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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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-*"In Search of the Lord's  
Way"* TV broadcast

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

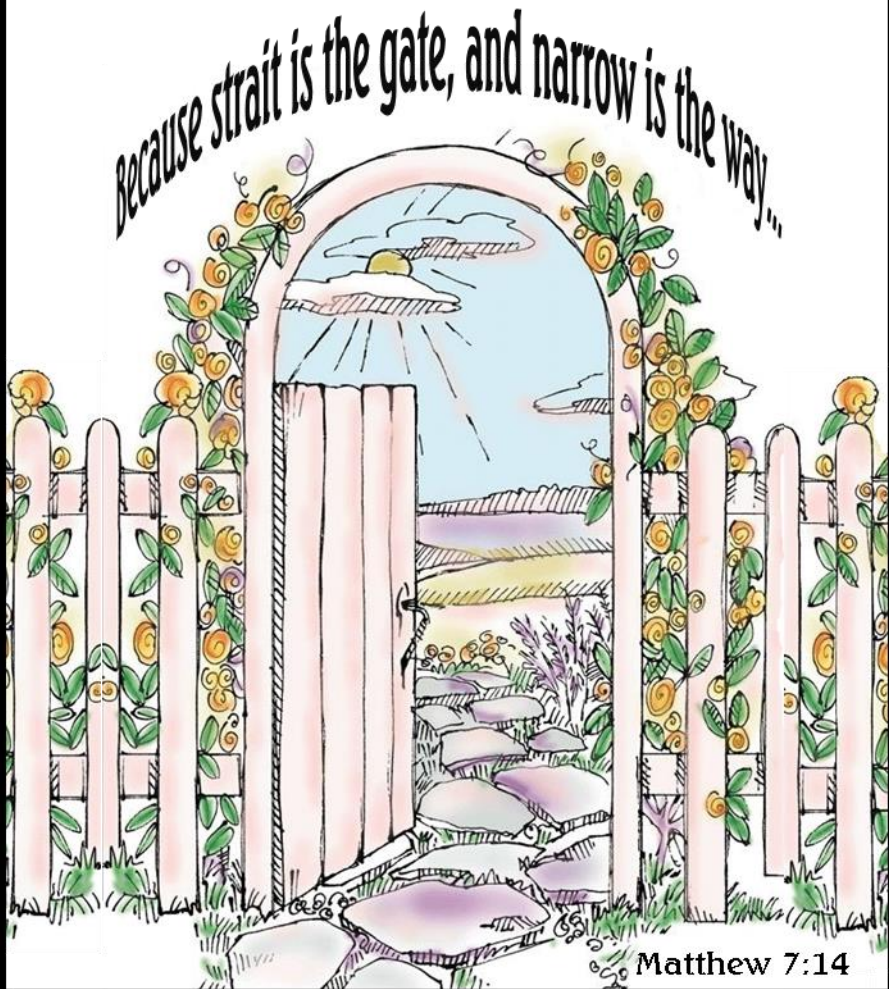
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**We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:**  
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"  
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the  
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

## Two Ways

Jesus said, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13-14). Jesus clearly tells us that many will be lost and few saved. The road to hell is wide and easy. The way to heaven is narrow and difficult.

The narrow gate of heaven will require effort on our part to enter. Jesus said in Luke 13:24 "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able." This does not mean that heaven is attained solely by our own efforts and self-justification, for there would be no way to heaven at all if God had not opened it for us through the death of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 10:20). What it means is that we cannot be slothful and look to others to do the diligence required to enter. The final contrast in the sermon is between those who hear and do and those who hear and do not (Matthew 7:24-27). Simply coming to church services and hearing will not cause one to enter the narrow gate. We must examine what we hear and practice what God's word says. We ourselves must strive to enter. The preacher, the elders, our parents, our friends and loved ones may encourage us, but we must make sure that we are truly following the Lord and not men. In fact, earlier in the Sermon on the Mount, Christ showed that one's righteousness must exceed the self-righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees in order to enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:20). It requires one to follow true religion from a pure heart rather than false alternatives that may look very similar. Effort is required to distinguish the two.

Obviously, there are many people in the world who do not profess to be religious whatsoever and are on the broad way. However, perhaps even more people are following a false religion. This is a subtle device of the devil. It causes many to think they are on the narrow way which leads to life, but in reality they are headed toward destruction. The contrasts the Lord gives in this sermon are not between religious people and irreligious, but rather between true and false religion. In Matthew 6:1-4, the contrast is not between those who give alms and those who don't, but rather between those who give to be seen of men and those who give in secret out of a pure motive of love. Likewise, in Matthew 6:5-6, the contrast is not between those who pray and those who do not pray, but rather those who pray to be seen of men and those who pray in secret to seek their heavenly Father.

Immediately following the admonition of the two ways, Jesus warns of false prophets (Matthew 7:15). Many are led to destruction thinking they are following the right path, but they are sadly following false teaching. A prime example of this is found in what Jesus says in Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." How many today believe they are going to heaven because they have simply given assent in their mind to the truth that Jesus is the Son of God without obeying Him? Merely acknowledging the truth of Jesus' identity is far short of obeying Him. This is why many will be surprised on the day of judgment (Matthew 7:22-23).

Give diligence to make sure what you practice in religion is from the Lord and not men, and is out of a pure heart and not for show. Your eternal destiny hangs in the balance. —Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

AM- "Why Am I Suffering?"  
 PM- "Are You on the Right Path?"  
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:13-14

## 2017 Dates to Remember

- Sep 17-** elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p  
**Sep 19-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Sep 23-** Rolling Hills Mens Day- 9am to noon  
**Sep 23-** Cookout & singing @ the Scotts- 6p  
**Sep 24-** Michael Mayo- Thailand report- AM  
**Sep 26-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Sep 29-** Ladies Luncheon-12:30p-Corner  
 Cone in Wurtland  
**Sep 30-** Girls Youth Rally- Fishinger &  
 Kenny Rd. church of Christ- 8:30a- RSVP  
**Sep 30-** Charis Brashear baby shower- 1pm-  
 see bulletin board for details  
**Oct 3-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Oct 10-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Oct 14-** North Lexington Ladies Day- speaker:  
 Jane Washington- no time given yet  
**Oct 15-** elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p  
**Oct 17-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Oct 24-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Oct 27-** Ladies Luncheon-12:30p- place tbd  
**Oct 28-** Rolling Hills Ladies Day- speaker:  
 Becky Blackmon- 8:30a- lunch  
**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

## Gauging Our Faith

	09/10/17	Goal	09/11/16
<b>Bible Study</b>	97	110	nc
<b>AM Worship</b>	147	160	138
<b>PM Worship</b>	86	110	79
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	110	88
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$7288.10	\$5600.00	\$5881.90

## Condolences

Deepest sympathy to Gina Woods & family at the loss of her mother, Imagene Stewart, who passed away on Sept. 8th. Sympathy, also, to Greg Conley and family at the loss of his aunt, Betty Sue Ratliff, who passed away Sept. 10th.

## Baptized

Amanda Nickell, was baptized on Sunday evening. She was baptized at 11 years old, but had concerns as to her understanding at that point. We commend Amanda for taking this step.

## Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

This group will meet today in the annex large classroom at 4:30pm.

## Cookout & Singing

On Saturday, the 23rd at 6pm, Chris & Amanda Scott have invited everyone to their home just off SR 207 for a cookout and singing. Please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board.

## Pew Repairs

If you are aware of a problem with a pew, please, make Chris Scott aware of the problem and specific location. Pew repairs are upcoming in the next several weeks. Thank you.

## Lawn Maintenance Schedule

The schedule is published and copies are on the foyer table. The team this week to complete their work by Sept. 23rd is Mark Day, Jerry Sturgill, Brad Morris, Jason Fouts and David Trimble.

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Greg Conley

**PM:** David Trimble

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

**Presiding AM:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** Ben Poling,  
Nathan Parks, John Gambill,  
Shelby Steele, Jason Fouts,  
Jack Little, Dan Maynard

**Presiding PM:** Jerry Sturgill

**Assisting:** Denny Deskins

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Scott

**PM:** Dan Stone

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Chris Scott

**PRAYER:** Mark Day

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jordan Conley

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Brad Morris

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**COORDINATOR:** Steve Wallace

## ★★★ 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

★★ Sept. 23 ★★

**Cookout & Singing**

**at the Scott family home- 6pm**

**See Chris & Amanda for details**



## 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!