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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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Way"* TV broadcast

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*For we know that if our earthly house of
this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a
building of God, an house not made with
hands, eternal in the heavens.*

2 Corinthians 5:1

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!

UNITY

John 17:20-21, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me."

John chapter 17 records what would be accurately called the Lord's Prayer. Many use that phrase to refer the example prayer in Matthew 6 when the Lord taught His disciples to pray. However, John 17 is a prayer that the Lord Himself prayed. In Jesus' prayer He prayed for believers everywhere. He says that He does not pray just for the apostles, but for all who will believe their word. Jesus prays for unity of those that believe on Him through the apostle's word. We ask the question "Is Unity Possible"? Did Jesus pray for something that is not even possible?

One need only to look around and see we live in a greatly divided religious world. It has been estimated there are over 1,000 denominations in the world today. Some say this is a good thing. Many are they in the sectarian world today who express their thanks for the many religious denominations and urging people to "join the church of their choice." Again, we ask, did Jesus pray for something that is not possible, or, is it possible to be religiously acceptable to God and not be part of all this sectarianism and denominationalism?

I submit to you that the Lord's Prayer has been answered and has been since that great day of Pentecost when 3,000 were added to the Lord's kingdom, the church. We read in 1 Corinthians 1:10, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." Best explanation of unity I've found anywhere.

We see this unity illustrated in the early church beginning at Pentecost. Notice the descriptions of the 1st century church: Acts 2:44, "And all that believed were together"; Acts 2:46, "with one accord"; Acts 4:32, "of one heart and soul"; Acts 5:12, "all with one accord". We see from Scripture, in the church there was unity. Not agreeing to disagree, not you do your thing I'll do mine. They were of the same mind and the same judgment.

Jesus prayed that believers may all be one, vs. 21, "as thou Father, art in me and I in thee." That is, that we may be one in purpose, in spirit, in action, in goal, in doctrine. Someone may ask, How can one accomplish this kind of unity, what is to be the basis for "being one"?

The Bible is the standard by which to judge "unity" and it is the means by which unity can be achieved. Jesus prayed for those who would believe on Him because of the apostles' word. When we follow God's Word we have fellowship with each other, fellowship with the apostles, fellowship with the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit. The psalmist said in Psalm 133:1-2. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments" And Amos 3:3 teaches, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

When people unite upon the basis of God's Word, by obeying the Gospel to have their sins forgiven, then following that Gospel throughout their Christian lives, there is unity within the local congregation. There is also fellowship with congregations that are following God's Word all the world over, be it in Huntington, Flatwoods, Prestonsburg, Thailand, Russia, or Gambia (a place in Africa with 250 Christians in 3 churches).

So I ask, do you wish to have fellowship with God, with His Son Jesus Christ, with the apostles, with Christians at this congregation and congregations all over the world? You must be obedient to God's commands.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- *"The Desire for Our Eternal Home"*

PM- *"God Put Man in the Garden"*

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:4-9

Prime-timers Resumes

This open discussion Bible study group will meet on Tuesday, January 9th, at 10am in the annex classroom.

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 for approved book changes or additions to your list.

2018 Dates to Remember

Jan 9- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 15- Rolling Hills Youth Rally- 9am-lunch register by the 11th- bring chaperone

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 28-31- Grant Count church of Christ gospel meeting- Dry Ridge, KY-

Jan 30- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 5-9- Freed Hardeman lectureship

Mar 3- Save the date-Ladies Day- Sheila Butt Fishingier & Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH (details to follow)

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Darren Davis and his family on the loss of his mother, our Sister Naomi Davis, on January 1. Her funeral was Jan. 4 at Ashland Cemetery. Please, keep this family in your prayers.



Gauging Our Faith

	12/31/17	Goal	01/01/17
Bible Study	91	110	89
AM Worship	133	160	143
PM Worship	76	110	97
Mid Week	76	110	106
Contribution:	\$5,976.00	\$5600.00	\$6570.00

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: J.C. Hughes

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Ben Poling, Lowell Parsley,
Michael Perry, Dan Maynard,
Auston Clarkson, Daniel Goshorn

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: David Trimble

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Will Scott

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTIONAL: Daniel Goshorn

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Hall

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: J.C. Hughes

★★★ 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



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!