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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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MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
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Way"* TV broadcast
-Stephane Maillet
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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WE STAND,
AND REJOICE
IN HOPE OF
THE GLORY
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ROMANS 5:2

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!

Is Grace a License to Sin?

After presenting the truth that the Christian is under grace, Paul asked, “What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid” (Rom. 6:15). Rather than a flawless performance of the works of the law, the Christian stands before God in the grace provided by the Lord Jesus; He provides the means to stand justified before God, as Paul wrote in Romans 5:2, “By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.” In Romans 6:15, the apostle Paul again pursues the question he anticipates from those who misunderstand the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ. He begins with “What then?” similar to his question in 6:1—both questions introducing Paul’s clarification of the implications of being under grace. Some had slanderously accused Paul of teaching that we should do evil in order that good may come (Rom. 3:8). Since sin seemed to prime the pump of God’s grace, Paul’s adversaries suggested that his teaching indicated that we should sin more in order to produce more grace. To correct this caricature, Paul affirms the ethical living of those under grace and their complete submission to God. Yes, it is true that God’s grace abounded the more sin abounded (Rom. 5:20), but those who are saved by grace have died to sin (Rom. 6:7); thus, they have undergone a radical paradigm shift in their relationship to sin and would not have the mindset to sin more. The repulsiveness of the consideration to sin more is communicated forcefully by the response “God forbid,” in the KJV and ASV; however, this translation is considered by some to be “semi-profane” because it invokes the name of God while it is not found in the underlying Greek (McGarvey 593). “By no means!”—as the ESV renders it—or “Far from it!” are alternative translations of *me genoito* in Romans 6:15 (Bauer 197).

Law vs. Grace

To be “not under the law, but under grace” does not mean there are no laws in the Christian age. The question being entertained in verses one and fifteen of Romans chapter six is whether or not we should sin. On this basis Lard makes the point, “For, although we may not be under law, we can sin nevertheless, which implies that we are still under law *in some sense*” (211). It stands to reason that if there were no laws whatsoever, then no sin would be possible, for no law could be transgressed (1 John 3:4; cf. Rom. 5:13). Paul makes reference to fulfilling the law of Christ in Galatians 6:2; thus, there are courses of action that the Lord expects Christians to pursue. Christ does have laws that can be fulfilled or broken by us today. The point in the book of Romans is law-keeping is not the ultimate basis of one’s justified status before God. At its root salvation results from God’s grace. Far from being a license to sin, grace, properly understood, motivates one to live so as to please God, the provider of grace.

-Mark Day

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News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: "The Example of Elisha"

PM: Preacher Rotation: Chris French
from Rome church of Christ

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 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 20– elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p

May 22– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

May 25– ladies luncheon– 11:30a– tbd

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

May 27– Graduate Honor Night– 7p– annex–
4 grads– High school: Sinclair Dorsey &
Madi Wallace– College: Hannah Carter &
Audrey Goshorn

VBS Planning Meeting

Today, 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.

Summer Youth Calendar

Next Sunday, May 6th, Mark Day and David Trimble would like to meet with all parents and youth of all ages. Please, bring your personal appointment calendars to assist in planning.

Door Greeters Needed

If you, single or as a couple, would like to serve as door greeters for services, please, see Chris Scott for more information. A rotation list will be made.

Prime-timers

This open discussion Bible study group meets Tuesdays at 10am in the annex.

Gauging Our Faith

	04/22/18	Goal	04/23/17
Bible Study	104	110	106
AM Worship	142	160	162
PM Worship	81	110	83
Mid Week	77	110	87
Contribution:	\$6111.85	\$5900.00	\$5942.26

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: David Smith

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

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

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: David Trimble

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Castle

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

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!

