct 9-12– ‘Singing’ Workshop/Gospel Meeting
with Andy Robison– here
Oct 18– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Oct 23– All Youth/Parent devotion–7p– annex
Oct 25– Prime-timers group– annex– 10a
Oct 28– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p
Oct 30– 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your
Bible Questions– evening service
Oct 30– Trunk O’ Treat & Chili Supper– 7p

Gauging Our Faith

	08/14/16	Goal	08/16/15
Bible Study	nc	110	101
AM Worship	140	150	147
PM Worship	84	110	87
Mid Week	88	110	90
Contribution:	\$5338.05	\$5600.00	\$5939.96

Member Information Changes

The Matt Vonderheide family has moved to 613 Windsor Lane in Flatwoods. All other info is unchanged.

Michael and Natasha Sprague have moved to 1107 Woodland Avenue in Flatwoods. Phone numbers are unchanged. Please, note these changes in your member directories. Thank you.

Member House Warming

Natasha Sprague will host a house warming party on Saturday, Aug. 27th, from 3-6pm at her address listed above. Everyone is invited.

Youth Devotional Hosts Needed

On one of the last Fridays of each month, a host family is needed to plan activities and have a Christian man give a short devotional talk. This will be for all ages of youth and parents in the annex at 7pm. Sign-up on the youth board.

Little School Orientation

On Thursday, Sept. 8th at 7pm, Little School orientation will be held for new and returning students and their parents. As always, we invite the congregation to come out in support of this program. If you can help, please, speak with Julie Parks or Bessie Hill or sign up on the foyer bulletin board to bring food.

Fall FBI Class

On Thursday, Sept. 22 & 29, FBI class will be taught by Alan Cole on Helping Those With Personal Problems. The class will be in the annex from 7:00-8:30pm. If enough interest is shown, the sessions may extend and expand into October.

**Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?**



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Clyde Hammonds

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: David Trimble,
David Smith, Denny Deskins,
Chris Scott, Will Scott,
Jacob Martin, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Phil Degelia

PM: Dan Stone

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Chris Scott

PRAYER: Daniel Goshorn

DEVOTIONAL: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Castle

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: David Castle

Memory Verse

Aug. 7th—21st— Proverbs 23:17

your name _____

witnessed by _____

Preview:

Aug. 28th— 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Sept. 4th— 1 Peter 1:15

Sept. 18— John 8:34

★★★ 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

★★★ Aug 28 ★★★

All Youth/Parent Devo

7pm- the annex! Bring snacks to share!

★★★ Sept 10 ★★★

Cookout/Singing @ the Scotts'
Home @ 5pm

