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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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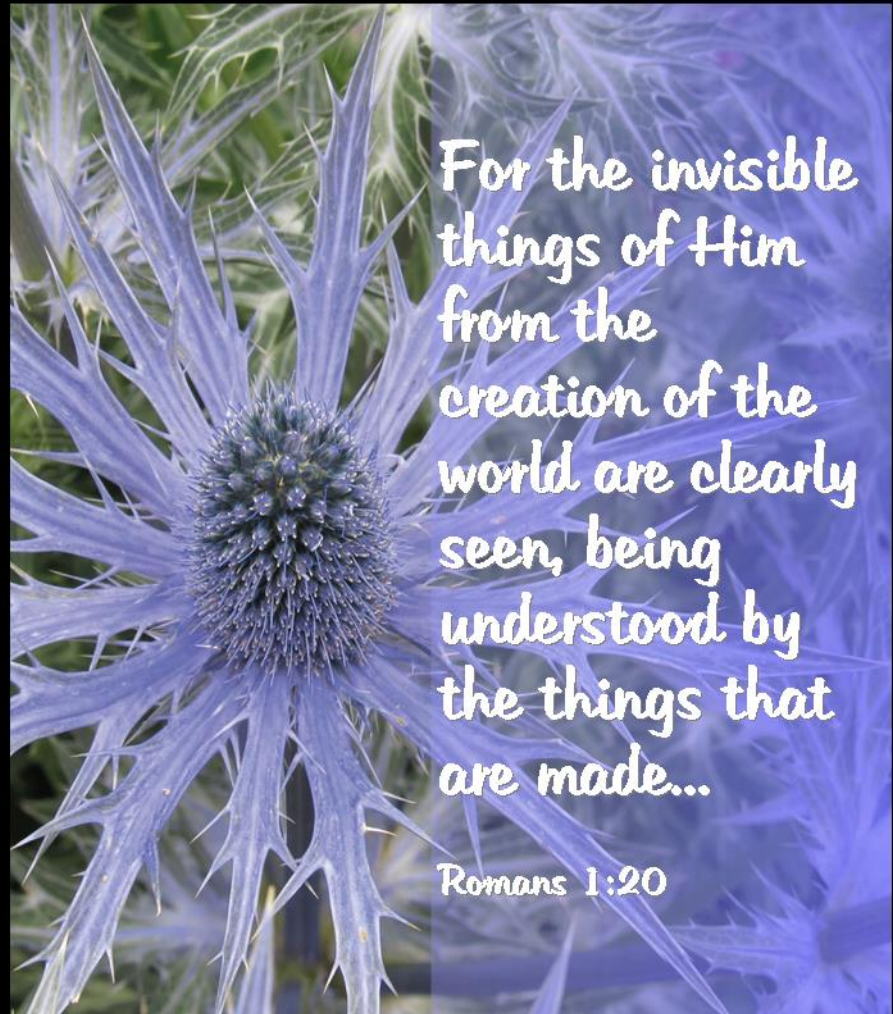
# HERALD

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For the invisible  
things of Him  
from the  
creation of the  
world are clearly  
seen, being  
understood by  
the things that  
are made...

Romans 1:20

**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!

## **Do Science and Scripture Harmonize? Yes (Obviously).**

It has been said that the Bible and science disagree—they cannot both be true. Those Bible believers who accept such assertions comfort themselves by acknowledging that the Bible is not a “science textbook” and, therefore, would not be expected to speak with accuracy concerning scientific matters. In truth, regardless of whether or not the Bible is a science textbook, geography textbook, English textbook, or any other type of book, if the Bible is inspired by the omniscient Creator of the Universe, it should be accurate in anything it says. When it touches on scientific matters, it should be perfect in its descriptions—and it is.

In fact, according to the Bible, God, Himself, instituted the field of science. When God created human beings on day six and told them to “have dominion” over the Earth and “subdue” it (Genesis 1:28), He was commanding mankind to do something that would require extensive scientific investigation and experimentation. If God founded science, why would science be at odds with His Word? When God, through His servant Paul, said in Romans 1:20 that His existence and some of His attributes could be learned from His creation, He was putting His stamp of approval on the scientific study of creation—“the things that are made.” When He said in 1 Thessalonians 5:21 to “[t]est all things; hold fast what is good,” He was essentially summarizing the scientific method. By encouraging humans to study “the works of the Lord,” He was endorsing science (Psalm 111:2). When God wanted Adam to name the animals, He instituted the field of biology (Genesis 2:19). When He highlighted to Job the natural laws that govern the Universe, He was encouraging the study of physics (Job 38:33). Job 12:8-10 emphasizes geology, while Psalm 19:1 and Genesis 15:5 encourage astronomy. Numbers 19 even delineates a basic recipe for antibacterial soap—chemistry in action. Solomon, in his inspired wisdom, endorsed the study of biological science, encouraging the study of eagles and serpents (Proverbs 30:18-19), as well as ants, badgers, locusts, and spiders (Proverbs 30:25-28). Jesus encouraged botany when drawing His audience’s attention to the lilies of the field (Matthew 6:28), seeds (Matthew 13:1-9,24-30), trees and vines (Matthew 7:16-20), and grass (Matthew 6:30); ornithology by pointing to the birds of the air as an illustration (Matthew 6:26); entomology when mentioning moths (Matthew 6:19-20); and zoology when discussing sheep, dogs, and swine (Luke 15:3-7; Matthew 7:6). In God’s sermon to Job in chapters 38-41, He chose to humble Job and instruct him by giving him a science lesson covering geology, cosmology, astronomy, physics, oceanography, nomology, optics, meteorology, and biology, including zoology, ornithology, entomology, herpetology, botany, and marine biology. Bottom line: God founded, endorsed, and even commanded science. Science is not anti-Scripture.

So, why the confusion? Some confusion comes from the nature of observational science: we cannot taste, touch, smell, hear, or see God, Creation, or the Flood. So the conclusion some draw is that biblical Creation is unscientific. While it is true that several aspects of the biblical model cannot be empirically verified since we cannot observe them today, the same can be said of several crucial steps in any naturalistic theory (e.g., the “Big Bang,” origin of life, origin of species, etc.). Such is the nature of “historical science”: deductive reasoning from indirect evidence must be used to substantiate a theory that concerns unobservable historical events, in the same way forensic scientists use science to investigate events that they did not personally witness. The biblical model, similar to any historical model, must be substantiated by indirect evidence, rather than direct. As we will see during the “Christians Can Be Confident about Creation” seminar, the biblical model is supported—demanded—by the evidence.

-by Jeff Miller, Ph.D.

# News & Notes



## **Sermons This Week**

**AM:** guest speaker- Nathan Adkins

**PM:** guest speaker- David Trimble

## **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 this occasion and encourage everyone to attend.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Aug 19**– elders and deacons meeting-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

**Sep 30– Oct 3**– Olive Hill Revival with  
Melvin Sapp, Sumter, SC

## **Mark Your Calendar**

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

**Nov 4**– Bring A Friend Day & potluck

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **Prime-timers is on break in August**

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.

## **Gauging Our Faith**

	08/12/18	Goal	08/13/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	99	110	111
<b>AM Worship</b>	146	160	163
<b>PM Worship</b>	92	110	106
<b>Mid Week</b>	105	110	100
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6130.30	\$5900.00	\$6003.00

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** J.C. Hughes

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Greg Conley

**PM:** Steve Wallace

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

**Presiding AM:** Daniel Goshorn

**Assisting:** Ben Poling,  
Chris Scott, George Wallace,  
David Smith, Ernie Perry,  
Auston Clarkson, Eric McKinney

**Presiding PM:** Jerry Sturgill

**Assisting:** Jordan Conley

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Ben Poling

**PM:** Will Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Dan Stone

**PRAYER:** Matt Vonderheide

**DEVOTIONAL:** Nathan Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Jerry Sturgill

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**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**

**Please, 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!