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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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-Stephane Maillet
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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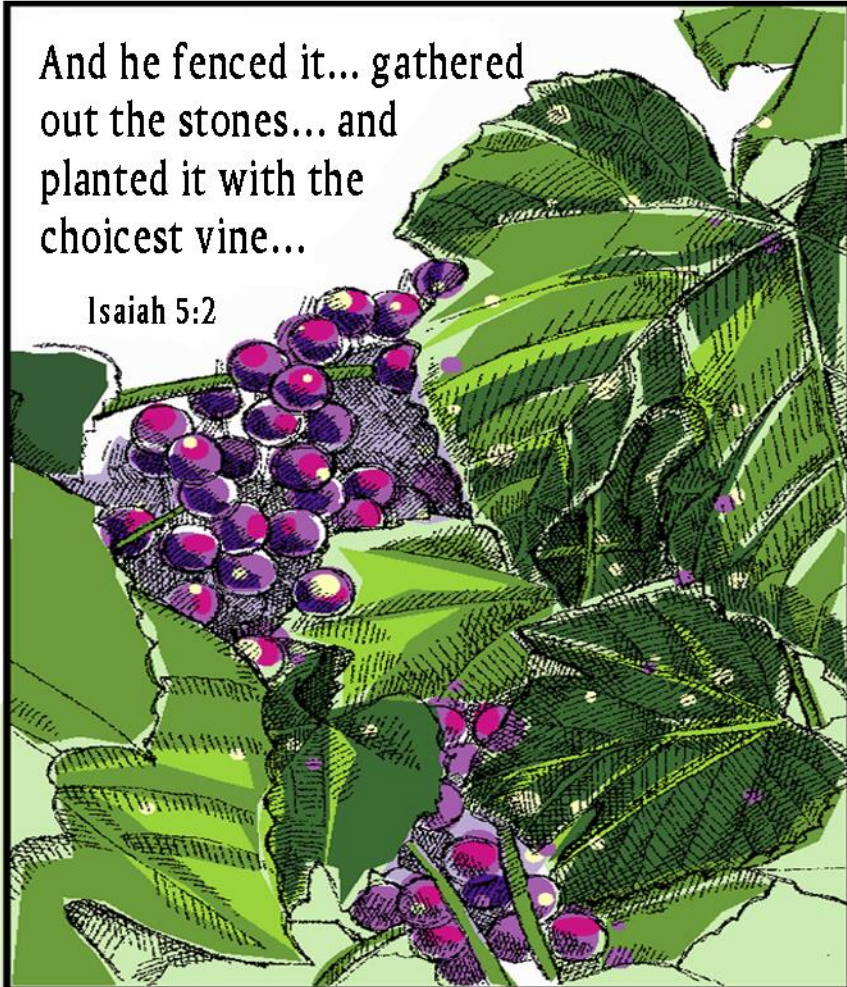
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And he fenced it... gathered
out the stones... and
planted it with the
choicest vine...

Isaiah 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!

A Noticeable Difference

Saul of Tarsus—who journeyed to Damascus to persecute Christians—became a Christian at Damascus by calling on the name of the Lord through baptism, thus washing his sins away (Acts 9:2, 18; 22:16). The change in Saul became evident immediately while he was still at Damascus. “And straightway he preached Christ in the synagogues, that he is the Son of God. But all that heard *him* were amazed, and said, Is not this he that destroyed them which called on this name in Jerusalem, and came hither for that intent, that he might bring them bound unto the chief priests? But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is very Christ” (Acts 9:20-22).

Saul (or Paul) preached the truth that Jesus is the Son of God. He did not whisper about his new-found discovery, nor did he suggest that Jesus *might be* or *probably* is the Son of God. No, he proclaimed it as it were from the rooftops (Matthew 10:27). It was not merely an assertion but a truth that he proved (Acts 9:22). Jesus fulfilled Old Testament prophecies, lived and taught like no other human being, and worked miracles that proved His claims to be the Son of God. Paul used these proofs to boldly show that Jesus truly is Christ. Paul was courageous because he knew the Lord was with him, and if the Lord was with him it mattered little who was against him (Joshua 1:9; Romans 8:31).

This radical change in Saul of Tarsus arrested the attention of those at Damascus. Here was a man who had given his support to the deaths of Christians (Acts 26:10), but now he was one! Jewish officials in Damascus became aware of Paul’s conversion and kept a close watch on the gates of the city in order to kill him (Acts 9:23-24). Paul specifically mentions in 2 Corinthians 11:32-33, “In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king kept the city of the Damascenes with a garrison, desirous to apprehend me: And through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and escaped his hands.”

The Gospel has its place in the king’s palace. Many do not want the Gospel in the palace, like Amaziah did not want God’s message in the king’s court in Amos’ day (Amos 7:12-13); but Paul brought the Gospel to the palace of Caesar (Philippians 1:13; 4:22). Jesus made efforts with the leaders of His day (John 3:1-21; 12:42). In following Christ, Paul appealed to Felix, Festus, and Agrippa (Acts 23-25). No person is in too high of a position to hear the Gospel. It is important for those in authority to know that they will be judged on how they have used their authority (John 19:11; Acts 24:25).

Saul was in a position of power; he was a rising star in Judaism. When he became a Christian, his old friends became his enemies. I remember when I became a Christian, my old friends found out soon enough that I wasn’t going to do the same old things with them. It was not easy to hear them speak against me. Those who have grown up with friends in the church may not have to go through this experience, but we all have to face the world.

Do people know that we are Christians? Do we retreat from the battle when the truths of Christianity are at stake? Have we given up ground on the central truths of Christianity in order to please other people who are in authority? Do we give the impression that Jesus is one of many ways to heaven in order to get along? The first-century church was spoken against (Acts 28:22). Paul was spoken against and persecuted. We are not looking to make people angry, but our stand for the truth should be strong enough that others take notice. Christianity is not something done in a corner (Acts 26:26); the church should be turning the world upside down with the bold proclamation of the Gospel (Acts 17:6).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: "Mercy in Matthew"

PM: "I am the True Vine"

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Dates to Remember

Jul 15– elders/deacons/preachers meet–
annex large classroom -4:30p

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

Jul 27– Ladies Luncheon– 11:30a– Panera
Bread (again!)

Jul 29– 5th Sunday-PM: Preachers Answer
Your Bible Questions

****Prime-timers is taking a summer break**

Mark Your Calendar

Aug 2-5– Cane Ridge Restoration
lectureship, Lexington (see b'board)

Aug 11– Prestonsburg Ladies Day– 9am to
noon– speaker Monica Mynk

Aug 12– ice cream social– 7p– annex

Sep 4– Prime-timers resumes– 10a– 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

Dec 8– Ladies Holiday Party @ Kathy Hall's

Gauging Our Faith

	07/08/18	Goal	07/09/17
Bible Study	92	110	103
AM Worship	130	160	168
PM Worship	91	110	102
Mid Week	113	110	106
Contribution:	\$5270.11	\$5900.00	\$6203.50

Elders/Deacons/Preachers

This afternoon, this group will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

VBS- Spread the Word

Our VBS begins July 23-27, from 6:30 to 8:30pm nightly. Please, take a full page flyer to hang in local businesses. We have half page flyers to use as personal invitations. There is a sign-up sheet for food donations on the foyer bulletin board. Yard signs are available to put in your yard.

July Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, July 27th at 11:30am, the ladies of the church will meet to have lunch at Panera Bread, again. They loved it last time.

Prime-timers

This is an open discussion Bible study group that usually meets Tuesdays at 10a.m.. We are now on break and will resume Sept. 4th.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Ben Poling

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Trimble

Assisting: J.C. Hughes,
David Smith, Denny Deskins,
Mark Gullett, Michael Perry,
Jarred Nickell, Jordan Conley

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Nathan Parks

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Scott

PM: Daniel Goshorn

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Hall

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Chris Scott

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Smith

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 everyone can come.

—Boys: have a song
ready to lead—

☆☆ **July 23-27** ☆☆

Vacation Bible School

6:30-8:30 P.M.

Invite all your friends!

