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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  
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Way” TV broadcast

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*Welcome to our Revival*

**Assurance In The Age  
of Skepticism**

with David Lipe, Ph.D.

**March 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**



**Sunday Topics**

- ♦ 9:45am- Unbelief--Fact of it and Reasons for it
- ♦ 10:45am- Unbelief--The Christian's Response to it
- ♦ 6:00pm- One can Know God Exists

**Monday through Wednesday Topics**

- ♦ 7:00pm- One can Know the Bible is the Word of God
- ♦ 7:00pm- One can Know Jesus is the Son of God
- ♦ 7:00pm- One can Know He is a Child of God

**Morning Bible Study**

**Monday through Wednesday Topic**

- ♦ 10:00am- Lessons from the Gospel of John

David Lipe has been preaching the gospel for 50 years. He taught at Freed-Hardeman University for 20 years and served as its lectureship director for 22 years. David was the Director of Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies for three years and continues there as an instructor and assists with fundraising and development. He is an author and an editor, having served as editor of 31 lectureship books and Southeast's "Sinner to Saint" series.

**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!

## Help My Unbelief

Jesus told the father who came to him wanting his son to be cured, “If thou canst believe, all things *are* possible to him that believeth” (Mark 9:23). To this the father replied in tears, “Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief” (Mark 9:24). There is a part in each of us which believes and there is a part which doubts. Christians often have questions or doubts that challenge their faith. The good news is there are good answers to our questions. There is solid, adequate evidence for the existence of God, the deity of Christ, and the inspiration of the Bible. But we must devote time to weigh the evidence; only by asking our hard questions and exploring the answers can our faith be fortified. A person who never tests the validity of Christianity cannot really be helped out of unbelief. We cannot simply ignore our doubts and deny that we have any. We are commanded to “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

The skeptic will rarely admit it, but he actually holds beliefs that cannot be proven. Often skeptics say, “There is no absolute truth,” which is itself an absolute statement. How can they be absolutely sure of it and be consistent? A skeptic may try to reduce the Christian’s beliefs to their cultural and historical condition, saying, “Well, if you were born to different parents who were Muslims in Saudi Arabia, you would believe in Islam.” But what about the skeptic? If he were born to Muslims in Saudi Arabia would he believe Islam? You see, even his skepticism does not stand on an island apart from the historical and cultural condition in which he lives. Skepticism flourishes at certain times and in certain cultures as well because people can be influenced into skepticism. The skeptic can’t make an exception for himself and say, all beliefs about religion are conditioned by history and culture except for the belief I am stating right now. Or if he says, “no religion can have an exclusive claim to truth; it is arrogant for any religion to claim to have the whole truth of spiritual reality,” then he himself has made an assertion that he says cannot be made. How could the skeptic possibly know that no religion can have the whole truth unless he had such superior, all-inclusive knowledge that he claims no religions can have? In short, the skeptic ought to be fair enough to admit his own doubts. He must be willing to consider if he is wrong in his skepticism.

This week we will be examining the evidence that gives us assurance in an age of skepticism. Dr. David Lipe will be with us to help us think critically about these vitally important subjects that undergird the Christian faith. Brother Lipe has spent his life studying these subjects and asking hard questions. Whether you have faith, doubts, or some of both, you will be benefited by coming to these lessons. Will you come?

—Mark Day

# News & Notes

## 2017 Dates to Remember

- 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  
**Mar 31**– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30  
**Apr 4**– Prime-timers– annex- 10a  
**Apr 9**- Potluck  
**Apr 9-12**– Prestonsburg church gospel meeting  
 w/ Jerry Carmichael– 7p nightly  
**Apr 11**– Prime-timers– annex- 10a  
**Apr 14-16**– Lads 2 Leaders– Louisville  
**Apr 18**– Prime-timers– annex- 10a  
**Apr 23**– Ladies Day all committees meeting–  
 7p– annex large classroom  
**Apr 25**– Prime-timers– annex- 10a  
**Apr 30**– All Youth Parent Devotional– 7p–  
 annex, hosts: the Vonderheides  
**May 13**- workday Saturday 8a & barbeque 11a-  
**May 21**– Elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p  
**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  
**Nov 13**– Wreath Making group #1-annex-7p

## Potluck Today

Following morning worship service, we will have a potluck lunch in the annex. Please, join us. Visitors are especially welcome.

## Members Information Change

Michael and Natasha Sprague have changed their cell phone numbers. Michael’s number is now (606) 571-7179 and Natasha’s is (606) 571-6338. Please, note this in your member directory.

## Recipes Still Needed

We need more recipes to make our newest cookbook. Please, submit at least 3 (more) of your favorite recipes, especially side dishes and rolls or bread. The forms are on the round foyer table or you can email your recipes to Tammy Vonderheide or the church office. Thank you.

## Lawn Maintenance Help Needed

There is a sign up sheet on the foyer bulletin board for volunteers to be on a team to maintain the church grounds on a weekly rotating basis. See Dave Castle or Greg Conley with questions.

## Ladies Day Committees Meeting

All ladies who are on a committee, or who would like to be, are asked to meet on Sunday, April 23 in the annex large classroom after evening worship to plan the November Ladies Day. The list is in the office.

## Potter Children’s Home Drive

Potter Home is asking for donations of the following items: AA batteries, bottled water, cookie mixes, plastic heavy duty silverware, snack crackers. The deadline for donations is Sunday, April 2nd. Small shopping lists are on the foyer board.

## Gauging Our Faith

	03/19/17	Goal	03/20/16
<b>Bible Study</b>	110	110	101
<b>AM Worship</b>	165	160	129
<b>PM Worship</b>	99	110	94
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	110	76
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5794.25	\$5600.00	\$5007.50

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** Jordan Conley

### **LORD'S TABLE:**

**Presiding AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**Assisting:** David Trimble,  
David Smith, Greg Conley,  
Michael Sprague, Ernie Perry,  
Shelby Steele, Jacob Martin

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** Jeremiah Smith

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Lowell Parsley

**PM:** Tim Hammond

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Gospel Meeting

**SONG LEADER:** Gospel Meeting

**PRAYER:** Gospel Meeting

**DEVOTIONAL:** Gospel Meeting

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Mark Parks

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**COORDINATOR:** Jerry Sturgill

## 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. Please, 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**

★★★ April 30th★★★

**All Youth/Parent Devo**

**Hosted by the Vonderheides**  
**-bring snacks, soft drinks & friends!**

