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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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MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
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Way” TV broadcast
-Stephane Maillet
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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James 1:2-3

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

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!

Baptism: Responding to the Good News of Christ's Lordship

A first-century inscription reads, "The beginning of the gospel of Caesar Augustus." The word "gospel" was used in the first century to refer to an objective fact of crucial importance to the world at large. That Caesar Augustus had ascended to the throne was a fact about which all of the empire had to hear because of its tremendous effects. However, during Augustus' reign (27 BC to 14 AD), there was a king born whose ascension to the throne would be far more significant than any king throughout history. The Gospel of His Kingship is still being heralded today.

Mark 1:1 reads, "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Early on the Gospel accounts introduce John, who heralded the nearby coming of a kingdom and baptized in the Jordan those supplicants who responded for remission of sins (Mt. 3:1-12; Mk. 1:2-8; Lk. 3:2-17; Jn. 1:15-28). Those of the Jewish nation who responded were a cleansed remnant, as promised by the prophets, who looked for the hope and restoration of Israel (Isa. 1:9, 16; 66:20; Ezek. 36:33; Zech. 3:1-10). John's baptism was different than anything the Jewish people had seen in purification ceremonies in that he, as a spokesman for God, immersed people for remission of sins, rather than people administering washing for themselves; thus, he was given the name "Baptizer" or "Immerser" and his authority was questioned by the religious leaders of the day, who refused to give a definitive answer (Jn. 1:25-26; cf. Mt. 21:25; Mk. 11:30; Lk. 20:4).

Jesus was the coming greater one, to whom John had pointed his followers. Water baptism "in the name of Jesus" is submission to the authority of this greater one who has come, died, and is risen. Just before ascending to the Father to sit on the throne, Jesus acknowledged His universal authority and commanded His disciples to make more disciples by teaching all nations and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Mt. 28:18-20). The participle "baptizing" shows that it, (along with going and teaching), is the means by which disciples are made. Disciples of Jesus are to administer this baptism in making more disciples (Mt. 28:19).

Mark's account of Jesus' commission is, "And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk. 16:15-16). Not only Jews, but people of all nations, were to be baptized in the name of Jesus. The book of Acts records significant events in the history of the early church carrying out this command. The Samaritans, both men and women, heard about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ and were baptized (Acts 8:12). The Ethiopian eunuch heard Philip preach Jesus and stopped his chariot to be baptized in water (Acts 8:26-39). Acts shows that even Gentiles like Cornelius' household and friends (10:47-48), the keeper of the prison at Philippi (16:33), the Corinthians (18:8,) and Ephesians (19:5) were baptized in water when they believed the Gospel. Baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus is a command to be obeyed, distinct from the Holy Spirit's power coming upon an individual (Acts 8:16; 10:48).

All of human history can be understood from the perspective of Jesus coming to earth to save those who would submit to His Lordship. Submitting to His Lordship includes dying to self, being united with Christ's death, and being raised to be a servant of righteousness; these are done in baptism (Rom. 6:3-7; 17-18). If I do not submit to Christ's Lordship, history will leave me in its wake. Peter announced the ascension of Christ to the throne at the right hand of God (Acts 2:32-36). He then instructed men to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38) to save themselves (Acts 2:40) for baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:21). Have you responded to the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Do not just call Him Lord (Mt. 7:21), but put Him on as Lord by obeying Him in baptism (Gal. 3:26-27). -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: "The Evangelism of Philip"

PM: "Enemies of Peace"

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Save the Date: May 26th

Everyone is invited to the 25th anniversary vow renewal ceremony of David and Denise Smith. The event will be at 7pm in the Old Post Office Building in Ashland. An RSVP is requested by text or email to Denise Smith before May 11th. No gifts are requested.

2018 Dates to Remember

Apr 22– Rome church Tri-State Worship-1:30p

Rome's preacher, Chris French, speaking

Apr 22– elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p

Apr 24- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Apr 27- Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– Cheddars in the Town Center Mall, Ashland

Apr 28– Ft. Hill Camp Teen Spring Retreat

Apr 29– VBS Meeting– annex– 12noon

Apr 29– Preacher Rotation -PM service–

May 1- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

May 5-6– Jackson church of Christ Lectures– see the flyer on the bulletin board

May 6– Youth Summer event planning meeting all parents & youth-annex at noon

May 8- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

May 11– Little School graduation– 7p

May 15- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

May 26– David & Denise Smith vow renewal ceremony– Old Post Office bldg.– 7p– RSVP

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

This group will meet today in the annex large classroom at 4:30pm.

April Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the April luncheon at 12:30pm on Friday April 27th, at Cheddars in the Town Center Mall in Ashland.

VBS Planning Meeting

Next Sunday the 29th, Jeremiah Smith would like to meet with everyone interested in the 2018 Vacation Bible School. The group will meet in the annex large classroom following morning worship service. Thank you for attending.

Prime-timers

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

Gauging Our Faith

	04/15/18	Goal	04/16/17
Bible Study	113	110	84
AM Worship	170	160	138
PM Worship	84	110	78
Mid Week	nc	110	86
Contribution:	\$5629.75	\$5900.00	\$7845.09

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Jerry Sturgill

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting: John Gambill,
Dan Stone, Lowell Parsley,
Shelby Steele, Mark Gullett,
Jerrad Nickell, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Steve Wallace

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Bob Tushay

PM: David Trimble

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Brad Morris

DEVOTIONAL: Nathan Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: J.C. Hughes

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

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 auditorium
geared to age 12 & under
but anyone can attend!

Boys: have a song ready to lead

★★ Sunday, May 6 ★★

Summer event

planning meeting-
in the annex after AM worship-
All Parents & Youth: bring your
calendars & schedules for planning!

