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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)

FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST

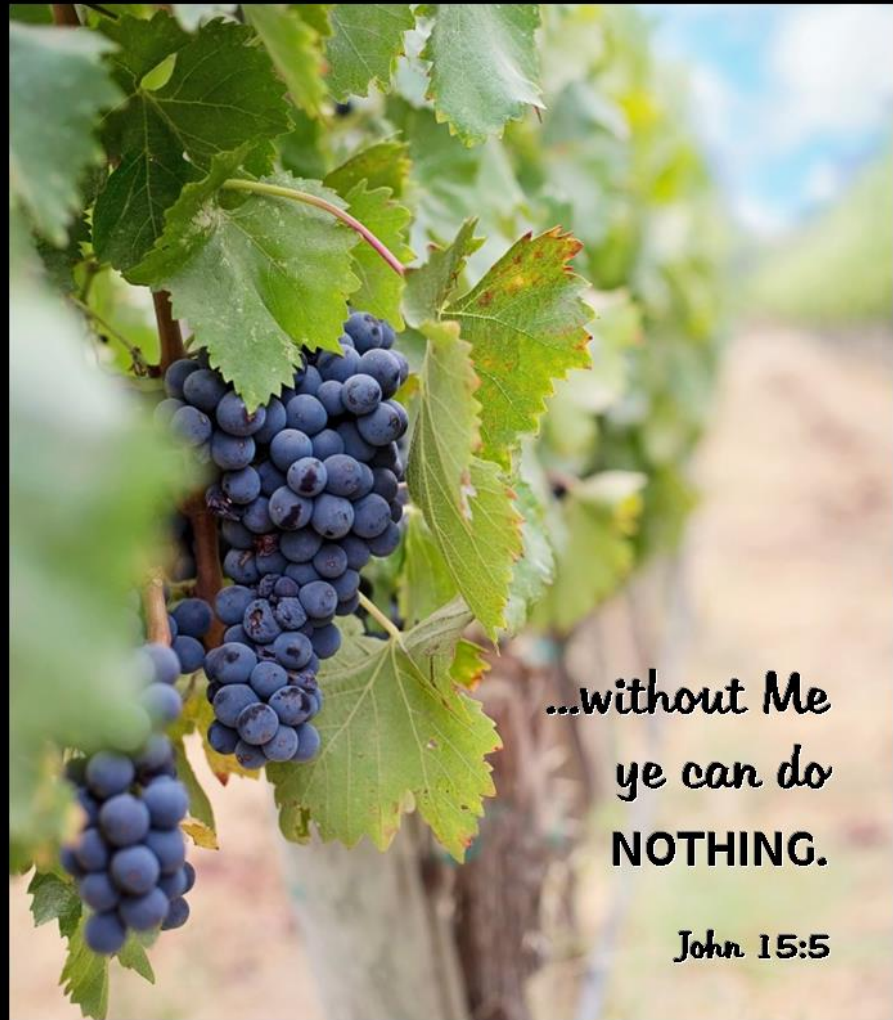
# HERALD

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...without Me  
ye can do  
**NOTHING.**

**John 15:5**

**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!

## **Come One, Come All: Terms and Conditions May Apply**

We live in a time when the world is more interconnected than ever. We hear news and share ideas instantly with people around the world; technology has enabled us to have a more universal scope than bygone generations. Thankfully, the same Gospel of Jesus Christ that has been preached for generations is universal in scope as well. “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man” (Hebrews 2:9). Jesus did not die only for people of a particular class, gender, race, or region; He died for all (2 Corinthians 5:14-15). God’s love for the entire world motivated Him to give His only Son (John 3:16). He invites all to come to Him to find rest for their souls (Matthew 11:28-30). His commission for His church is universal: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19), “preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15), “that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations” (Luke 24:47). As the bride of Christ, the church invites whosoever will to come (Revelation 22:17).

While the Gospel has a universal appeal, it has an exclusive effect. Only those who believe Jesus is the Son of God and obey the terms of pardon which He has set out in His last will and testament will be saved. God wants all to be saved, but requires them to come to a knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4). It is not the Lord’s will that any perish in hell, but He requires repentance to escape that menacing destination (2 Peter 3:9). Repentance has never been a popular doctrine, but it is especially repugnant to the masses who pursue permissiveness and lax lifestyles today; yet, God requires all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30). There is a strait gate opening a narrow way that leads to life, filtering out the droves who will not do God’s will (Matthew 7:13-14).

Let us use the universal appeal of the Gospel to break the barriers of a divided world, imploring people to obey God’s will, to be united under His lordship. Overwhelming joy comes when one responds to the Gospel invitation through faith and immersion, being born into the family of God (Mark 16:16; John 3:5). However, let us never try to tamper with the exclusivity of God’s terms of salvation. Many will flatly reject Christ’s universal appeal; many others will say they accept His invitation, but, in reality, refuse to conform their wills to His (Matthew 7:21-23). Jesus desires to provide rest for us under the shadow of His wing, but many are not willing to come to Him (Luke 13:34). It gets discouraging when so many try to secure salvation on their own terms, but we must always remember that the Lord sets the terms.

We can sometimes feel like Noah, when only eight in the whole world were willing to board the ark to be saved (1 Peter 3:20-21). But even if all the world refuses God’s terms, I must still obey them to be saved. This is the exclusivity of truth: the alternatives are false. As the church, we are the pillar and the ground of the truth, holding it up for the world to see (1 Timothy 3:15). If everyone else rejects it and I’m the only one, what will I say? I pray I have the determination to live as the old song says, “though none go with me, I still will follow.”

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

AM: "Put on the Wedding Garment"

PM: "The Possibility of Apostasy"

Scripture Reading: John 15:2-6

## Little School News

Please, let your friends know that we still have several openings for 4 & 5 year olds in Little School this coming year. Orientation is Thursday, Sept. 6th at 7pm. We have a sign-up sheet for volunteers to bring food for that occasion.

## 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– Moe's Mexican Restaurant in Ashland

**Aug 31**– Youth & Family overnight retreat –Nathan Adkins' home– see Mark Day

**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

## Mark Your Calendar

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

## September Creation Seminar

We have flyers on the foyer table with information about our upcoming seminar on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 7-9. Please, take the flyers to distribute to your friends or in public areas. And sign up on the foyer bulletin board if you plan to attend (for meal planning purposes). Thank you.

## Ice Cream Social

Today 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 Moe's Mexican Restaurant in Ashland.

## Youth/Family Overnight Retreat

Nathan and Serpell Adkins are hosting an overnight retreat on Aug. 31st in Blue Creek, Ohio. Please, sign up on the board or see Mark Day if you plan to attend. Thank you.

## Gauging Our Faith

	08/05/18	Goal	08/06/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	101	110	114
<b>AM Worship</b>	146	160	193
<b>PM Worship</b>	98	110	94
<b>Mid Week</b>	99	110	106
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5533.00	\$5900.00	\$6077.05

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** J.C. Hughes

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

**Presiding AM:** David Trimble

**Assisting:** Ben Poling,  
Daniel Goshorn, George Wallace,  
Shelby Steele, Ernie Perry,  
Auston Clarkson, Eric McKinney

**Presiding PM:** David Smith

**Assisting:** Nathan Parks

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** John Gambill

**PM:** Dan Stone

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** J.C. Hughes

**DEVOTIONAL:** Daniel Goshorn

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Brad Morris

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**COORDINATOR:** David Smith

## ☆☆☆ 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 31-Sept 1** ☆☆☆☆

**All Youth & Family Retreat**

**at Nathan & Serpell Adkins' home**

**Aug 31-Sep 1, sign up on foyer board**



## 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!