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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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-*"In Search of the Lord's  
Way"* TV broadcast

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

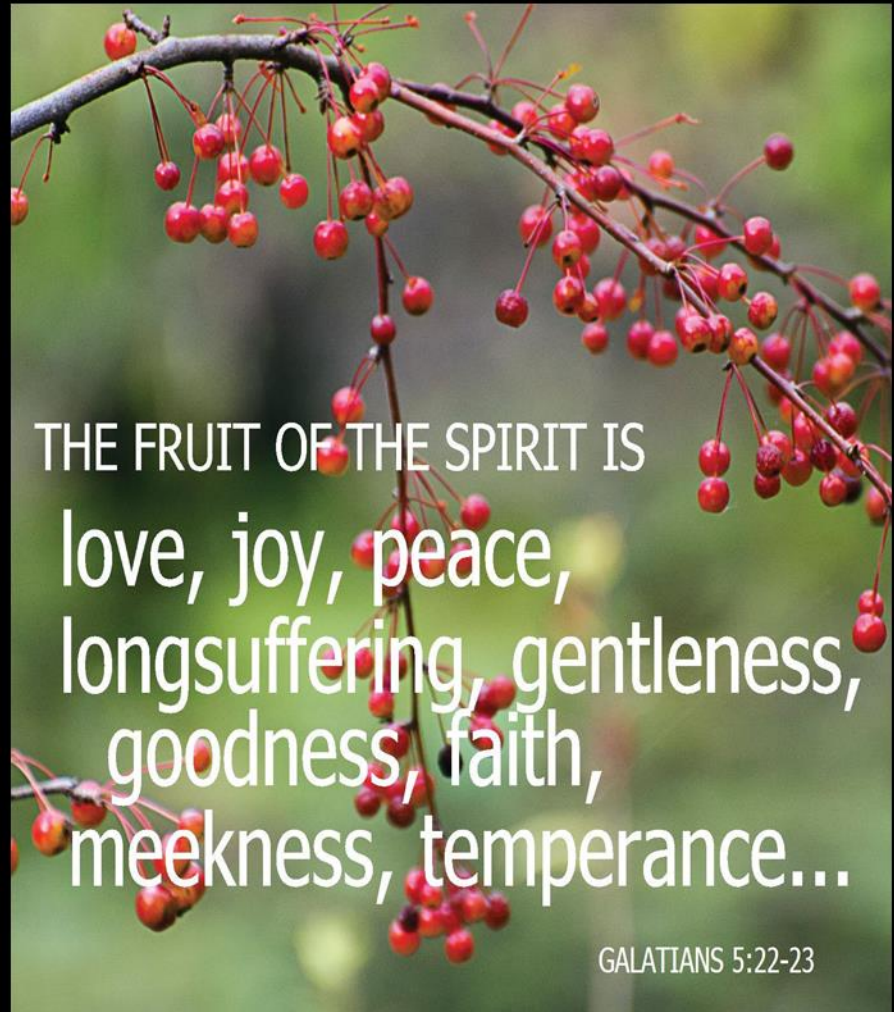
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THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT IS  
love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering, gentleness,  
goodness, faith,  
meekness, temperance...

GALATIANS 5:22-23

**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!

## Paul's Rebuke of Peter

We read in Galatians 2:11-21 Paul's account of Peter coming to Antioch. This is the only record we have of the apostle Peter being in Antioch. While Peter was there he would eat with the Gentile Christians, however when "certain came from James" (Jewish brethren), Peter separated himself from the Gentile brethren fearing what they would do and say. He influenced other Jewish Christians, including Barnabas, to also act hypocritically. Paul upon seeing this behavior of Peter "withstood him to the face" because "he stood condemned" (ASV). Paul then proceeds to show how Peter's actions were sinful, inconsistent, and contrary to the Gospel. We learn from this event:

Paul showed great courage in his correction of Peter and the other brethren regarding their hypocrisy. Paul would have been in the minority in this situation. He finds himself standing alone with even his closest brethren being led astray. He also manifested great courage in having to rebuke a respected brother in Christ. As we consider Paul's courage we ask, how could he not be courageous, people's souls were in the balance. Peter stood condemned by his actions as also would be those who followed him into error. The greatest act of cowardice that could have been manifested was to not say something, to remain silent and let precious souls be lost.

Do we remain silent when we should speak out for the truth? Are we concerned enough about people's souls that we will have the courage to correct others in matters religious even when we are in the minority?

Fear can cause us to be influenced negatively. As long as none of Peter's Jewish brethren were around, he ate and lived with the Gentiles, but when these Jewish brethren came to town, Peter withdrew himself. He was afraid of what they might say or do. Fear causes strange behavior at times. Is it possible that Peter had not changed his views, but, as at the crucifixion, fear of trouble caused him to pull back? Peter acted, not out of conviction, but out of fear. Do we allow fear to dictate our actions when we are among those outside of Christ? Do our Christian views and values change when around others based on the fear of what others may do or say about us?

One's influence can have great effect on others. Barnabas had been reared on Cyprus among Gentiles. He had helped Paul found many Gentile churches. He had eaten many times with Gentiles. Yet now he too began to treat the Gentiles as second-class citizens of God's kingdom, unfit for full fellowship with those of Jewish birth. Why did not Paul rebuke Barnabas? He certainly must have talked to him privately later. It may be significant that there is no record that he and Paul ever traveled together again. Paul focused on Peter because he was the leader. Had he not withdrawn from the Gentiles probably none of the others would have withdrawn. Our influence can have a great effect on others as well. We should ask ourselves, "Am I influencing others by my example of standing in the truth of God's Word? Am I what I need to be, how I need to be, and where I need to be, according as the Bible teaches I am to be?"

Public sin requires public correction. Peter and the others failed to live up to the truth of the Gospel in this matter. Their actions were sinful. He withstood Peter in a face-to-face public confrontation. The others are not specifically named as being rebuked, but since they were parties to the error, their actions were likewise denounced. Peter is named as the chief offender since he had greater influence, being an apostle of Christ. The confrontation was public. Paul directed his rebuke to Peter "before them all". False teachers are to be publicly marked so that the brethren may be warned, Romans 16:17-18. Those who sin are to be identified and rebuked openly, 1 Timothy 5:20. Those withdrawn from are to be marked publicly, 1 Corinthians 5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 14-15. In the case of Peter, the sin was public, so the rebuke was public. If it was right for Paul to take such an action, it is right for Christians today to take similar actions in the same or parallel situations. We should ask ourselves, "Do we stand up and defend the truth publicly when public sin is committed?"

Brother & sisters let us be courageous in facing error, not fearful, influence others toward God's Word, and not hide to rebuke sin, but stand fast for the Truth, publicly and lovingly.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

# News & Notes



### **Sermons This Week**

AM- *"Bursting Bonds Asunder"*  
 PM- *"The Fruit of the Spirit Is..."*  
 Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:22-25

### **2018 Dates to Remember**

- 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
- Mar 30-** Ladies Luncheon- 12:30p- Texas Roadhouse
- Apr 1-** Potter Children's Home pick-up week
- Apr 3-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Apr 8-12-** Main St. church of Christ Gospel Meeting w/ Mark Day- Mon-Thu- 7p Hurricane, WV
- Apr 10-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Apr 14-** Ft. Hill Youth Camp All Staff Workshop- reservations required
- Apr 15-18-** Our Gospel Meeting *"...Always Reaching Forward..."* -Jerry Carmichael
- Apr 16-18-** 10am Bible studies *"Lessons from the Psalms"* -Jerry Carmichael
- Apr 24-** Prime-timers- 10a- annex
- Apr 28-** Ft. Hill Camp Teen Spring Retreat
- Apr 29-** 5th Sunday Bible Q&A -PM service

### **Lawn Maintenance Volunteers**

On the foyer bulletin board is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to help with the maintenance of the grounds. Items include mowing, weed-eating, trash removal, edging, hand weeding, etc. Speak with Greg Conley or David Castle with any questions. Thank you.

### **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.

### **Ladies Luncheon- March**

All Ladies are invited to meet at 12:30pm, on Friday, March 30th, at the Texas Roadhouse.

## **Gauging Our Faith**

	02/25/18	Goal	02/26/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	91	110	96
<b>AM Worship</b>	143	160	155
<b>PM Worship</b>	89	110	93
<b>Mid Week</b>	93	110	86
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$ 5356.72	\$5900.00	\$5643.75

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Jerry Sturgill

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** Greg Hall

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

**Presiding AM:** Steve Wallace

**Assisting:** Jordan Conley,  
David Smith, Greg Conley,  
George Wallace, Ernie Perry,  
Auston Clarkson, Danny Stone

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Greg Hall

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Chris Scott

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** J.C. Hughes

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**COORDINATOR:** Steve Wallace

## 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  
and under,

but everyone can attend!  
Boys: have a song ready to lead

