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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  
**SEIBS student**  
-Brandon Foresha  
**WVSOP student**

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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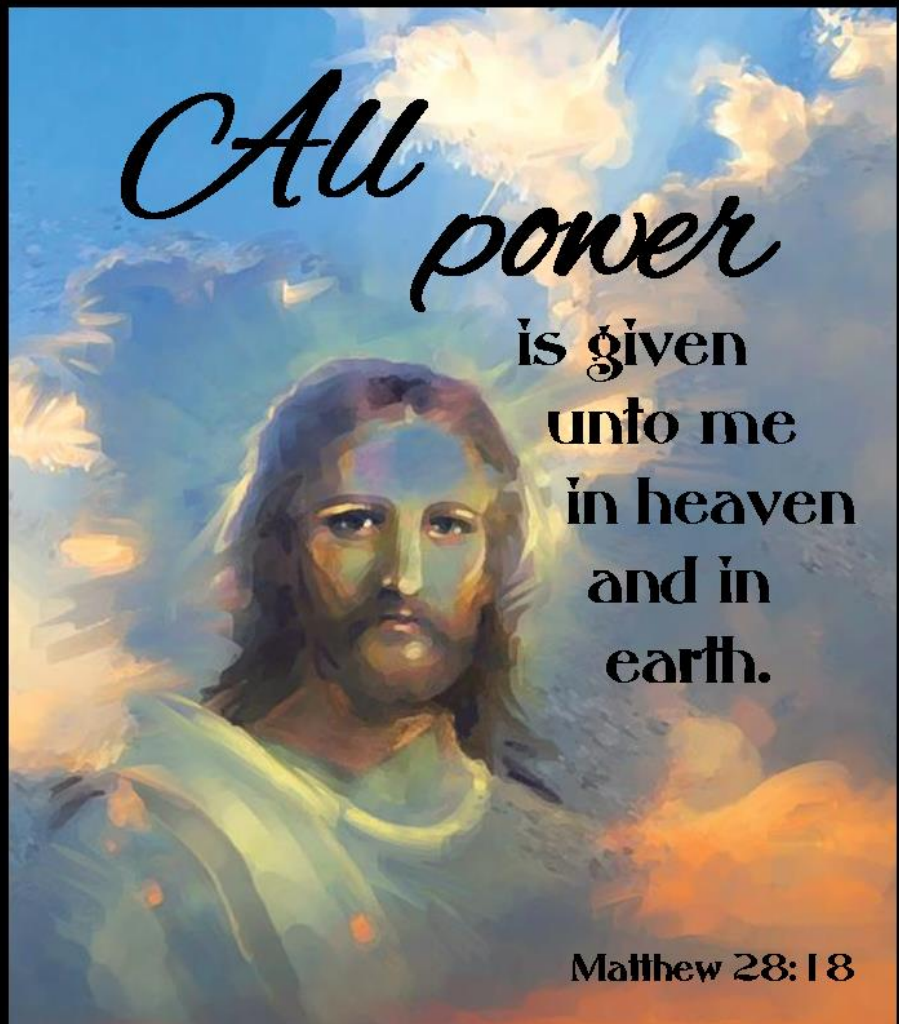
# HERALD

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**Matthew 28:18**

**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 Son of Man Has Authority to Forgive Sins**

When a paralytic was brought to Jesus on a bed, instead of commanding him to stand and walk, Jesus said, “Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.” (Matthew 9:2). While the scribes thought this was blasphemy, putting oneself in the place of God (Matthew 9:3), Jesus exposed their evil thoughts of Him to show that He is in the place of God (Matthew 9:4-6). Jesus, as Deity, had authority on earth to forgive sins.

The Greek verb that is translated “be forgiven” in verses 2 and 5 is in a tense that indicates the forgiveness took place the moment Jesus spoke the words. When Jesus said it, it was completed. He initiated and performed the act of forgiving the man of sins. Only God can do this. Jesus stated in Matthew 9:6 the desired conclusion His audience should reach is that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins. This *power* is “the right to command, authority, absolute power, warrant.”

Jesus’ question of verse 5 —“For whether is easier, to say, *Thy* sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and walk?”—would on the surface be answered that “Thy sins be forgiven thee” is easier. There is no empirical verification that sins are forgiven as there would be in whether a man can “Arise, and walk.” The bystanders could not with their senses verify nor disprove that the man’s sins were forgiven, but anybody could see whether or not he could walk. But Jesus means to show that He is not merely a prophet who could work healing miracles, He is the Son of God who can acknowledge His rightful place as equal with God and still have the miraculous confirmation accompany His statements. A mere healer could say he forgives sins, but would no longer have God’s miraculous attestation to his claims (Hebrews 2:3-4).

However, Jesus does not announce which of the two statements is easier. He has already forgiven the sins of the paralytic brought to Him. He then turns to the paralytic and uses the latter of the two statements, commanding, “Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house” (Matthew 9:6). Verse 7 reveals the fact that the man did just that; thus, there is no doubt that God assents to Jesus, the Son of Man, forgiving sins. While the scribes may have been angered at this, the crowds, who were neutral in this dispute, could see the clear significance: “But when the multitudes saw *it*, they marvelled, and glorified God, which had given such power unto men” (Matthew 9:8).

Jesus has all power/authority (Matthew 28:18). He has commissioned us to go into all the world to preach the good news about Him; we are to baptize those who believe this message and repent of their sins (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Luke 24:47). Those who thus submit to Christ’s authority are forgiven of their sins. We must first submit to Jesus’ authority as our Lord, then He will be our savior and forgive us of our sins.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

AM: "All Authority"

PM: "Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions"

## Dates to Remember

**Aug 11**– Youth Play Day (all ages) in the Annex– noon– see Brandon for details

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

**Aug 19**– elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p– annex large classroom

**Aug 31**– ladies luncheon– 11:30a– tbd

**\*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 17-23**– Polishing the Pulpit– Tenn.

**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

## A New Brother in Christ

Sunday evening following service, Clarence Maupin, Veronica Wheeler's brother, was baptized by Mark Day. Brother Maupin has been on our prayer list for quite some time with degenerative musculature and on-going illness. Please, keep him in your prayers.

## August All Youth Play Day

On Saturday, August 11th, youth of all ages are invited to the annex at noon for a day of recreation. See Brandon Foresha for details.

## Ice Cream Social

On Sunday, August 12th following evening service, we will have an ice cream social in the annex. Bring your favorite ice cream and topping to share.

## August Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, August 31st at 11:30am, the ladies of the church will meet to have lunch at a place to be determined.

## Gauging Our Faith

	07/22/18	Goal	07/23/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	94	110	92
<b>AM Worship</b>	137	160	148
<b>PM Worship</b>	104	110	99
<b>Mid Week</b>	143	110	129
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5843.81	\$5900.00	\$5291.25



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Dan Stone

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** Jordan Conley

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

**Presiding AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**Assisting:** David Trimble,  
Daniel Goshorn, Ben Poling,  
Mark Gullett, Michael Perry,  
Jarred Nickell, Jordan Conley

**Presiding PM:** David Smith

**Assisting:** Bob Tushay

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Parks

**PM:** Denny Deskins

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** David Smith

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Jeremiah Smith

**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—

☆☆☆☆ Aug 11 ☆☆☆☆

**Play Day (all ages)**

Noon in the annex

See Brandon for details!

