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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
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Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Way"* TV broadcast

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*Grace be to you, and
peace, from God our
Father, and from the
Lord Jesus Christ.*

Ephesians 1:2

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!

And Again I Say, Rejoice

From prison Paul wrote to the Philippians, “But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*” (1:12-13). He did not become discouraged at his station in life, but rather saw opportunities to do good. Paul looked on the bright side. Though he could not travel, he could write; we have four wonderful epistles in the New Testament that he wrote while in prison: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon.

He wrote, “Rejoice in the Lord always: *and* again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). Paul had joy in spite of his outward circumstances because his joy was in the Lord. To be in Christ is to have all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3). To be in Christ is to be a new creature who no longer judges things according to the flesh (2 Corinthians 5:16-17). To be in Christ means one has been united with Him in baptism, raised to walk in newness of life, anticipating that one shall be resurrected from the dead just as the Lord was (Romans 6:3-5). How often we forget how wonderful it is to be in Christ!

This is why Paul repeats the reminder to “rejoice in the Lord.” We are in need of reminders. We may intellectually know that we are in Christ but we forget what a blessing it is. Other essential truths that we have known for years must be reviewed as well because spiritually we are forgetful, become discouraged, and lapse into sin. So, remember to read God’s word, pray, associate with other Christians, and come to worship in order to “stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance” (2 Peter 3:1).

When you are prone to worry or forget God’s great love for you, remember to take it to the Lord in prayer. After repeating his exhortation to rejoice, Paul goes on to say, “Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7). To “be careful” in the KJV here is to be worried; it is similar to the “take thought” of Jesus’ warning against worry in His Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:25-34). God’s peace will guard your heart if you truly cast all your care upon Him, knowing that He cares for you (1 Peter 5:7). When Paul was in prison he prayed; he said, “I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Ephesians 3:14).

Paul remembered to look on the bright side. He reminded others to do the same. Let us help each other to remember this as Paul wrote, “Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

–Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Christ's Ascension"
 PM- "The Man Whom the King
 Delights to Honor"
 Scripture Reading: Esther 6:4-11

Condolences

Our deep sympathy is expressed to Amanda Scott and her family at the loss of her grandmother, Betty McEuen, who passed away December 12.

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 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

	12/10/17	Goal	12/11/16
Bible Study	99	110	108
AM Worship	135	160	161
PM Worship	79	110	97
Mid Week	73	110	97
Contribution:	\$6176.26	\$5600.00	\$5454.37

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

Today the elders, deacons and preachers will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Lads To Leaders & Leaderettes

There will be a meeting today 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.

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.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

SONG LEADER:

AM: David Trimble

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Nathan Adkins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Steve Wallace, Denny Deskins,
Dan Stone, Jacob Martin,
Jerrad Nickell, David Castle

Presiding PM: David Smith

Assisting: Brad Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: J.C. Hughes

PM: Chris Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTIONAL: Will Scott

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Smith

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

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-

Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★★ Today ★★★

Lads to Leaders Meeting

at noon in the annex classroom

★★★ Dec. 31 ★★★

New Year's Watch

Invite your friends.

Bring games and snacks to share.

