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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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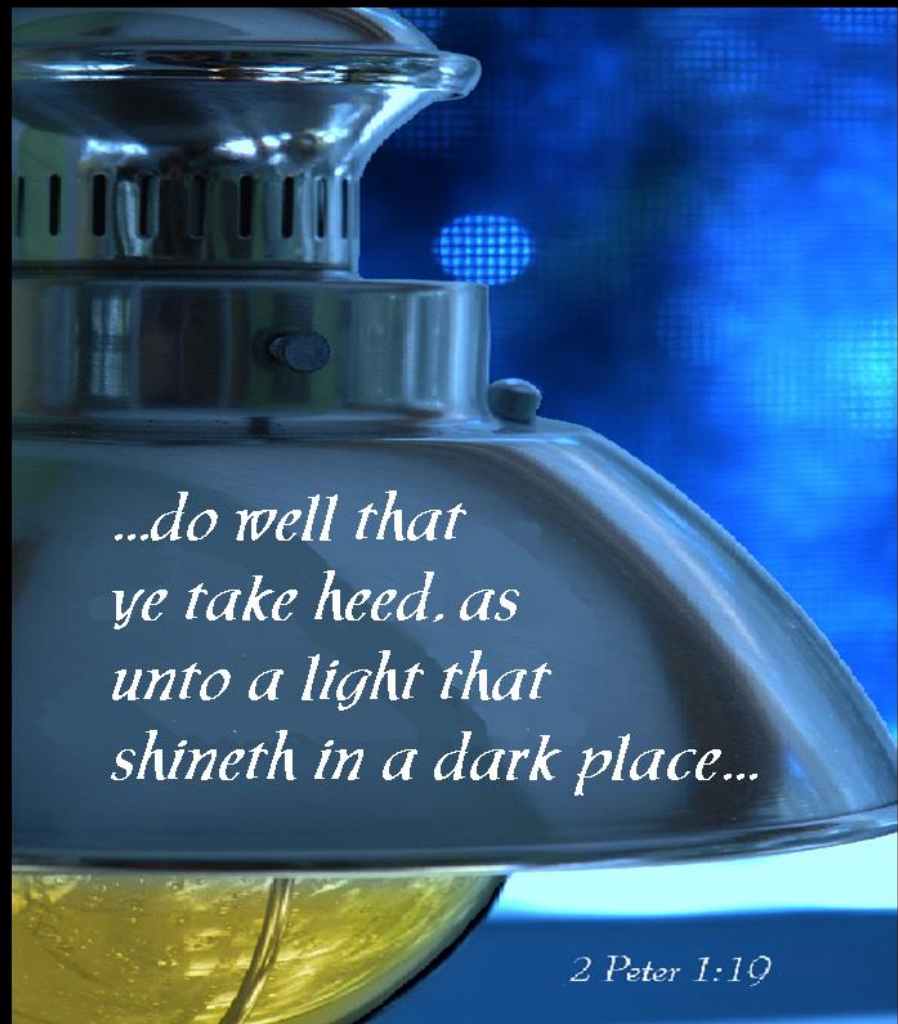
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*...do well that  
ye take heed, as  
unto a light that  
shineth in a dark place...*

*2 Peter 1:19*

**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!

## Shining Like the Sun

The apostle Peter wrote, “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). False teachers can be cunning. Some have vivid imaginations that they use to fabricate elaborate tales. But the imaginations of men are not the source of the account of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. His advent, life, teaching, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension are not fables. They were not made up, but were witnessed by honest men.

The coming in 2 Peter 1:16 is the Lord’s first coming of which the apostles, including Peter, were eyewitnesses. Peter was one of the privileged three (the other two being James and John) to ascend the mountain where Jesus was transfigured, his face shining as the sun, and his clothing becoming white as light (Matthew 17:1-5). Peter goes on to mention the testimony God gave of His Son on that occasion, “For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’ And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain” (2 Peter 1:17-18). Peter saw the transfiguration with his own eyes. He heard the words of the Father with his own ears. The conclusion Peter draws from witnessing these supernatural events is, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed,” (2 Peter 1:19). What the Old Testament prophets said concerning Jesus Christ was confirmed by events such as the Transfiguration which the apostles witnessed while accompanying the Lord during His earthly ministry.

Peter goes on to tell us how the Old Testament, and the whole Bible for that matter, was written. He reiterates what he had declared in verse 16 by writing, “knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation,” (2 Peter 1:20). The subject of this verse is not what one does with Scripture in interpreting, but rather how Scripture came about. The words “is of” in 2 Peter 1:10 come from the Greek word *ginomai*, which means “comes from.” The Scriptures did not come from man’s imagination or private interpretation; the Scriptures are not “cunningly devised fables.” This is even more evident when we read on to the next verse. Peter shows how prophecy, God’s revelation to man in the Scriptures, came about when he writes in verse 21, “for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.” Peter himself was writing this epistle because he was guided by the Holy Spirit, whose coming Jesus promised (John 16:13).

This confirmed word from God ought to get our attention. Peter noted the proper response to this confirmed word, writing, “which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts” (2 Peter 1:19). Just as we would notice a bright light if we were in the dark, so God’s confirmed word ought to arrest our attention in a world of darkness. As we grow in our appreciation of God’s word, light will fill our minds. The day will dawn and the morning star will arise in our hearts. Take some time this week to appreciate God’s word and let the light in (Psalm 119:130).

—Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

AM- *guest speaker:* Brandon Foresha

PM- "The Sure Word"

Scripture Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

## Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

Next Sunday, the 17th, the elders, deacons and preachers will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

## New Year's Watch

Everyone is invited to bring in the new year in good Christian fellowship here at the building Sunday, the 31st following evening worship. Things will get started about 9pm. There will be singing and a devotional. Plus, bring games for the children, snacks and drinks to share and watch the new year arrive.

## 2017 Dates to Remember

Dec 12- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Dec 17- Lads To Leaders meeting- 12p- annex

Dec 17- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p

Dec 19- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Dec 29- Ladies Luncheon- Blazers- 12:30p

Dec 31- 5th Sunday Q & A- questions due by the 24th to preachers or wooden box

Dec 31- New Year's Eve watch- 9pm

## 2018 Dates to Remember

Jan 2- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 9- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 16- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 21- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p

Jan 23- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 30- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

## Gauging Our Faith

	12/03/17	Goal	12/04/16
<b>Bible Study</b>	nc	110	98
<b>AM Worship</b>	140	160	158
<b>PM Worship</b>	83	110	88
<b>Mid Week</b>	84	110	nc
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5689.25	\$5600.00	\$5834.60

## Much Appreciation

We would like to thank Kathy Hall for hosting the ladies party in her home.

## 2018 Book Reading Challenge

Jerry Sturgill is coordinating another book reading challenge into the new year. You must sign up on the foyer bulletin board then read 6 books in 5 months. The book list, with the basic rules, will be available on the round table. See Jerry Sturgill for the bonus gift book for participating. The reading challenge runs from November 8, 2017, to April 8, 2018.

## Prime-timers Holiday Schedule

Prime-timers is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets on Tuesdays at 10am in the annex large classroom. Due to the holidays the group will cancel the 12/26 group.

## Christian Youth Conference

Anyone interested in attending CYC February 23rd -25th in Pigeon Forge, TN, needs to speak with Mark Day or David Trimble. Early bird registration needs to happen before the new year to take advantage of the reduced rates.

## Lads To Leaders/Leaderettes

There will be a meeting Dec. 17th following morning worship service for everyone interested in participating. Registration is now open. Speak with Mark Day or Brad Morris for details. Please, meet in the annex large classroom.

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



## **☞ Today's Servants ☞**

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** David Trimble

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

**Presiding AM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn,  
Jeremiah Smith, Denny Deskins,  
Dan Stone, Shelby Steele,  
Jerrad Nickell, Ernie Perry

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** Bob Tushay

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** John Gambill

**PM:** Will Scott

## **☞ Wednesday Servants ☞**

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Will Scott

**PRAYER:** Jordan Conley

**DEVOTIONAL:** David Trimble

## **☞ Weekly Servants ☞**

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Mark Day

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**COORDINATOR:** David Smith

## **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!

## **★★★ 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**

**★★★ Dec. 31 ★★★**

### **New Year's Watch**

**Come join in Christian fellowship**  
**to bring in the new year!**  
**Invite your friends. Bring games**  
**and snacks to share.**

