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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

**WEB PAGE**

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**MISSIONS**

-Dustin Bolks  
Sioux Center, Ia.  
-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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-Brandon Foresha  
WVSOP student

**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!

## Where Self-Centeredness Leads

To the Pharisees, “who were covetous” (Luke 16:14), Jesus described what happened after death to the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). In earthly life, the rich man had refused to help Lazarus, a beggar full of sores who was laid at his gate. The dogs did more than the rich man to help Lazarus, at least they licked his sores (Luke 16:21). Lazarus was not an able-bodied man trying to sponge off others; he could not work, but had to be carried to the rich man’s gate. He simply desired to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man’s table (Luke 16:21). Wealth is not inherently evil, nor is poverty inherently good; however, a self-absorbed life sets a course for the soul that leads to eternal ruin. In this part the book of Luke, Jesus has been speaking on neglect. In Luke 14:16-23, Jesus highlighted the neglect of responding to the invitation. Here he speaks of neglecting a man clearly in need whom the rich man could easily have helped.

After death the situations of these two are reversed, as Abraham, a great Old-Testament saint in paradise, explained to the rich man, “Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented” (Luke 16:25). This was a reply to the rich man’s request for Lazarus to be sent with water to cool his tongue (Luke 16:24). It seems that even in torment the rich man’s self-centeredness remains. He wants Lazarus to be his servant, to fetch water for him.

The rich man had made Mammon (wealth) his god (Luke 16:13). Unlike Lazarus, the rich man is never given a personal name in this account. Perhaps this hints at the fact that he had established his identity on his wealth. When he left all his wealth behind at death, he lost his sense of self as well. We ought to take heed that we base our identity on God, Who never changes, but will live with the saved eternally after this short life on earth is finished.

Even the rich man’s request on behalf of his brothers turns out to be self-centered. He still wants Lazarus to be his servant, sent to warn his brothers (Luke 16:27-28). His plea also smacks of self-justification by suggesting that he, along with his five brothers, did not have ample opportunity to know what should be done to avoid torment. Abraham responds with, “They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them” (Luke 16:29). The rich man is quick to dismiss this with, “Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent” (Luke 16:30). To dismiss the Law and the Prophets—the Scriptures that had been written at this time—is also to dismiss the gospel of Jesus Christ, for the Law and Prophets pointed to Christ (Luke 24:27, 44). The rich man demands something more than the clear warnings of the Bible. He wants an unavoidable sign such as someone speaking from the dead. Jesus, the one who rose from the dead, told us to go to what is written in God’s word to have eternal life (Luke 10:25-26; John 5:39).

There are many today who follow the rich man’s steps. Sadly, their blame-shifting blindness to their own spiritual need will lead to the same eternal destiny if they do not wake up and repent. Their self-absorption will lead them to choose torment, to be free from God who calls them to repent and think about someone other than themselves.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

AM: "Is the Bible Reliable?"

PM: "Gentleness"

Scripture Reading: 2 Tim. 2:22-26

## Dates to Remember

**June 16**– Josh Cox/ Olivia Dyer wedding–  
4:30pm-here

**June 19**– Brandon Foresha, summer intern,  
arrives

**June 24**– potluck– 12p– annex

**June 24**– elders/deacons/preachers meet–  
annex large classroom -4:30p

**June 28**– Youth summer project– Connie  
French's home

**June 29**– Ladies Luncheon– 11:30a–  
Panera Bread

## Mark Your Calendar

**July 14**– church potluck picnic @ building

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

**Aug 12**– ice cream social– 7p– annex

**Sep 6**– Little School Orientation– 7p

**Sep 7**– Little School begins 9am

**Sep 7-9**– 'Christians Can Be Confident  
About Creation' seminar with Jeff  
Miller

**Sep 9**– potluck– 12p– annex

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

**Nov 4**– Bring A Friend Day & potluck

**Dec 1**– Scott family pancake breakfast–8a

## Wedding Invitation

Everyone is invited this Saturday to the wedding of Josh Cox and Olivia Dyer in our building. Everyone is asked to be here and seated before 4:30pm to share the couple's joy on this day.

## 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.

## Updated Address Directories

By the end of June, a new directory booklet is planned to be printed and available to everyone. If you have any change in the information printed in the last directory, please, *write it down* and leave it on the office desk before June 17. Be sure to include your name. Thank you.

## Prime-timers

This is an open discussion Bible study group that is on a summer break starting now and will resume meetings September 4th.

## Gauging Our Faith

	06/03/18	Goal	06/04/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	108	110	90
<b>AM Worship</b>	144	160	155
<b>PM Worship</b>	89	110	91
<b>Mid Week</b>	90	110	88
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6307.50	\$5900.00	\$6524.00

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** David Trimble

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Ben Poling

**PM:** Edgar Phillips

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

**Presiding AM:** Steve Wallace

**Assisting:** Greg Hall,  
John Gambill, Nathan Adkins,  
George Wallace, Jason Fouts,  
Jacob Martin, Nathan Parks

**Presiding PM:** J.C. Hughes

**Assisting:** Bob Tushay

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** David Smith

**PM:** Dan Stone

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** David Trimble

**PRAYER:** Edgar Phillips

**DEVOTIONAL:** J.C. Hughes

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Steve Wallace

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**COORDINATOR:** Matt Vonderheide

## 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—

★★ June 19 ★★

Brandon Foresha arrives

—our new summer youth intern—

★★ June 28 ★★

Service Project @ Connie  
French's house

★★ July 1-7 ★★

Ft. Hill Christian Youth Camp

Bring your friends- tuition free.

