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**SERVICES**  
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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Suriname, So. America  
-Michael Mayo  
Thailand, SE Asia  
-*"In Search of the Lord's  
Way"* TV broadcast

**SEARCH TV**  
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

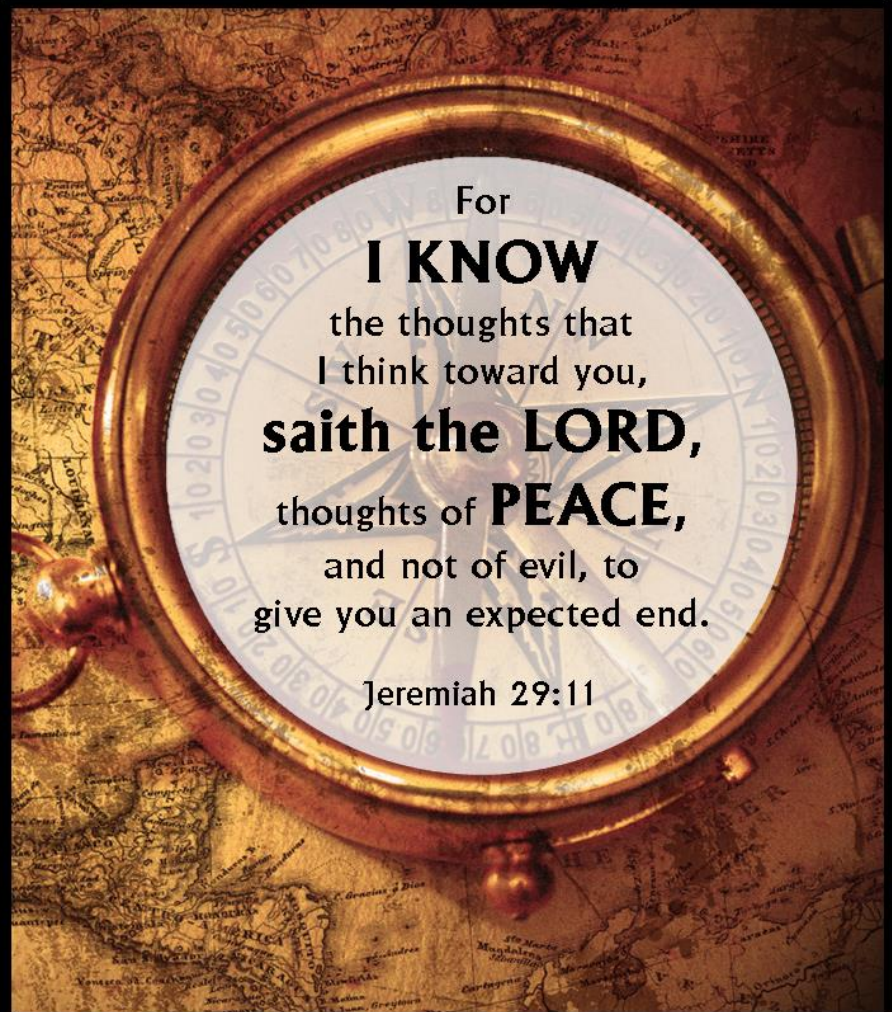
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For  
**I KNOW**  
the thoughts that  
I think toward you,  
**saieth the LORD,**  
thoughts of **PEACE,**  
and not of evil, to  
give you an expected end.

Jeremiah 29:11

**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!

## A Time to Change?

“The times they are a-changin’,” so wrote Bob Dylan almost 55 years ago and the same could easily be said of today’s world. Solomon wrote of the various seasons of life (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8); just like water’s ebb and flow, life presents different circumstances with joys and sorrows. There are political movements, trends in thinking, and advances in technology that all bring about different eras in the history of humanity. But there are some things that cannot change and some things that should not be changed.

God does not change (Malachi 3:6). “Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8). This should provide comfort for us because it means we can count on God. We’ve all experienced the sorrow that comes from circumstances changing for the worse. Relationships sometimes change because people change. Who hasn’t felt forsaken or betrayed by someone thought to be a friend? Only those who haven’t lived long enough. God will not leave nor forsake us (Hebrews 13:5). We can trust in Him who gives every good and perfect gift; with Him there is no variation or shadow of turning (James 1:17; cf. Romans 11:29).

God’s created order should not be changed and in general it will not be changed. Jesus said that “from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female” (Mark 10:6). At the end of time, when Jesus returns, people will be “marrying and giving in marriage” (Matthew 24:38). Despite attempts to redefine marriage and genders, there will always be men and women with differences between the two. Those who distort this created order go against nature (Romans 1:26-27).

God’s word should not be changed either. It is his perfect will and does not need a human editor (James 1:25). Near the beginning of the Bible, when God had given the law of Moses to Israel, He said, “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish *ought* from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you” (Deuteronomy 4:2). In the middle of the Bible, we find this command, “Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar” (Proverbs 30:6). And at the end of the Bible, this warning is given: “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book” (Revelation 22:18-19).

At the end of this year we think about what has changed and what will change in the year to come. Hopefully we have changed for the better and will continue to in the coming year. With all the pressure to move out of the way and let the new come in because “the times they are a-changin’,” let us remember to seek the old paths of God’s word (Jeremiah 6:16). His word was of ultimate consequence when “God said...” and the world was created (Genesis 1), and it will be of ultimate consequence when the world ends and we all stand before Him in judgment (Revelation 20:12; cf. John 12:48).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons This Week**

AM- Mark Day- *"The Last Day"*  
 PM- Mark Day & Jerry Sturgill-  
*"Both Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions"*

## **2017 Dates to Remember**

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

## **2018 Dates to Remember**

- Jan 2**- Prime-timers- cancelled  
**Jan 6**- Lad to Leaders Group registration date for our group- see Brad Morris or Mark Day  
**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 26-27**- Ohio Winter Lectures, Fishingier & Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH  
**Jan 30**- Prime-timers- 10a- annex  
**Feb 5-9**- Freed Hardeman lectureship  
**Mar 3**- Save the date for Ladies Day w/ Sheila Butt- Fishingier & Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH ( details to follow)

## **Member's Info Change**

Anita Hammonds has a new phone number. It is (606) 331-3032. Please, make note in your member directories. Also, Lanora Thompson is spending the next 3 months with her daughter due to health concerns. Her daughter's address is 613 Shoals Drive, Wilmington, NC 28411. Her cell number is unchanged.

## **New Year's Watch**

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

## **Prime-timers Holiday Schedule**

Due to the holidays, the group will cancel the 1/2/18 group meeting. The meetings will resume on January 9th at 10am in the annex classroom.

## **Lads To Leaders**

Anyone interested in attending Lads to Leaders should speak with Brad Morris or Mark Day before January 6th to be registered with the group from our congregation.

## **2018 Book Reading Challenge**

Jerry Sturgill is coordinating another book reading challenge into the new year. The book list, with the basic rules, is available on the round table. See Jerry Sturgill with any questions or approved book changes/additions to your list.

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



## **Gauging Our Faith**

	12/24/17	Goal	12/25/16
<b>Bible Study</b>	90	110	78
<b>AM Worship</b>	164	160	152
<b>PM Worship</b>	66	110	72
<b>Mid Week</b>	78	110	74
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5,890.50	\$5600.00	\$5375.50

## **☞ Today's Servants ☜**

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Dan Stone

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Greg Conley

**PM:** Chris Scott

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

**Presiding AM:** David Trimble

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn,  
Jeremiah Smith, Denny Deskins,  
Jack Little, Jacob Martin,  
Jerrad Nickell, Michael Perry

**Presiding PM:** John Gambill

**Assisting:** Matt Vonderheide

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** David Smith

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

## **☞ Wednesday Servants ☜**

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** Steve Wallace

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## **☞ Weekly Servants ☜**

**POWER POINT:** Nathan Parks

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Steve Wallace

**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-  
Boys: have a song ready to lead**

**★★★ Dec. 31 ★★★**

# **New Year's Watch**

**Invite your friends.**

**Bring games and  
snacks to share.**

