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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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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

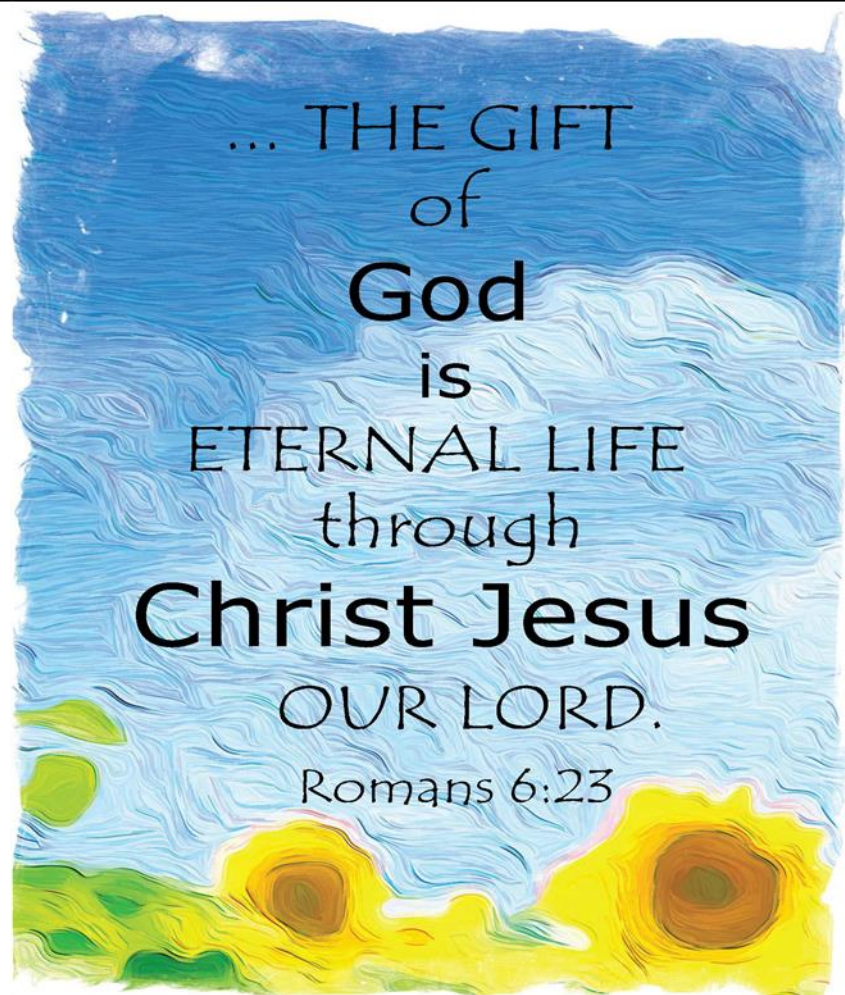
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let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

Whom Shall I Fear?

Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). The doctrine of hell has never been popular. It is certainly not pleasant to consider souls suffering for eternity. Few preachers will press the seriousness of it in their sermons for fear of driving people away. Those few who do are categorized as "hellfire-and-brimstone preachers." Yet, Jesus spoke on hell more than any other person in the Bible (Matthew 5:22, 29-30; 18:9; 23:15, 33; 25:41, 46; Mark 9:43-48; et. al.). The love the Lord Jesus has for lost people cannot be surpassed (John 15:13); in fact, love is why he warned about the reality of hell awaiting the disobedient. It is why he died for us (Romans 5:8). His love compelled Him to tell people how to be saved and avoid eternal damnation (Mark 10:21).

Our world is filled with people afraid of what man may do to them. It is no wonder. The cold-blooded massacring of the innocent is a common problem in our society. The Lord hates hands that shed innocent blood (Proverbs 6:17). When young lives are snuffed out before so many of their experiences, contributions, and aspirations can come to fruition, it is particularly galling to our consciences.

But Jesus tells us not to fear them which can only kill the body. Instead we are to fear Him (God) who can destroy both soul and body in hell. This life is not about getting everything we want here and now. It is not about having the best life now. Of course, God gives us good gifts here to enjoy (James 1:17). But life is not about enjoying as much as we can (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11). It is about fearing God and keeping His commandments (Ecclesiastes 12:13). The scales will always be uneven in this life. There will be wicked individuals who will kill righteous individuals, just as Cain murdered Abel (1 John 3:12). It is hard to make sense of their wickedness and cruelty. But we must remember that though our physical existence is temporary, our eternal souls belong to God (Ezekiel 18:4).

God is the father of spirits and should be revered (Hebrews 12:9). When people have no fear of God before their eyes (Romans 3:18), become lifted up with pride so that they put themselves in the place of God (Isaiah 14:14), and allow the god of this world to blind their minds to the light of God's truth (2 Corinthians 4:4) there is no telling what kind of evil lengths they may go to. We want justice to be served when the wicked murder the innocent. The God who created us can bring our eternal souls to ruin in a place of everlasting punishment called hell. Our God is both good and severe (Romans 11:22). If justice calls out to us, how much more blaring must it be in the ears of Him who is perfect in justice (Psalm 89:14; cf. Genesis 4:10)? The absence of justice in this life is clear proof that future judgment is coming (2 Thessalonians 1:4-10). The fear of hell can lead people to reform their lives; John the Baptist, by inspiration, so preached (Matthew 3:7-12). Jesus' words in Matthew 10:28 are to deter man from pursuing evil ways that lead to eternal ruin.

God wants man to repent (2 Peter 3:9) and to be saved by coming to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). He does not delight in the death of the wicked (Ezekiel 33:11). However, God does not offer any consolation to those who remain lost. He will not compromise on His guarantee to punish the wicked. May we not compromise His teaching, but with love warn of the grim reality awaiting the lost so that they choose to avoid eternal damnation.

- Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- "Fear the Lord"

PM- "Your Fruit Unto Holiness"

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:20-23

2018 Dates to Remember

Feb 25- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p
annex large classroom

Feb 27- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 3- Ladies Day- Sheila Butt- Fishingier &
Kenny Rd. church of Christ, Columbus, OH
8:30a-1p- "Memories in the Making"- **Sign
up on foyer bulletin board to go**

Mar 6- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 10- Ladies Day at Main St. church of
Christ in Hurricane, WV- see the flyer on
the foyer board for details

Mar 13- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 18- elders/deacons/preachers meet- 4:30p
annex large classroom

Mar 20- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Mar 27- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Apr 1- Potter Children's Home pick-up week

Apr 8-12- Main St. church of Christ Gospel
Meeting w/ Mark Day- Mon-Thu- 7p
Hurricane, WV

Apr 14- Ft. Hill Youth Camp All Staff
Workshop- reservations required

Apr 15-18- Our Gospel Meeting "...Always
Reaching Forward..." with Jerry
Carmichael (and M-W 10am Bible studies
"Lessons from the Psalms")

Elders, Deacons, Preachers to Meet

Today, this group will meet in the annex large classroom at 4:30pm.

March 3rd Ladies Day

Several ladies will be attending this event in Columbus. Please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board if you are going so carpooling or transportation can be arranged from this building to the event. You will need to call the number on the flyer to register.

Donations Needed

Potter Children's Home is asking for specific donated items to be picked up during the week of April 1st. Their requested items are: AAA batteries, brown rice, instant potatoes, Magic Eraser sponges and tomato juice. Lists are on the foyer board. Please, put your donations in the sound room hallway under the coat rack. Thank you.

Prime-timers

This open discussion Bible study group meets Tuesdays at 10am in the annex classroom. A new study has just started called "The Attributes of God." Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Gauging Our Faith

	02/18/18	Goal	02/19/17
Bible Study	98	110	106
AM Worship	138	160	150
PM Worship	83	110	89
Mid Week	nc	110	90
Contribution:	\$ 5873.00	\$5600.00	\$5837.99

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: David Trimble

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Steve Wallace

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
Jordan Conley, Mark Parks,
Jerrad Nickell, Shelby Steele,
Mark Gullett, Jacob Martin

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Ben Poling

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: Dan Stone

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Steve Wallace

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: David Castle

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Every Sunday ★★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm in front

of the auditorium

-geared to age 12

and under,

but everyone can attend!

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!