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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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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)

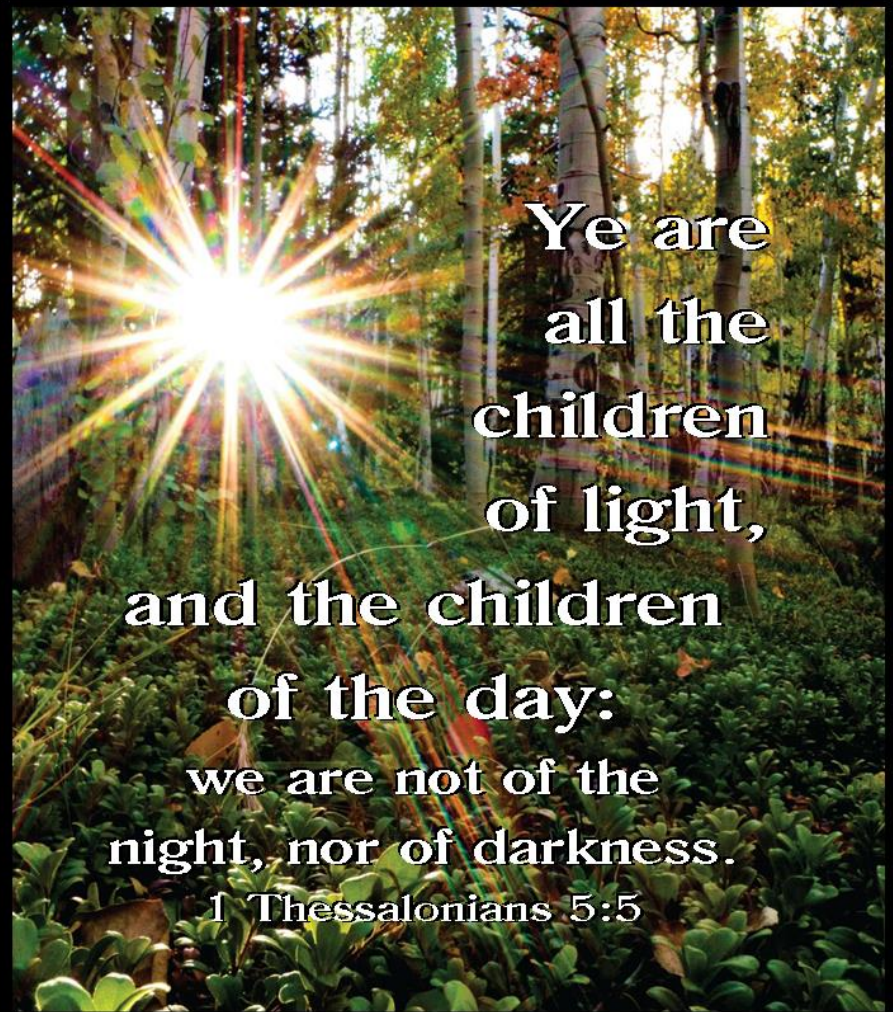
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**Ye are
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and the children
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1 Thessalonians 5:5

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!

Children of Light

Our Heavenly Father is light (1 Jn. 1:5); the Father of lights (James 1:17). As Christians, we are His children, children of light (Lk. 16:8; 1 Thess. 5:5). Paul encouraged Christians to behave as children of light (Eph. 5:8), living in such a way that we recognize our deeds are manifest before an all-knowing God, instead of trying to hide our sins under the cover of darkness (Jn. 3:19-21). We are surrounded by people of the world who love darkness (Eph. 6:12; 1 Jn. 5:19). They do not see the light of the glorious gospel, because they have allowed the devil, the father of lies, to blind them (Jn. 8:44; 2 Cor. 4:4). We, however, know better, and ought to behave accordingly. When light enters a room, darkness flees. The two are incompatible. Christians are to behave as light, being separate from the world (Eph. 5:11; 2 Cor. 6:14-17; 1 Jn. 2:7-11). How you behave ought to make you stand out from the world (Phil. 2:14-15).

Paul wrote in 1 Thessalonians 5:5-8, "Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation." Some people live their lives seemingly in a dream, not awake to the spiritual dangers that are around them, but mindlessly floating down the river of life going wherever outside influences take them. Christians are not to live in such spiritual stupor, but should be awake and alert to the spiritual realities that are around them, proactively following Christ.

The normal time to sleep is at night, and being drunk during the day has often been considered scandalous by the public (Isa. 5:11; Ecc. 10:16-17; Acts 2:15; 2 Pet. 2:13). As Christians, children of the light and of the day, we are to be the opposite: awake and sober. Night is sometimes used in scripture to underscore moral darkness rather than prosaically marking the time (Mt. 26:34; Jn. 13:30). Nighttime is when evil people do their deeds. We are surprised today when people commit crimes in broad daylight. These evil deeds of the darkness are on their way out, because an eternal day is coming (Rom. 13:12; cf. Rev. 21:23; 22:5). The gospel age has let some of this light in, but the final coming of Christ is when it will fully break forth (1 Jn. 2:8).

Paul's description of light and darkness in 1 Thessalonians 5 is really part of a larger context concerning the unexpectedness of Lord's final coming and need to be prepared for it (1 Thess. 5:1-11). God has chosen to not disclose when the return of His Son will be, and Jesus warned His disciples to watch so they are ready for His coming at any time (Mk. 13:32-37). Jesus told His disciples that such vigilance is necessary to resist temptation of the flesh (Mt. 26:40-41; Mk. 14:37-38; Lk. 22:45-46). God knows that if He did reveal when the final day would be that people would be tempted to live evil lives, indulging the flesh, and try to repent near the end before that day comes. This would run contrary to His purposes; our Heavenly Father wants to foster in us a love for Him and patient desire for heaven. No man will see the light of heaven who has not already had it in his heart while he is living in this world of darkness.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Help Me Be Ready For That Day"

PM- "The Lord Was With Him"

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:19-23

2017 Dates to Remember

- Feb 28- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
- Mar 7- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
- Mar 12- Daylight Savings (forward 1 hour)
- Mar 12- Elders Appreciation Luncheon- noon
- Mar 14- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
- Mar 19- elders/deacons/preachers-annex-4:30p
- Mar 21- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
- Mar 26-Potluck- noon- annex
- Mar 26-29- Revival with David Lipe-
'Assurance In The Age of Skepticism'
- Mar 27-29- Bible Study with David Lipe- 10a
- Apr 4- Prime-timers- annex- 10a
- Apr 10- Potluck
- May 13- workday Saturday 8a & barbeque
between 11a-12:00p
- Jun 14- Coffee, tea, & cakes -annex- 8p
- Jul 2-8- Ft. Hill Youth Camp week
- Jul 15- Church Picnic- on grounds-5p
- Jul 24-28- Vacation Bible School here
- Aug 6- Ice Cream/dessert night- annex- 7p
- Sep 15-16- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole
- Sep 23-Cookout & singing @ the Scotts- time
TBD later
- Oct 28- Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p
- Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a
- Nov 5- Bring A Friend Day & Potluck

Condolences

Our deep sympathy is expressed to Barb Parsley and family on the loss of her sister, Patricia Moore, on February 11. The funeral was February 15 at the Inez church of Christ.

Our deep sympathy is expressed to the family of Sister Ann Maupin, Veronica Wheeler's mother and Jennifer Morris' grandmother, who passed away February 21. Her memorial was the 25th.

New Members

Last Sunday, Ben and Holly Poling placed membership with our congregation. Their address is 626 Franz Drive, Worthington, KY 41183. Ben's cell number is (843) 727-5514 and Holly's number is (540) 250-3287. Please, make them welcomed.

Elders Appreciation Luncheon

On Sunday, March 12, we will have a luncheon for our elders in the annex following morning worship. Please, speak with Sherry Sturgill if you can provide food and see Mark and Alissa Day or Sherry Sturgill for other details.

March Revival

Please, begin to invite your friends and neighbors to our upcoming Revival with David Lipe. It will be March 26-29 at 9:45am, 10:45am, and 6pm on Sunday, 7pm Mon.-Wed., & 10am Bible studies Mon.-Wed. We have flyers, small handouts and business cards to use with your invitation.

Member Photos

Katie Smith will be taking pictures for our photo directories over the next several Sundays after morning worship. Please, update your photo.

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



Gauging Our Faith

	02/19/17	Goal	02/21/16
Bible Study	106	110	108
AM Worship	150	160	158
PM Worship	89	110	98
Mid Week	90	110	79
Contribution:	\$5837.99	\$5600.00	\$5615.38

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
Jordan Conley, Daniel Goshorn,
David Castle, Michael Perry,
Will Scott, Dan Maynard

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Tim Hammond

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Denny Deskins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: David Castle

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 find
on the back of the pew. You may put it in the
collection plate or hand 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
offer **free Bible correspondence courses**
you can 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. Come back anytime!

★★★ 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

★★ **Needed** ★★

Youth/Parent Devotional

Hosts for April

Please, ask your parents
to sign up today!!

