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Way” TV broadcast

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Psalm 19:1**

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!

A Sign in the Heavens

On the fourth day of the creation week God made the sun, moon and stars. “And God said, Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: And let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth: and it was so. And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: *he made* the stars also” Genesis 1:14-16. Rather than being gods themselves, which the nations surrounding Israel often worshiped, the sun and moon are creations of the true God. He placed them as “lights” to mark seasons, days, and years.

Today we are still marking and adjusting our time to earth’s position in respect to these lights God placed in the heavens. A full rotation of the earth with respect to the sun marks one day, and a full orbit of the earth around the sun one year. Monday there will be a total solar eclipse, where the moon will pass between the sun and the earth. This solar eclipse will be visible along a path of totality that stretches in a 70-mile-wide swath across the central part of the continental United States. Astronomers are able to determine when such spectacular events like this take place in the heavens because there is consistency in the motion of the earth and our moon as they revolve around the sun. While the placement of the stars in heaven does not determine our destiny, it does remind us of Him who created us. This uniform behavior of the heavenly hosts is an earmark of the great design of our universe. Imagine if we lived in a world where we did not know if we would see the sun the next day, or we could not predict the tides. Imagine if we had no idea whether or not our planet would suddenly veer off course and collide with another planet. There is order in the universe. Order requires an orderer. God created the world and fashioned it. It went from being without form, void, and dark (Genesis 1:2), to having a set formation, teeming with life, and lit by the lights of heaven (Genesis 1:3-31). How true are the words of David in Psalm 19:1-4:

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. *There is* no speech nor language, *where* their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which *is* as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, *and* rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth *is* from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

Some are critical of the Bible, pointing out how it speaks of God making the sun to rise (Matthew 5:45), when in reality the earth rotates and revolves around the sun. However, even though we have understood this truth for centuries, we still use the terms *sunrise* and *sunset*. While the Bible does not speak in contemporary scientific terms it does give an accurate account for the order we find in the heavens above. The weather app on my phone gives me the exact minute sunrise and sunset will be each day for my location. You see how precise the movements of the heavens are. Without this precision the space missions that have been conducted throughout the last half of a century would have been impossible.

So the next time you look up into the heavens above, or notice the precise times we are able to predict when the sun and moon and stars will be in a particular location in regard to our location on earth, remember the Creator who placed order in this universe He intended for mankind to inhabit (Acts 17:24-27).
-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- guest speaker, Nathan Adkins- *"The Unchangeable Laws of God"*
 PM- guest speaker, David Trimble

2017 Dates to Remember

- Aug 20- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p
- Aug 20- all youth/ parent devotional-annex-7p
- Aug 25- Ladies luncheon 12:30pm- KY Cafe
- Sep 5- Prime-timers resumes- 10a- annex
- Sep 7- Little School Orientation- 7p
- Sep 8- Little School- first school day
- Sep 12- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Sep 15-16- Marriage Seminar with Alan Cole
 -sign-up sheet on foyer bulletin board
- Sep 17- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p
- Sep 19- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Sep 23-Cookout & singing @ the Scotts
- Sep 24- Michael Mayo- Thailand report- AM
- Sep 26- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Sept 30- Girls Youth Rally- Fishing &
 Kenny Rd. church of Christ- 8:30a- RSVP
- Oct 3- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Oct 10- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Oct 15- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p
- Oct 17- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Oct 24- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Oct 28- Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p
- Oct 31- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Nov 4- Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a
- Nov 5- Bring A Friend Day & Potluck
- Dec 2- Scotts' Pancake Breakfast- annex- 8a
- Dec 9- Kathy Hall's Ladies Holiday Party- 6p

Gauging Our Faith

	08/13/17	Goal	08/14/16
Bible Study	111	110	nc
AM Worship	163	160	140
PM Worship	106	110	95
Mid Week	100	110	89
Contribution:	\$6003.00	\$5600.00	\$5779.40

Little School Openings

Openings are still available in Little School, our preschool program for 4-5 year olds, that meets on Friday 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.

Ladies Monthly Luncheon

This month the ladies will meet at the Kentucky Café in the Town Center Mall in Ashland on Friday, August 25th. Please, note the time has changed back to 12:30pm for the remainder of the school year.

Lawn Maintenance Schedule

The schedule is published and copies are on the foyer table. The team this week to complete their work by Aug 26 is Mark Parks, Nathan Parks, Don Ross, Danny Stone and David Castle.

August 20th Youth Devotional

All youth and parents are invited to attend this Sunday evening devotional in the annex following evening worship. The Scott family will host. Please, bring snacks and soft drinks to share.

Have you visited our church website? Visit it today at www.flatwoodschurchofchrist.org

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Daniel Goshorn

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: David Trimble,
David Smith, Denny Deskins,
Jack Little, Michael Perry,
Jacob Martin, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Ben Poling

PM: Dan Stone

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Chris Scott

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Nathan Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Castle

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under, but every-
one is welcomed. Boys: have a song
ready to lead

★★ Aug 20 ★★

All Youth/Parent Devo

7:00pm- annex- hosted by
the Scott family- Bring snacks
and soft drinks to share!



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!