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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 Rankelawan  
**Suriname, So. America**  
-Michael Mayo  
**Thailand, SE Asia**  
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast  
-Stephane Maillet  
**SEIBS student**  
-Brandon Foresha  
**WVSOP student**

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**Truth  
shall spring  
out of the earth;  
& righteousness  
shall look down  
from heaven.**

**Psalm 85:11**

**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!**

## THE VALUE OF DEBATES

Debates are not heard of much these days. Religious debates are heard of even less. However, there was a time when those of conviction would engage in honorable debate. In fact, in time past many Gospel Meetings (Revivals) conducted by our brethren would not come to a close without a challenge to debate from one of the denominations in the community.

Debating is a Biblical concept. Jude said Christians “should earnestly contend for the faith,” Jude 3. Paul said, “I am set for the defence of the Gospel,” Philippians 1:17. Jesus engaged in debates as we see in Mark 12:28, “And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered him well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?” Jesus was a controversialist, so was Paul. In Acts 17:17 we read that Paul, “disputed he in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the market daily with them that met with him. The word “disputed” in this passage means “to discourse with one, i.e. he reasoned (ASV). Used of a discussion likely to end in a dispute. He engaged in a debate with them.” To engage in debate and set forth the truth of the Gospel has done and still does great good in evangelism. The view was once stated that “a week of debate is worth a year of preaching.”

The advantage to an honest and open religious debate is that both sides of the proposition is set forth. Light has its greatest effect when contrasted with darkness (e.g. religious error). Reading the religious debates of our brethren have the same advantages. Regarding a given issue, the position of a denomination is expressed, and the Bible answer is given by the defender of Truth. There are many debates still in print, either in book form or eBooks, audio recordings, video recordings, etc. There are several debate books in our library and many more can be found online. Such debates as:

1. James D. Bales and Woolsey Teller: The Existence of God, A Debate
2. Perry B. Cotham and Peter John: The Cotham-John Debate on Miracles Today
3. N. B. Hardeman and Ben M. Bogard: Hardeman-Bogart Debate on The Work of The Holy Spirit, The Necessity of Baptism, The Establishment of The Church, and The Possibility of Apostasy.
4. N. B. Hardeman and Ira M. Boswell: Boswell-Hardeman Discussion on Instrumental Music in the Worship
5. Charles R. Nichol and A. S. Bradley: The Nichol-Bradley Debate on The Kingdom Of Christ Was Established On The First Pentecost After The Resurrection Of Christ and Man Is Wholly Mortal And Unconscious From Death Till The Resurrection.
6. Gus Nichols and J. D. Holder: Nichols-Holder Debate on Salvation Without The Preached Or Written Word, Or Any Condition On Their Part.
7. Gus Nichols and Max R. King: The Nichols - King Debate on The 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ Occurred in 70 AD with the Fall of Judaism. (aka 70AD Doctrine)
8. Foy E. Wallace, Jr. and Charles M. Neal: Neal-Wallace Discussion on the Thousand Years Reign of Christ
9. Thomas B. Warren and L. S. Ballard: Warren-Ballard Debate on Is Obedience (Water Baptism) Necessary For Salvation.
10. Thomas B. Warren and E. C. Fuqua: The Warren-Fuqua Debate on Are Men Out of The Church Amenable to the Law of Christ on Divorce and Remarriage.
11. Guy N. Woods and A. U. Nunnery: The Woods-Nunnery Debate on Baptism and Apostasy

Many of these debates can be found in our church library. Many are still in print and can be ordered from Christian Bookstores (i.e. Tucker Bookstore, Chula Vista Books, etc.). Those listed in this article (and many more) can be found in PDF format through such websites as International College of the Bible (<http://www.icotb.org/>).

“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.” 2 Peter 3:18

-Jerry D. Sturgill

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

AM: "Is Your Name in the Book?"

PM: "Faithfulness"

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 11:23-29

## Dates to Remember

**June 16**– Josh Cox/ Olivia Dyer wedding–  
4:30pm-here– reception to follow at  
the Old Post Office in Ashland– signup  
on foyer board for the reception by 6/3

**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 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

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

## Members Contact Information

**Shelby Steele** has a new phone number. It is  
(606) 225-5928.... **Fred and Genevieve  
Obroff** have moved to Morning Pointe  
Assisted Living, 1000 Addington Dr.-room  
120, Russell, KY 41169, new phone # (606)  
254-6764... **Renee & Emily Williamson**  
have moved. Their new address is: 600  
Vincent Way #3206, Lexington, KY 40503  
(in the Wellington Chase Division).  
Please note these changes in your directories.

## Thank You from the D. Smiths

David and Denise Smith wish to thank  
everyone who attended their vow renewal/  
reception, gave cards, and/or gifts to help  
them celebrate their 25th anniversary.

## 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 4 of July 1-7. If you have any  
questions, speak with Jeremiah Smith.

## 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

|                      | 05/27/18  | Goal      | 05/28/17  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>   | 100       | 110       | 103       |
| <b>AM Worship</b>    | 163       | 160       | 159       |
| <b>PM Worship</b>    | 83        | 110       | 100       |
| <b>Mid Week</b>      | 82        | 110       | 93        |
| <b>Contribution:</b> | \$4797.31 | \$5900.00 | \$5981.75 |

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Jerry Sturgill

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** David Trimble

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

**Presiding AM:** Steve Wallace

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

**Presiding PM:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** Ben Poling

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jordan Conley

**PM:** Daniel Goshorn

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL:** Mark Day

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Matt Vonderheide

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**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**

★★ 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**

