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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
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SEARCH TV
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

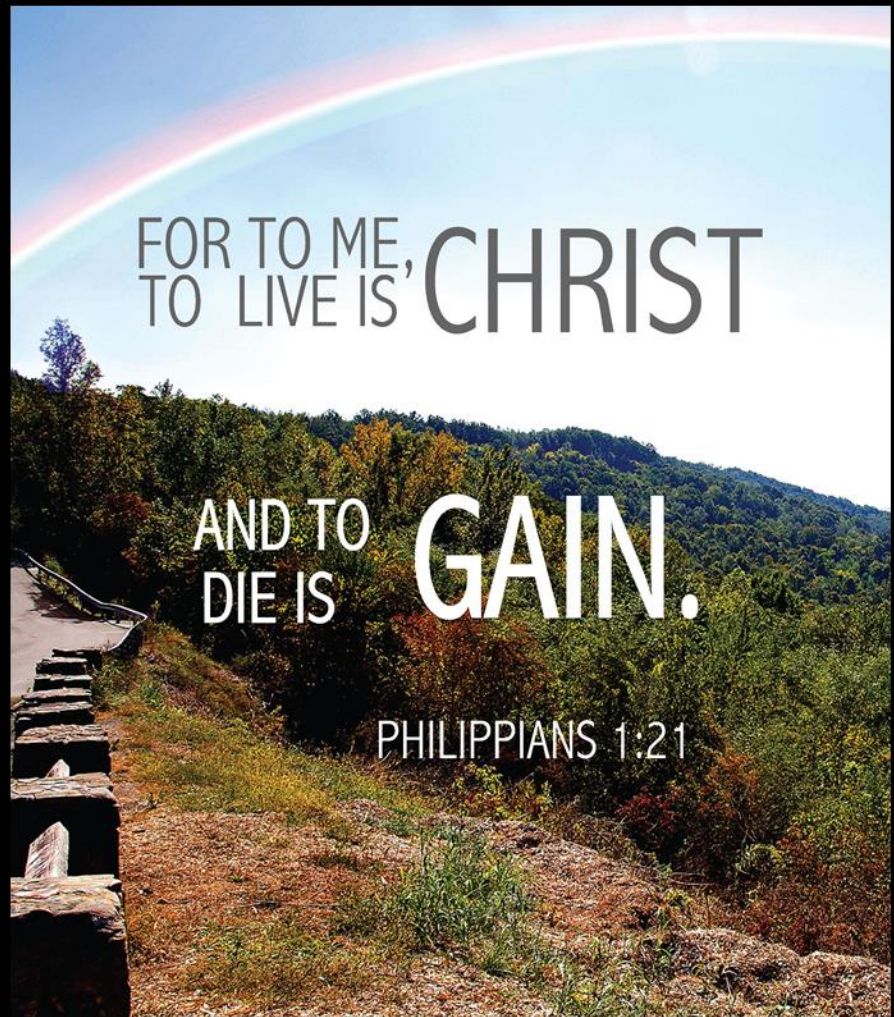
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let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

When the World Hates You

Jesus said to his disciples, “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before *it hated* you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” (John 15:18, 19).

Since the foundation of the world, wicked men have hated and sought to kill the righteous. Cain murdered his brother Able because his own works were evil and his brother’s righteous; thus, we should not marvel that the world hates us today (1 John 3:12, 13). Joseph’s brothers hated him because of the partiality their father showed him and because of his dreams (Genesis 37:3-8). When Jehoshaphat refused to believe the counsel of the roughly 400 court prophets who said that Ahab would be successful in battle at Ramothgilead, he asked for a prophet of the Lord (1 Kings 22:6, 7). Ahab knew of one, Micaiah the son of Imlah, but Ahab hated him because he prophesied evil concerning him (1 Kings 22:8). Ahab hated Micaiah because he told the truth when others would not. It was not a defect in Micaiah but rather in Ahab’s character that Ahab was continually setting himself against the Lord’s will. Similarly, both Ahab and Jezebel hated the prophet Elijah and sought to kill him because he stood for truth (1 Kings 19:2). When he warned against joining the ranks of sinners, Solomon mentioned those who would lay in wait to kill the innocent (Proverbs 1:10).

The devil seeks to discourage us from living faithful lives. It is true that all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12). We are not alone in suffering. We must continue to resist being overcome by the evil in the world, knowing our brethren throughout the world suffer tremendous afflictions for the cause of Christ (1 Peter 5:9; cf. Romans 12:21). So let us not give up the good fight of faith (1 Timothy 6:12). We must through much tribulation enter the kingdom of God (Acts 14:22). Remember when the world hates you that, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

Suffering in itself is not virtuous, but suffering for the cause of Christ is. There are many who suffer for the crimes they have chosen to commit. If Christians suffer for following their Lord, then they are blessed. “But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or *as* a thief, or *as* an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men’s matters. Yet if *any man suffer* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf” (1 Peter 4:15, 16). Jesus said, “Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you” (Matthew 5:11, 12). How difficult it is to follow the example of the apostles and rejoice when we are counted worthy to suffer shame for the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 5:41). Let us not shrink back from our allegiance to Christ. Jesus prayed that his disciples would be delivered from the evil of the world (John 17:15). He taught us to do the same (Luke 11:4). But whatever happens, let us live in such a way that we can truly say as Paul did, “For to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain” (Philippians 1:21).

—Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Our Singing Saviour"
 PM- "Take Heed How Ye Hear"
 Scripture Reading: Luke 8:4-21

2017 Dates to Remember

- Oct 9-11**– Ceredo Gospel meeting w/ Dr. JJ Turner– 7pm
Oct 10– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 9-12– Main Street (Pikeville) gospel meeting with Glen Colley– 7p
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– Gerber’s in Greenup
Oct 28– Rolling Hills Ladies Day– speaker: Becky Blackmon- 8:30a– lunch
Oct 28– Trunk O Treats & Chili supper- 7p
Oct 29– 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions– PM service
Oct 31– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Nov 4– Ladies Day with Sheila Butt- 8:30a
Nov 5– Bring A Friend Day & Potluck
Nov 7– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Nov 14– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Nov 19– elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p
Nov 21– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Nov 28– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Dec 2– Scotts’ Pancake Breakfast– annex- 8a
Dec 9– Kathy Hall’s Ladies Holiday Party– 6p

Gauging Our Faith

	10/01/17	Goal	10/02/16
Bible Study	84	110	104
AM Worship	149	160	152
PM Worship	86	110	87
Mid Week	90	110	81
Contribution:	\$5036.00	\$5600.00	\$5376.51

Condolences

Our deep sympathy is extended to the family and friends of our sister Betty Adkins, who passed away October 3rd. Her funeral was October 7th, conducted by Mark Day. Also, sympathy to Kathy & Gary Fannin on the passing of their nephew, Jeff Gibbs, on October 4th in Columbus.

Ceredo Gospel Meeting

Mark Parks will be attending one evening of this meeting. If you would like to go, call or text Mark Parks to discuss details.

5th Sunday Preachers Q&A

Submit your Bible Questions to either preacher or put them in the wooden box at the sound booth for the 5th Sunday 'Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions' during the 29th evening service.

Our Ladies Day in November

Ladies, now is the time to invite your friends to our Ladies Day on November 4th. The guest speaker will be Sheila Butt, a Christian author, accomplished speaker and state representative from Tenn. The theme is 'Recipes For Life.' There are smaller invitations on the foyer round table and a RSVP sign-up sheet on the foyer board. Please, ladies, if you will be here that day sign up for planning purposes. 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 Oct. 14th is Greg Conley, Mark Gullett, Terry Whitley, Will Whitley and Jordan Conley.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM/PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Edgar Phillips

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Jordan Conley, Daniel Goshorn,
David Castle, Ernie Perry,
Michael Sprague, Auston Clarkson

Presiding PM: David Trimble

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Ben Poling

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Chris Scott

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Chris Scott

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Jerry Sturgill

★★★ 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

★★ Oct. 28 ★★

Trunk O'Treats

-wear your costume & collect
treats!!!- annex parking lot- 7pm-
Potluck Chili supper afterward



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!