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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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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast
-Stephane Maillet
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

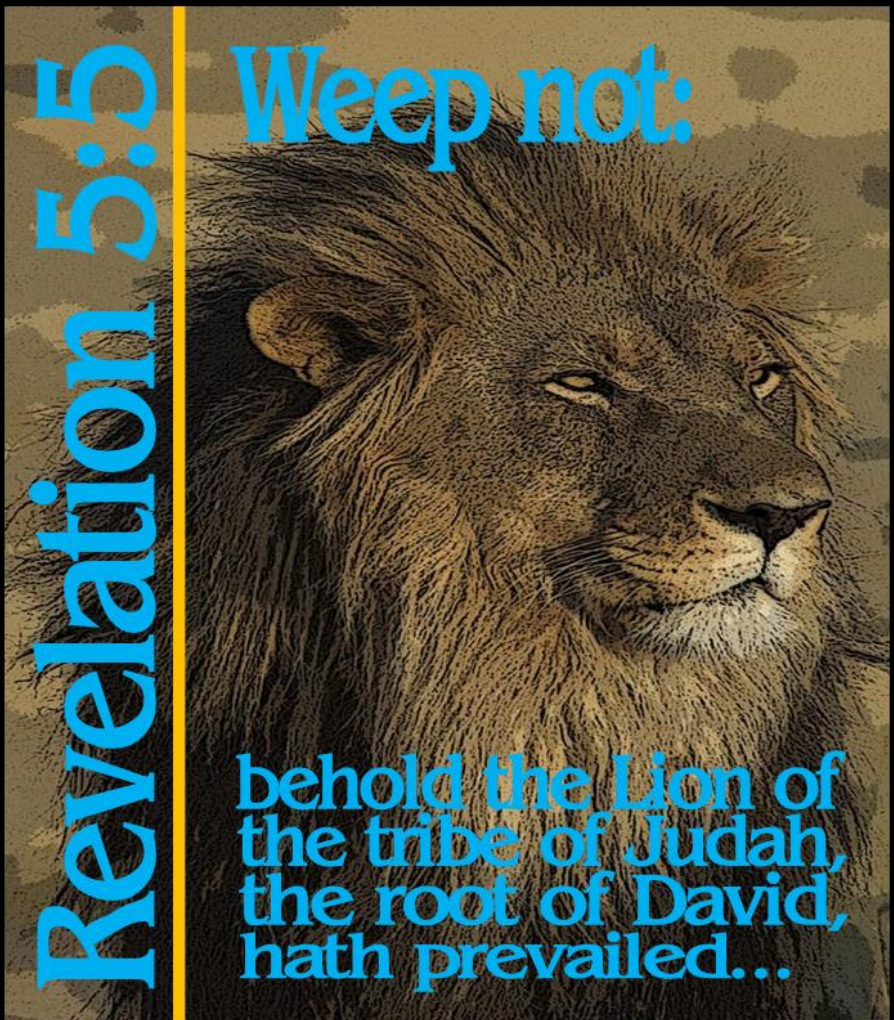
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let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

The Lamb and Lion of Love

The Lord Jesus Christ is called the "Lamb of God" in John 1:29. Certainly in His death He fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 53:7 in that, "He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth" (Acts 8:32). When the chief priests and the elders accused Him personally, "he answered nothing" (Mt. 27:12). The following verses reveal, "Then said Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he answered him to never a word; insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly" (Mt. 27:13-14).

However, when attacks were made against His doctrine, He fought back. The silent lamb then became the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Rev. 5:5). Opponents to His doctrine were exposed as hypocrites, and left embarrassed, not daring to pursue further argumentation (Mt. 22:18, 46). Though many examples of Jesus' masterful reasoning in defense of the truth could be explored, space only allows for the examination of one such confrontation in this week's article.

Jesus cast out a demon from one who, as a result, gained the ability to see and speak (Mt. 12:22). The people marveled at the miracle, asking, "Is this the son of David?" (Mt. 12:23). From the powerful evidence, they had concluded that Jesus must be the Messiah, God's king, the Son of David. The Pharisees, envious of Jesus' influence over the people, slandered Him saying, "This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils" (Mt. 12:23). Jesus response thoroughly refuted the charge of His enemies and plainly declared the lesson to be learned from such a staggering display of power in the spiritual realm; He said:

Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast them out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you." (Matthew 12:25-28.)

From the fact to which all agreed, a demon had been cast out, Jesus argued (1) that if the demon was cast out by the power of Satan, then Satan's house would be divided, and (2) the followers of the Pharisee who claimed to cast out demons must then cast them out by the power of Satan as well. The Pharisees would have to admit first that Satan's house is not divided. It stands and the power of it was evident from the demon possession taking place during that period of time. Next, the Pharisees would have to admit that when their followers claimed to cast out demons, they would not do such a thing by the power of Satan. Given those two admissions, the possibility that this demon was cast out by the power of Satan is removed. The only remaining possibility is that this demon was cast out by the power of God. Thus, Jesus—giving the significance of the miracle—concludes: "the kingdom of God is come unto you."

Jesus' wonderful love for the lost made Him go to the cross as a lamb to be sacrificed for the world's sins, but it also moved Him to stand firm and argue when power-hungry religious leaders tried to obfuscate saving truths in the minds of those who were honest with the evidence. His reasoning was air-tight and His opponents knew it. Love is often redefined as acceptance in today's world. To expose religious and moral sins that will cause the soul to be lost is thought by many to be unloving. Instead of accepting everything for the sake of others' feelings, Jesus reasoned with others to bring out the truth and show right from wrong. Certainly, our approach must differ in regard to the attitude of the one involved in religious errors or moral sins (Jude 22-23); notwithstanding, to tell someone what stands in their way of being saved is loving and is following the example of the Lord Jesus Christ (Mk. 10:21). Let us learn to be like our Lord, to be lions or lambs when love deems it appropriate.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: "One Day Nearer Home"

PM: "Should I Leave My Fruitfulness?"

Scripture Reading: Judges 9:7-15

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

This group is scheduled to meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

2018 Dates to Remember

May 20– elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p– annex large classroom

May 22– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

May 25– ladies luncheon– 11:30a– Ruby Tuesdays

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

May 27– Graduate Honor Night– 7p– annex

May 29– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mark Your Calendar

June 24– potluck– 12p– annex

July 14– church picnic @ building

Jul 23-27– Vacation Bible School– 6:30p

Aug 12– ice cream social– 7p– annex

Sep 7– Little School begins 9am

Sep 7-9– Creation Is Scientific seminar with Jeff Miller

Sep 9– potluck– 12p– annex

Oct 27– Trunk O' Treat/ Chili Supper-6p

Nov 4– Bring A Friend Day & potluck

Gauging Our Faith

	05/13/18	Goal	05/14/17
Bible Study	101	110	100
AM Worship	157	160	168
PM Worship	91	110	82
Mid Week	89	110	nc
Contribution:	\$5373.76	\$5900.00	\$5732.26

Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are encouraged to meet at Ruby Tuesday's at 11:30am (please, note the summer time change) on Friday, May 25th.

Graduate Honor Night

On Sunday, May 27th, following evening worship, we will honor our 4 graduate members with a reception in the annex. We will honor Hannah Carter & Audrey Goshorn, college graduates and Sinlaire Dorsey and Madi Wallace, high school graduates. Please, let Ann Hughes know if you will bring sandwiches.

Ft. Hill Youth Camp

If your children want to go to Fort Hill Youth Camp, the congregation is paying for everyone and their friends who want to go 'our' week of July 1-7. If you have any questions, speak with Jeremiah Smith.

Prime-timers

This open discussion Bible study group meets Tuesdays at 10am through May in the annex classroom. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This group will take a summer break starting June and will resume meetings September 4th.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: David Trimble,
Nathan Adkins, John Gambill,
Auston Clarkson, Ernie Perry,
Ben Poling, Jason Fouts

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Bob Tushay

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Daniel Goshorn

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: Ben Poling

DEVOTIONAL: Brad Morris

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

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

★★ July 1-7 ★★

Ft. Hill Youth Camp

Go to camp with your friends
and the congregation will cover
your tuition for the week -
Speak with Jeremiah Smith

