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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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-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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2 THESSALONIANS 1:2

Grace to you
and peace
from God
our Father
and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

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!

Light the Lamp and Search

“Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find *it*? And when she hath found *it*, she calleth *her* friends and *her* neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost.” Luke 15:8-9

We all lose things from time to time, but the woman in this parable shows a firm resolve to find her lost coin that highlights God’s desire for man’s repentance. She does not say to herself, “Oh, it will turn up sooner or later.” Instead she goes to all manner of pains to find her lost silver coin. Just as the shepherd would not stop searching until he found his lost sheep (v.4), the woman in this parable is set on recovering her coin. Palestinian dwellings were often of mud-brick construction with no windows and earthen floors; thus, it was possible for a coin to fall, be trodden underfoot and become embedded in the floor. The search was painstaking. She had to light an oil lamp, which shed roughly the same amount of light as a candle. With her dim light in hand she swept and searched until she found the small coin.

At last when the lost coin was found the woman was so overjoyed that she threw a party. No doubt some will demur that this celebration probably cost the woman more than the coin she found was worth, but that is exactly the point. These parables in Luke 15 show the joy in heaven over sinners who repent. They are not lessons in economics, but rather in the joy of God when a soul returns to Him (v. 10). Upon the return of the lost son, the father does not concern himself with the money that was wasted in the younger son’s prodigal living, but rather celebrates that he has returned (vv. 22-24). The one who questions such a celebration is more like the older brother (vv. 25-32).

The Pharisees and scribes thought that “sinners” were not worthy to be received (v.2). Unlike the woman in this parable, they would not so much as waste the oil to light a lamp to search for the lost, much less rejoice over them. In that sense they would remain in the dark; their inner darkness blinding their eyes to the truth as Jesus explained earlier in the book of Luke (11:33-36). They had an evil eye toward Jesus for associating with those who were called “sinners.” Similar to how Saul eyed David with envy (1 Sam. 18:9), the Pharisees, moved with envy, were not putting forth effort in understanding Jesus’ sayings, but rather in plotting His death (Mk. 3:6; 15:10). They would never consider that they would be lost; never would they place themselves in this parable and see themselves as a lost coin.

Jesus is the light of the world, that all may come and see the light of God (Jn. 8:12). If it were not for His light shining into the world we would have remained lost in the darkness of sin. He did not come to save and enlighten people who are just like you and me, but people of every background. Do we see our need for salvation? Are we searching for souls to save? Are we searching our own souls? Can we place ourselves in Jesus’ parables, becoming engaged in what He has to say and weighing the meaning in our own lives? Or do we, like the Pharisees, wear masks of hypocrisy, professing to be enlightened while never considering our own spiritual destitution? Does the light of Christ shine in us?

- Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- *"Have You Read the Bible?"*

PM- *"There Was Great Joy"*

Scripture Reading-- Acts 8:4-8

2017 Dates to Remember

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- **cancelled**

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 5-9– Freed-Hardeman U. lectureship

Feb 7– Prime-timers– annex- 10a

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 26-29– 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

Gauging Our Faith

	01/01/17	Goal	01/03/16
Bible Study	89	110	105
AM Worship	143	150	149
PM Worship	97	110	91
Mid Week	106	110	88
Contribution:	\$6570.00	\$5600.00	\$5579.25

Book Reading Challenge

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.

New Cookbook

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 need more recipes by the end of January.

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. On Tuesday, January 17th, this group will be cancelled.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: David Trimble

PM: Denny Deskins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

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

Presiding PM: Greg Hall

Assisting: David Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Jacob Martin

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Will Scott

PRAYER: Daniel Goshorn

DEVOTIONAL: Mark Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Conley

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

★★ Jan. 15th ★★

All youth/parent devotion

7:00pm- annex

David & Miranda Trimble, hosts

Bring snacks and soft drinks

