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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

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-Dustin Bolks
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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**...It is more
blessed to give
than to receive.**

Acts 20:35

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!

Today: The Day of Fulfillment

God's plans stretch back before there was time (Eph. 3:3-11; Rev. 13:8). He easily spans thousands of years in bringing them to fruition (2 Pet. 3:8). Then comes a day of fulfillment. "Today" or "this day" are often God's terms for fulfillment. Consider a few examples in the book of Luke.

At Jesus' advent, the angel said to the shepherds in the countryside near Bethlehem, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Lk. 2:11). While many in the world celebrate today as the day of Christ's birth, there is no record in the NT of the early church doing such. In AD 350, Pope Julius I declared December 25th as the day the birth of Jesus would be celebrated. It is very unlikely that Jesus was born during this time of year and we are wise to beware of the commandments and traditions of men that arise after God has given His word (Mt. 15:9); nevertheless, there was a day when the fullness of time came and God's son was born of a virgin (Gal. 4:4). It should not escape our thoughts that God became man and felt all of the trials and temptations we feel, even death (Heb. 2:9; 4:15).

In Jesus' inaugural sermon at the synagogue of Nazareth, He read Isaiah 61 and began His great sermon with, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Lk. 4:21). What had been a promise and long-awaited hope of those who studied the OT, Jesus said was fulfilled "this day." Indeed all of Jesus' earthly life, for a third of a century, was made of days of fulfillment, as He said after His resurrection, "These *are* the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me" (Lk. 24:44).

Some of Jesus' last words before He died were to the penitent thief who hung beside him, "Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Lk. 23:43). While Jesus was alive on earth, He forgave sins (Mt. 9:6). Before the sun set on the hills of Jerusalem that day, Jesus and the thief would both be dead and their souls would be in paradise: Jesus' because He knew no sin (Jn. 8:46; 2 Cor. 5:21), and the thief's because his were forgiven by the Lord (Jn. 8:34-36).

From His conception to His birth to His death to His resurrection, Jesus fulfilled God's word. What are you doing today? Will God's word be enacted in your life? Hebrews 3:7 tells us today we should hear His voice. We can't talk to Him here on earth as the thief did, but we can follow His last will and testament, the New Testament, to receive forgiveness (Heb. 9:14-17). You can be a recipient of God's grace today; now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2). You can choose to be like Pharaoh who was plagued by God's judgment but in his hardness of heart put off relief until tomorrow (Ex. 8:10). But we do not know if there will be a tomorrow, or if there is what it may bring forth (Prov. 27:1). Jesus tells us to focus on today (Mt. 6:34). You can squander today by trying to fulfill earthly lusts before you die, saying, "Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die" (cf. Isa. 22:13; 1 Cor. 15:32). Or you can do what God's word tells you today? When we love God and love others we are fulfilling God's law (Rom. 13:8-10; Gal. 5:14). If today is a day of fulfillment, then the eternal day will be a day of fulfillment (Rev. 22:5, 14).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- *"How Did This Come About?"*

PM- *"Giving and Receiving"*

Scripture Reading- Acts 20:32-38

2016 Dates to Remember

Dec 27- Prime-timers group- cancelled

Dec 31- New Year's Eve Watch- 9p- 12a

2017 Dates to Remember

Jan 3- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Jan 10- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Jan 15- elders/deacons/preachers-annex-4:30p

Jan 15- all youth/parent devotional- 7p- annex
hosted by David & Miranda Trimble

Jan 17- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Jan 24- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Jan 27- ladies luncheon- 12:30p

Jan 31- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Mark Your 2017 Calendars

Feb 5-9- Freed-Hardeman U. lectureship

Mar 26-29- Gospel Meeting with David Lipe-
'Assurance In The Age of Skepticism'

Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here

Sep 8-9- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole

Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt-8:30a

Nov 5- Bring A Friend Day & Potluck

Nov 13- Wreath Making group #1-annex-7p

Dec 2- Scotts' Pancake Breakfast- annex- 8a

Knowing this, that the trying of your
faith worketh patience. -James 1:3

Gauging Our Faith

	12/18/16	Goal	12/20/15
Bible Study	97	110	105
AM Worship	148	150	162
PM Worship	86	110	112
Mid Week	104	110	87
Contribution:	\$4774.00	\$5600.00	\$6313.01

New Year's Eve Watch

Every year, those who want to bring in the new year in Christian company are invited to the annex at 9:00pm to join in the fellowship. There will be singing and a devotional. Everyone brings snacks to share and games for the children. The event ends at midnight.

Book Reading Challenge 2016-17

The new 4 month book reading challenge is underway and ends on April 1, 2017. If you wish to participate, please, sign up on the bulletin board to have the 'reward' (required) book ordered. Then read 3 more books from the available list to fulfil the challenge. See Jerry Sturgill with questions. Book lists are on the round table. The new (required) reward book is 'Questions and Answers, Vol. 1 - Open Forum, Freed-Hardeman College Lectures' by Guy N. Woods. Jerry Sturgill has these books to give out.

Member Contact Information

Phil Degelia moved to Florida on December 22nd. His contact information is: 616 Woodwyn Court, North Port, FL 34287, cell: 941-375-9832, and email: pdegelia@yahoo.com. Phil will return in January for hip replacement surgery.

Cookbook- 2017

The ladies are making a new cookbook for our 2017 Ladies Day. Please, pick up the form and submit your recipes to the office. See Ann Hughes, Jane Isaacs or Patti Reaves for details. We would like the recipes by the end of January.

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



☸ Today's Servants ☸

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Trimble

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Jeremiah Smith, Denny Deskins,
Jack Little, Jacob Martin,
Jerrad Nickell, Darick Carter

Presiding PM: Greg Hall

Assisting: Lowell Parsley

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Nathan Adkins

☸ Wednesday Servants ☸

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Nathan Parks

☸ Weekly Servants ☸

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

Memory Verse

Dec. 25— Acts 20:35

your name _____

witnessed by _____

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★
Pew Packers
at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium
-geared to age 12 & under,
but everyone is welcomed.
Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★ Dec. 31th ★★
New Year's Eve Watch
9p-midnight

Bring snacks and soft drinks Bring
games and invite friends!

★★ Jan. 15th ★★
All youth/parent devotion
7p- annex
David & Miranda Trimble to host

