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...YOU SHINE AS

LIGHTS IN THE WORLD

Philippians 2:15 - NIV

Philippians 2:15

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!

Preaching to the Gentiles

In Acts 14, Paul and Barnabas came into Lystra and healed a lame man. The superstitious people of Lystra started to worship them as Greek gods. Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes and declared themselves to be merely men. They encouraged the people to turn from idolatry to the true and living God. In Acts 13, Paul appealed to Christ's fulfillment of the Old Testament as proof for Jews who had yet to become Christians, but these in Lystra were idolatrous Gentiles. How did Paul address them? Did he simply quote an Old Testament scripture? No, he didn't. He knew it would not have much effect. Paul appealed to creation as a witness to the existence of God. Does the fact that we cannot see, touch, or feel God mean that we have no witness from God? No. God's goodness is shown in the creation through rain and fruitful seasons (Acts 14:17). Paul declared to those at Lystra that God has not left us in the dark; He has given us a testimony of Himself in nature.

In Acts 17, Paul entered Athens, the intellectual center of the empire where the greatest philosophers had debated for centuries. Present were two schools of philosophy – Epicureans and Stoics. The Epicureans were followers of one Epicurus (342 BC) a materialist who believed all that exists is material or physical, and thus, there was no life after death. The Stoics believed in an impersonal god. In defending the faith against these false philosophies, where did Paul go? Paul said, "God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands" (Acts 17:24). He argues that God is the origin of the universe and not originated by man. Some stoics in earlier generations had taught there was one creator, but the many shrines in Athens to various gods showed the present generation had not embraced this concept. Paul, versed in their writings, then said your own poets have acknowledged this. There are a couple of Greek poets Paul could have referenced. Cleanthes, a stoic who lived from 331 to 233 BC, wrote, "O God most glorious, called by many a name, we are thy children, we alone of all." About 270 BC, Aratus said essentially the same thing.

The Bible does not go into a great deal of detail to prove that God exists; nature shows it to be the case (Psalm 19:1-4). There is no excuse for a man to say that he does not believe in God (Romans 1:20; Psalm 14). Romans 1:18-32 is a passage that highlights the pleasures of sin as a major motivation for people denying God's existence. In describing the sinfulness of the Gentiles, Paul wrote that the judgment of God is revealed from heaven (Romans 1:18). Repeated efforts have been made to remove any mention of God from the public sector. Man cannot be comfortable with sin if he acknowledges God; he must cast God out of his mind to pursue his lusts. The moral foundations of our society are under attack today. People question the most foundational truths and involve themselves in some of the grossest immorality because they do not fear the wrath of God whose existence they doubt. Paul preached the Gospel to Gentiles, who did not even know the true God. Thus, we must reaffirm very basic foundations with many of our evangelistic contacts. Even people who claim to believe in God and in the Bible must be reminded to acknowledge God or else their convictions can wane. Sometimes Christians are afraid to even talk to those who do not believe in God and the Bible. There is sufficient proof for God's existence. Arm yourself with it and do not hide your light under a bushel (Matthew 5:15).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- guest speaker, Michael Mayo-
Thailand missionary
PM- "*Miserable Comforters*"
Scripture Reading: Job 16:1-5

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies September luncheon will be on Friday, the 29th, at 12:30pm at the Corner Cone in Wurtland. All ladies are invited to participate.

2017 Dates to Remember

Sep 24-27- Olive Hill Gospel Meeting w/ Van Vansant, M-W 7pm

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

Gauging Our Faith

	09/17/17	Goal	09/18/16
Bible Study	101	110	104
AM Worship	150	160	151
PM Worship	86	110	86
Mid Week	96	110	89
Contribution:	\$6034.75	\$5600.00	\$5987.00

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of our sister Helena Damron who passed away Monday the 18th. Her funeral was September 21 with burial September 22 in Pikeville. Please, keep Ken and family in your prayers. Thank you.

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.

Baby Shower Invitation

On Saturday, Sept. 30th at 1pm, we are invited to a baby girl shower for John & Cheryl Gambill's daughter, Charis. The shower will be given by her aunt in Westwood. Information is on the foyer bulletin board for the address and registries.

Lawn Maintenance Schedule

The schedule is published and copies are on the foyer table. The team this week to complete their work by Sept. 30th is Mark Parks, Nathan Parks, Don Ross, Dan Stone and Dave Castle.

Area Ladies Days in October

There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board for the North Lexington church of Christ Ladies Day on the 14th and the Rolling Hills (in Mt. Sterling) Ladies Day on the 28th. Please, sign-up if you plan to attend and indicate if you will drive or if you need a ride. Car-pooling can be arranged from this list or the van may be taken.

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



☪ Today's Servants ☪

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

Assisting: Nathan Parks,
Nathan Adkins, Dan Maynard,
Shelby Steele, Jason Fouts,
Jack Little, Michael Perry

Presiding PM: Jeremiah Smith

Assisting: David Trimble

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Daniel Goshorn

PM: Jacob Martin

☪ Wednesday Servants ☪

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: Bob Tushay

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☪ Weekly Servants ☪

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

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. 30 ★★

Girls Youth Rally- Fishinger &
Kenny Rd. church of Christ-
8:30a- RSVP (flyer in office)-
Davonne Parks has 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!