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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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-Dustin Bolks
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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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You are invited to our Gospel Meeting “...Always Reaching Forward...”

with Jerry Carmichael

April 15th-18th



Sunday Topics

- ♦ 9:45am— Facing Changes
- ♦ 10:45am— According to the Pattern
- ♦ 6:00pm— Avoid Dangers

Monday through Wednesday Topics

- ♦ Mon. 7:00pm— Coming Out
- ♦ Tue. 7:00pm— My Heart’s Desire
- ♦ Wed. 7:00pm— Facing Enemies

Morning Bible Study -10:00 a.m.

Lessons from the Psalms

- ♦ Monday-Growing Old God’s Way (Psalm 71)
- ♦ Tuesday— I Almost Fell (Psalm 73)
- ♦ Wednesday— The Perfect Law of the Lord (Psalm 19:7-11)

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!

Reaching Forward: Future Plans of the Apostle Paul

The apostle Paul was constantly making plans for the future. One glimpse of this is found in the book of Romans. One of his ambitions was to visit Rome and encourage the brethren in that capital city. He wrote to them in Romans 1:11-12, "For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me." Paul goes on to write in Romans 1:13 that many times he had intended to come to them, but circumstances had prevented him from coming.

In Romans 15:20-21, Paul explained what had prevented him from coming to Rome: he worked to preach the Gospel not where Christ had been named, but to lost souls who had never heard of Jesus Christ. Rome, the capital city of the empire, did have a congregation of the Lord's church within the city limits. Unlike many of Paul's letters where he writes to his own converts because he is tending to a congregation he had planted, the congregation at Rome had been established by someone other than Paul. Perhaps it was those "strangers of Rome" who were present on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of the Lord (Acts 2:10). Regardless of who it was, the basic fact that made Paul's visit to Rome less pressing than his visit to other places was that the Gospel was already being preached there. Paul's statement of his desire to preach where Christ had not been named is followed by these words: "For which cause also I have been much hindered from coming to you. But now having no more place in these parts, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company." (Romans 15:22-24).

Paul had a priority to spread the borders of the kingdom of Christ to places which heretofore had not heard the Gospel. Next in his list of priorities was to build up the brethren in various places who were striving to live the Christian life. This is seen in his desire to see the brethren at Rome and, through laying on his apostolic hands, give them a miraculous spiritual gift to further equip the developing church there. It is also seen in his involvement in bringing financial relief to the poor in the environs of Jerusalem (Romans 15:25-26). Meeting the needs of Christians around Jerusalem—who had been affected by famine—by funds raised by Christians in Macedonia and Achaia would go a long way toward helping the relationship between the two groups in the one body of Christ (2 Corinthians 9:12-13).

Paul was keenly aware of the importance of the Gospel of Christ. He knew there was no way for one to be saved without hearing it (Romans 10:17). Paul was also acutely aware of the effect trials and temptations can have on the faith of one who has obeyed the Gospel, as he writes, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13-14). Paul had plans for the future because he knew continual efforts needed to be made in order that, in the end, his soul and the souls of many others would be saved. Are you making plans for our Gospel meeting on "Always Reaching Forward" next Sunday? Perhaps you could invite someone who is not a Christian to come with you. Thus, the lost can hear the Gospel and the saved can be encouraged in the faith. Paul plans centered around efforts of preaching the Gospel. What about your plans? - Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM- Jerry Sturgill "And the Door Was Shut"

PM- Jerry Sturgill "From the Cross to the Crown"

2018 Dates to Remember

Apr 8-11- Paris KY Gospel Meeting- Greg & Peggy Tidwell (1923 S. Main St.)

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- Potluck luncheon- annex- 12p

Apr 15-18- Our Gospel Meeting "...Always Reaching Forward..." -Jerry Carmichael

Apr 16-18- 10am Bible studies "Lessons from the Psalms" -Jerry Carmichael

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

Apr 28- Ft. Hill Camp Teen Spring Retreat

Apr 29- Preacher Rotation -PM service- David Trevathan- Rome church of Christ

May 1- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 8- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 11- Little School graduation- 7p

May 15- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

May 18-19- Ft. Hill Men's Retreat- \$50/person

Our Gospel Meeting

Next Sunday, our Gospel Meeting with Jerry Carmichael, begins. Flyers and business card sized invitations are in the foyer with the topics for each service and the morning Bible studies at 10am Monday-Wednesday. Invite your friends!

Potluck Luncheon Next Sunday

To kick off our gospel meeting, we will have a potluck next Sunday in the annex after morning worship. Bring a little extra for all our visitors. Join us in the good Christian fellowship.

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. We have or can get all supplies and equipment. Speak with Greg Conley or David Castle with any questions. 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

| | 04/01/18 | Goal | 04/02/17 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bible Study | 89 | 110 | 97 |
| AM Worship | 148 | 160 | 135 |
| PM Worship | 71 | 110 | 84 |
| Mid Week | 76 | 110 | nc |
| Contribution: | \$6595.50 | \$5900.00 | \$5109.76 |

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: David Trimble

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Daniel Goshorn

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: J.C. Hughes

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

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: David Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Chris Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTIONAL: Steve Wallace

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Smith

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
of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 and under,
but everyone can attend!

Boys: have a song ready to lead

Congratulations to everyone
who participated in the
Lads to Leaders event this year!
We are so proud of you!

