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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
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
Thailand, SE Asia
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

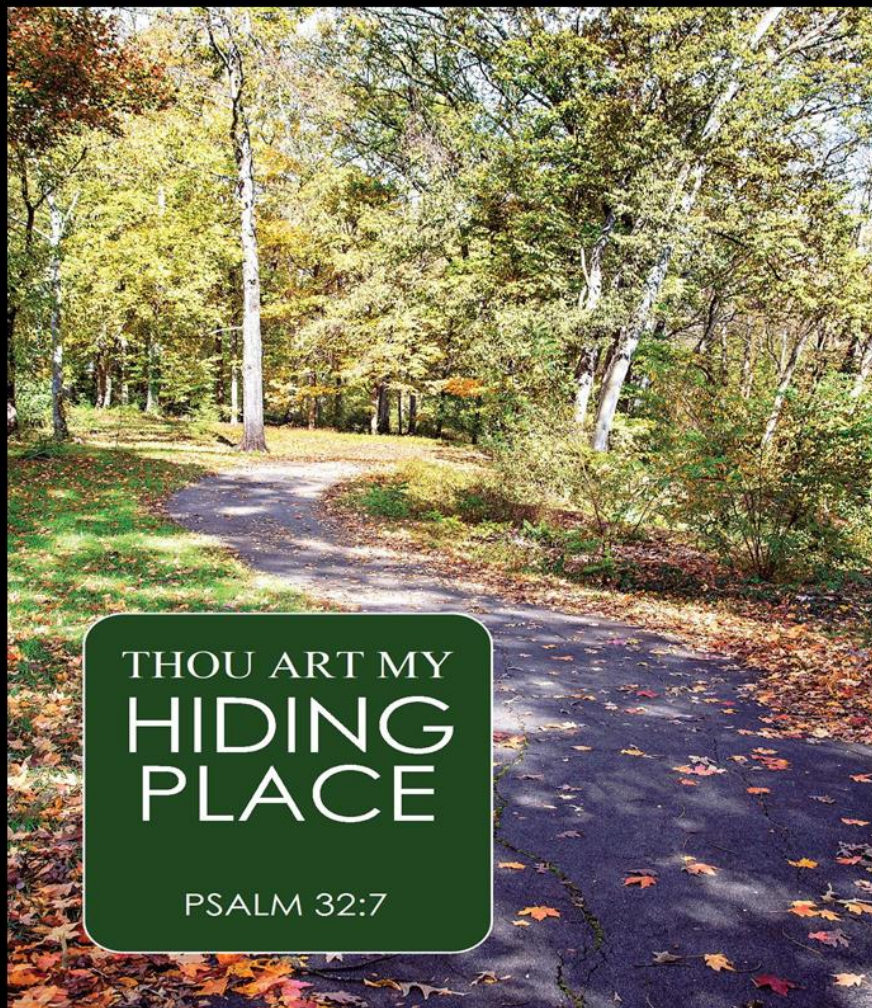
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let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

Ashamed of His Words?

Jesus said, "For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and *in his* Father's, and of the holy angels" (Luke 9:26). There are many today who claim that they are not ashamed of Jesus. They maintain that Jesus is the model for their lives and they would never be ashamed to own Him as their Savior.

However, by what many people want to leave out of messages about Jesus, the fact that they are actually ashamed of Him becomes apparent. Jesus' statement in Luke 9:26 not only says "of me" but adds the phrase, "and of my words," indicating that Jesus' teachings may be a source of shame. Sadly, far too many people have a concept of Jesus Christ that is not formed from Scripture, but from their own estimation and popular thinking.

Many people I've met want to emphasize the compassion and love of Jesus, and no doubt His compassion and love were unparalleled. But Jesus' statements on the reality of hell, its eternal duration, and the drastic steps we need to take in our lives to avoid going there are often sayings of which professed followers of Him are ashamed (Mt. 5:29; 10:28; 18:9; 25:41, 46; Mk. 9:43-48; Lk. 12:5). Whenever a preacher begins to speak on these teachings of Jesus, there are some sitting in the pews saying to themselves, "Oh, I wish he wouldn't talk about this." Not every sermon needs to be about hell, and none of them need to be presented in such a way that it comes across as if we want anybody to go there, but the eternal punishment of hell is part of the words of Jesus. Jesus spoke more on hell than any other person in the Bible. Are we ashamed of what He said?

Marriage, divorce, and remarriage are common practices today. Jesus laid down God's design and parameters for marriage in no uncertain terms (Mt. 5:32; 19:1-10; Mk. 10:1-12). God is the author of marriage; He instituted it and determines its guidelines (Gen. 2:21-24). When a person gets married they are making a covenant with God and their spouse (Mal. 2:14). God joins the couple together; man should not attempt to get out of or undo what God has done (Mt. 19:4-6). Jesus said in Matthew 19:9, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except *it be* for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery." This teaching is ignored or twisted by many who claim to follow Christ. The disciples recognized the seriousness and difficulty of following this saying (Mt. 19:10). But many who claim to be disciples today are ashamed of Jesus' words here and try any means to get around them.

Preaching on Jesus' words about hell, remarriage, or several other topics is not popular today. Jesus' words are out of step with the contemporary thinking of the majority; and therefore many are ashamed of them. But the majority are out of step with God and headed for destruction (Mt. 7:13-14). May we have the spiritual strength to stand in the minority with Jesus and not be ashamed of His words so that He will not be ashamed of us when He comes again.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- Mark Day "Whatever He Says To You, Do It"

PM- Jerry Sturgill "Difficult Passages In Exodus"

2017 Dates to Remember

Jan 24- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Jan 27- ladies luncheon- 12:30p- Fat Patty's

Jan 29- 5th Sunday Question & Answer- 6p

Jan 31- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Feb 5- Super Bowl party- 7:15pm @ Nathan & Davonne Parks' home

Feb 5-9- Freed-Hardeman U. lectureship

Feb 7- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Feb 11- Couples Banquet -6pm- annex

Feb 14- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Feb 19- elders/deacons/preachers-annex-4:30p

Feb 21- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Feb 24- ladies luncheon- 12:30p

Feb 28- Prime-timers- annex- 10a

Mar 26- Potluck- noon- annex

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

Apr 10- Potluck

May 13- workday Saturday & barbeque- 8am/ Lunch between 11-12:00

Jun 14- Coffee, tea, & cakes -annex- 8pm

Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Jul 15- Church Picnic- on grounds-5pm

Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here

Aug 6- Ice Cream/dessert night- annex- 7pm

Sep 15-16- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole

Gauging Our Faith

	01/15/17	Goal	01/17/16
Bible Study	110	110	102
AM Worship	158	150	145
PM Worship	99	110	100
Mid Week	86	110	53
Contribution:	\$6422.60	\$5600.00	\$4901.00

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of John Ball who passed away January 14th. His memorial service was the 16th. Also, our deepest sympathy is expressed to the family and friends of Mae Thacker who passed away January 15th. Her funeral is today, the 22nd. Keep these families in your prayers.

Ladies Monthly Luncheon

The January luncheon will be held this Friday, the 27th at Fat Patty's in Ashland at 12:30pm. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend.

5th Sunday Q & A

Next Sunday evening, the preachers will answer your Bible questions. This is the last day to turn in your question to Mark Day, Jerry Sturgill or in the wooden box in the back of the auditorium.

Couples Banquet- Feb. 11

We will have a Couples Banquet on Saturday, Feb. 11 at 6pm in the annex. Mark Day will be in charge. Please, volunteer on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help with food prep or decorations and games (teens especially!). Also, please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board if you plan to attend.

Prime-timers

Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: J.C. Hughes

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Brad Morris

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Daniel Goshorn, Lowell Parsley,
Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford,
Josh Cox, Jack Little

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Nathan Parks

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Tim Hammond

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Hall

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Chris Scott

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: David Smith

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We also have **Bible correspondence courses** you can sign up to receive by mail **at no cost to you**. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**. Thank you for attending.

★★★ 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

★★★ Feb. 11 ★★★

Couples Banquet

6:00pm- annex

**Mark Day will need some help from
the teens to make this great!!**

