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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
Thailand, SE Asia
-*"In Search of the Lord's Way"* TV broadcast
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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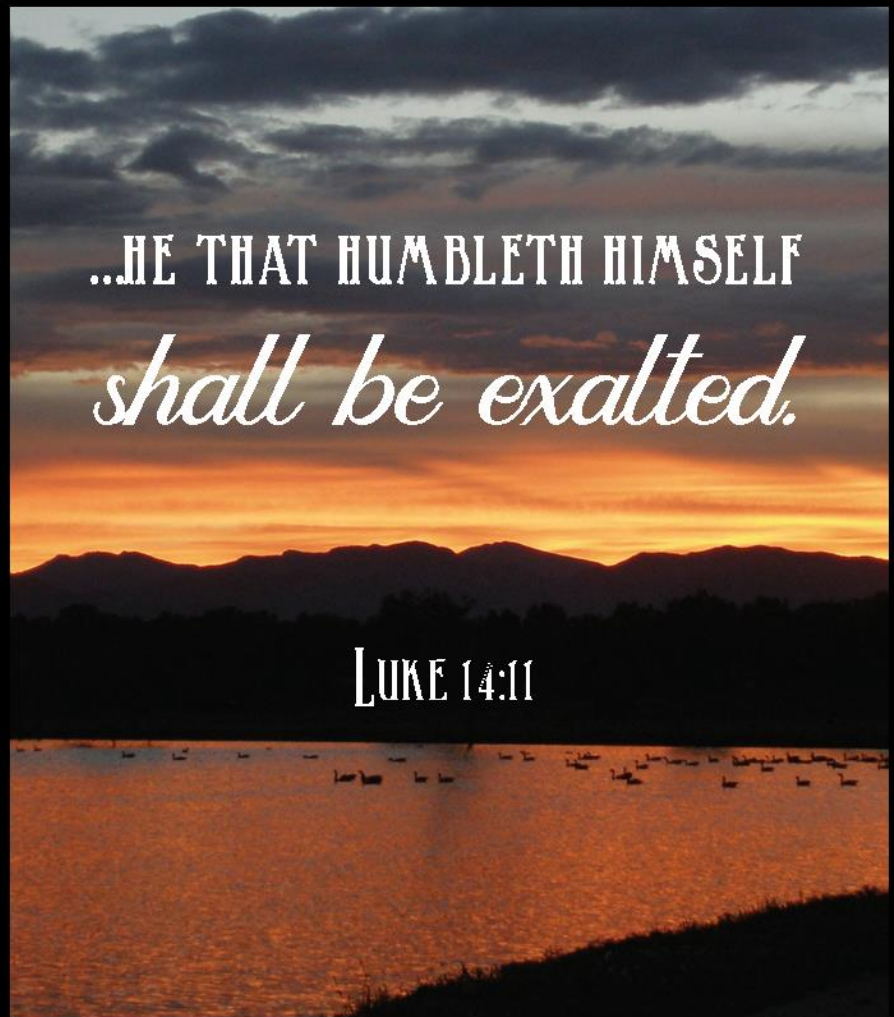
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...HE THAT HUMBLETH HIMSELF
shall be exalted.

LUKE 14:11

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!

Who Is on Trial Here?

The trials of Jesus leading up to His crucifixion can hardly be called trials. *Travesty* is a more fitting description than *trial*; breaches in justice were made at nearly every turn. The arrest of Jesus came through a bribe of thirty pieces of silver, blood money paid to Judas (Mt. 26:15; 27:3-6). No clear charges were pronounced to Jesus. Some said blasphemy (Mk. 14:64), or violating the temple (Mk. 14:58), yet the charges were changed to claiming to be king, causing social disruption, and refusing to pay taxes at His civil trial before Pilate (Lk. 23:1-2). These changes were made by the Jewish leaders so they could put Jesus to death (Jn. 18:29-31). His trial before the Jewish leaders began in the middle of the night on the feast day of Passover (Mk. 14); thus, the witnesses could be brought and a decision made while everyone slept, and in the morning plenty of travelers to the city, who knew little about Jesus, could be stirred into an angry mob to demand His death. The witnesses did not agree, even though they had the unfair advantage of testifying in the presence of each other (Mk. 14:56, 59). Physical force was used to try to intimidate Jesus (Jn. 18:22), and He was asked to incriminate Himself (Lk. 22:70-71); moreover, Jesus did not cross-examine the witnesses to show how fallacious their accusations were (Mt. 26:62-63). Jesus was convicted and executed the same day as His trial; the Jewish leaders hurried to get an innocent man crucified early, but had scruples about entering the Praetorium (judgment hall) because they did not want to defile themselves on the Passover (Jn. 18:28).

How could respectable religious leaders do such a thing? Why did they have no problem with bribery, fraud, and murder, but were conscientious about entering a Gentile house? They were chiefly concerned with maintaining their position over the Jewish nation, and Jesus posed a threat to their control (Jn. 11:48). Religion can be used as a means of self-aggrandizement. The Pharisees could list all of the things they did right to mask their glaring heart problems; even their prayers were used to put down others (Lk. 18:11-12). Having listed all the little things that made them appear pious in men's eyes, they used their position to lay heavy burdens on the people, while making exceptions for themselves (Mt. 23:4). Control was their god, and they were willing to sacrifice anything for it. People in positions of power must be wary of this temptation. While many may get into these positions thinking they can wield a tremendous impact for good, if the heart becomes obsessed with living for one's own glory and power then unjust means will be used to obtain that end. Having authority tries our hearts. Jesus told these people that justice, mercy, and faith were what they were lacking (Mt. 23:23); they exercised none of these when they put Him to death.

Pilate knew Jesus was innocent, yet he delivered Jesus to be crucified so that the people would not become mutinous (Mt. 27:23-24). He threatened Jesus with his power, but Jesus said the only reason Pilate had power was because God had given it to him (Jn. 19:10-11). If people in authority can really grasp that their power is given by God, then they could be more calm, secure, humble, and just. However, if they think it is through their own worthiness that they are in their position of power, they will persist in being fearful of losing control and cruel to any perceived threat. -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: "Pride or Humility?"

PM: "The War in Ourselves"

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:16-17

Dates to Remember

Jul 14– potluck picnic– 5p–covered shelter next door (see sign up sheet on board)

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 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

	07/01/18	Goal	07/02/17
Bible Study	96	110	84
AM Worship	156	160	131
PM Worship	70	110	nc
Mid Week	nc	110	75
Contribution:	\$6596.50	\$5900.00	\$14554.25

Church Picnic

This Saturday, July 14th, at 5pm, we will have a picnic (potluck-style) under the van shelter next door. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for your potluck side and/or dessert. Bring soft drink, your dish, and your own hotdogs or burgers for your family, lawn chairs or blanket and games for everyone to enjoy. Rain will move the event into the annex.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers

Next Sunday, July 15th, this group will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

VBS- Spread the Word

Our VBS begins in 2 short weeks, July 23-27, from 6:30 to 8:30pm nightly. Please, take a full page flyer and hang in local businesses. We also have half page flyers for you to use as personal invitations. There are postcards to address and leave in the office to mail. Watch for a sign-up sheet for food donations. Yard signs are ready 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.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Greg Conley

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

Assisting: David Trimble,
David Smith, John Gambill,
Mark Gullett, Michael Perry,
Jarred Nickell, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Dan Stone

PM: Ben Poling

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: Brad Morris

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

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 14 ☆☆

Church Picnic

Bring your games,

let your parents bring the rest!

