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It's time for our
Vacation Bible School

Monday – Friday
6:30pm to 8:30pm
We have classes for all ages!

Preschoolers:
**Trailblazers
for the
Faith**

High School, Adults &
School-age Learning Centers:
You Should Have Seen
That Coming:
Lessons From Prophets
& Prophecies



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!

Don't Forget the Dress

“Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number” (Jeremiah 2:32). A bride on her wedding day would never forget her makeup or her dress. She is looking in the mirror all day making sure she is perfect for her wedding. For a bride to go up the aisle and realize she had not changed into her dress would be unthinkable. Yet, this sort of incredible occurrence happened in the spiritual realm with the nation of Judah that was in spiritual decline during the days of Jeremiah. God says He had been forgotten. How could they do such a thing?

God remembered the honeymoon He had with His nation (Jeremiah 2:2-3). The people followed Him out into the wilderness before they were ever given the blessings of the land they now inhabited. Much like a young couple that is so much in love that it doesn't matter if they don't have money, they have each other, so God's relationship was with His people. It seems odd for God to condescend to this imagery of a young couple in love to illustrate His relationship to His people. It is an image that does not evoke a concept of God's supreme majesty. But it does bring to our minds an image of what our sin does to God. Divorce is such a painful experience. There are many that have gone through such an experience. There are many that have been close friends to those who have gone through such turmoil and can only imagine what it is like. Those who have experienced a spouse being unfaithful to them know what it is like to open themselves up to someone in marriage and make themselves vulnerable only for their spouse to walk out on them. This is the pain we cause God when we sin. When we put other efforts, people, or things in His place, whatever it may be, we betray Him who wants to be our one, true love.

None of the replacements we have for God make us complete. Just as Judah had false gods that could not deliver them, people today try to make themselves complete with things that can never make them complete. You see God is the ornaments and the attire of the bride (Jeremiah 2:32). Even though no bride is flawless, somehow every bride is perfect on her wedding day. Jesus Christ gave Himself for the church, His bride (Ephesians 5:23-25). He came to earth and died for the church, “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:26-27). Jesus is God; He was already perfect before the world ever began (John 1:1-3; 17:24). He did not come to the world because He had any sin or defect (Matthew 3:14-15; John 8:46). The reason He came to live as a man on earth and die for us was to make us perfect. Through baptism, “the washing of water,” we come in contact with this cleansing blood that can make us pure white before God (Ephesians 5:26; cf. Revelation 1:5; 7:14). When we're baptized we put on Christ Jesus just as bride puts on her dress (Galatians 3:27). Each day we must continue to put Him on by pursuing Him instead of sin (Romans 13:14). Have you forgotten your dress that makes you complete? Don't walk out on Jesus for something else that can never make you complete.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Turn to the Lord"
 PM- "How Long, O Lord?"
 Scripture Reading: Revelation 6:9-11

August Youth Devotional

Hosts are still needed to sign up on the foyer bulletin board for the August 17th all youth and parent devotional.

2017 Dates to Remember

- Jul 24-28– Vacation Bible School here– 6:30p to 8:30p nightly
- July 28– Ladies Luncheon-O'Charley's- 11:30a
- Jul 29– Ark Encounter– details to follow
- Jul 30– 5th Sunday PM Preacher Q & A
- Jul 30-Aug 5–WVC Youth Camp– Singing wk
-see Katie & Jeremiah Smith for details
- Aug 6- Ice Cream/dessert night– annex- 7p
- Aug 17– all youth/ parent devotional– 5:30p
- Aug 25– Ladies luncheon 11:30am-
- Sep 5– Prime-timers resumes– 10a– annex
- Sep 15-16– Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole
- Sep 23 -Cookout & singing @ the Scotts
- Sept 30– Girls Youth Rally– Fishing & Kenny Rd. church of Christ– 8:30a– RSVP
- Oct 28- Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p
- Nov 4– Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a
- Nov 5– Bring A Friend Day & Potluck

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



VBS Adult Class Speakers

Mon– Jeremiah Smith; Tue- JC Hughes; Wed– Nathan Adkins; Thu– Mark Parks; Friday– David Trimble. The subject is Prophets & Prophecies.

July Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the July luncheon on Friday, July 28th at 11:30am. This month the ladies will meet at O'Charley's.

Little School Openings

Openings are still available in Little School, our preschool program for 4-5 year olds, that meets on Fridays mornings during the school year. Children need to be 4 by October 1. Please see Julie Parks for an application. If you are aware of families with children in this age group, please, make them aware of this free program.

Lawn Maintenance Schedule

The schedule is published and copies are on the foyer table. The team this week to complete their work by July 29 is J.C. Hughes, Eric McKinney, Matt Vonderheide and Mike Sprague.

Ark Encounter

Everyone is invited to go to the Ark Encounter near the Creation Museum on Saturday, July 29th. The group will leave here at 8:30am. Tickets can be purchased there or online at : <https://arkencounter.com/tickets/?ticketpanel=01> Transportation will be coordinated. The van will be taken if there is enough going and caravanning can be arranged. If you plan to attend or if you have questions or need help, speak with David Trimble as soon as possible.

Gauging Our Faith

	07/16/17	Goal	07/17/16
Bible Study	125	110	100
AM Worship	171	160	138
PM Worship	82	110	85
Mid Week	94	110	100
Contribution:	\$6200.19	\$5600.00	\$6539.00

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Denny Deskins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Tim Hammonds,
Jeremiah Smith, Danny Stone,
John Gambill, Ernie Perry,
Michael Sprague, Michael Perry

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: John Gambill

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Daniel Goshorn

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: VBS

SONG LEADER: VBS

PRAYER: VBS

DEVOTIONAL: VBS

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Jerry Sturgill

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: David Castle

★★★ 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

★★ July 29 ★★

Ark Encounter

(see pg. 3)

★★ Aug 17 ★★

All Youth/Parent Devo

5:30pm- annex- hosted needed



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!