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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)

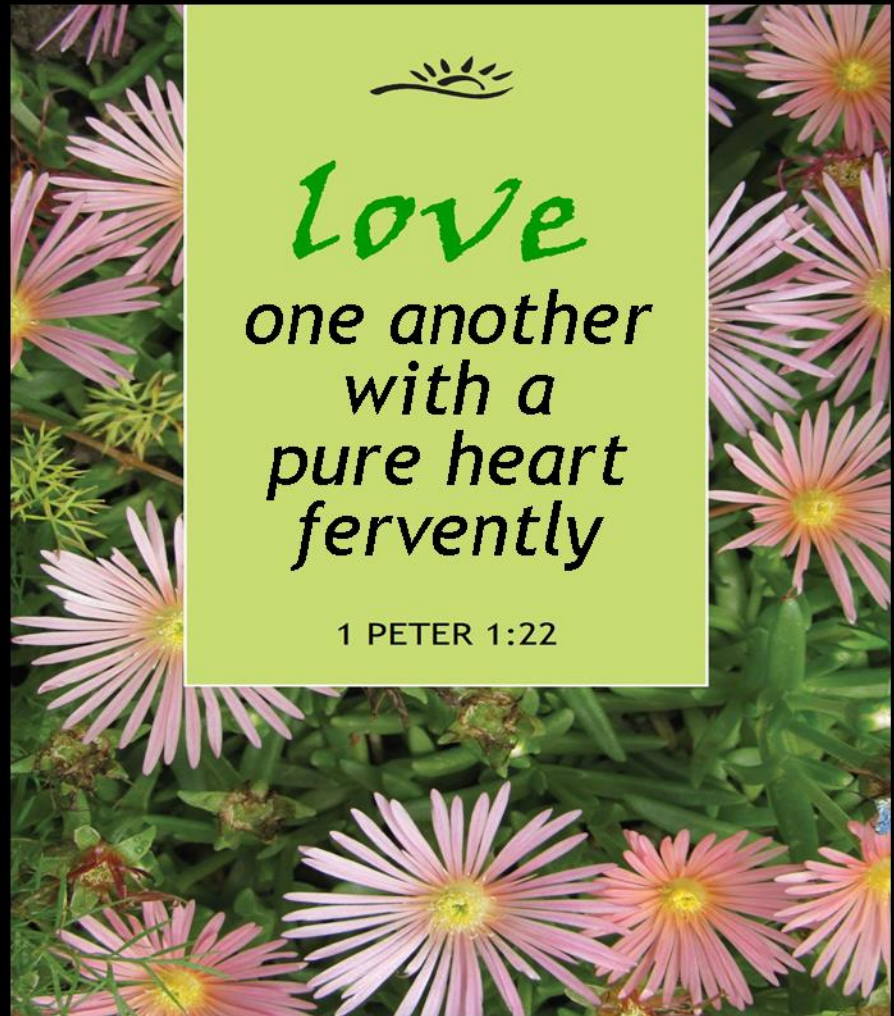
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**We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:**  
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"  
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the  
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

## WHAT THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES NOT DO

In his book "The Work of The Holy Spirit" (which is recommended reading by the way), Howard Winters addresses things the Holy Spirit does not do. A few of these he discusses are:

1. The Holy Spirit was not given to benefit personally (that is, only the person involved) the one receiving it. What the Holy Spirit was given to do He did for all – He revealed to all the truth of the gospel. Yet in Neo-Pentecostalism the Spirit is sought, not for what He can aid one in doing for others, but for what He can do for the receiver. This misses the Scriptural purpose absolutely. There is no question but that the one who received a miraculous gift benefitted from it to some extent, but that benefit was not the primary purpose for which it was given. Except by serendipity, the gifts did not change one's free will; they did not change his attitude; they did not remove desires or temptations to sin; they did not make one stronger in the faith (faith is an exercise of the human will, not the exercise of the Holy Spirit upon the human spirit); they did not make one less forgetful; they did not make one successful and happy. The gifts were always under the control of the receiver, and not the other way around. Those who seek miraculous gifts for personal aid grossly misunderstand His work. He was not given to benefit personally the one receiving Him.
2. The Holy Spirit was not given to illuminate the understanding. And yet this is one of the works ascribed to Him by almost the whole religious world. The revelation of the gospel was given through those who received the miraculous gifts of the Spirit in apostolic times, but the receivers of the gifts had to exercise their own intellectual faculties to comprehend the revelation once it was given just as did those who received no miraculous gifts. The truth was revealed through them, but the Spirit seemingly did not aid their understanding of the truth revealed. The Holy Spirit revealed the will of God to man in apostolic times, and that revelation was recorded in the New Testament, and man must now exercise his own power of mind to understand it. Thus the Spirit was given to reveal the truth, not to illuminate the understanding of truth when it was revealed.
3. The Holy Spirit was not given to make trivial decisions for man. While it is true that the Spirit did reveal to those possessing Him in a miraculous manner some of the places to go and some of the things to do and some of the people to teach (Acts 8), in no way could this be compared with making the unimportant and trifling decisions ascribed to Him by many today. It should be noted that when Paul was warned of the danger involved in his decision to go up to Jerusalem to the feast, the Spirit gave the warning but left Paul to make his own decision. Agabus, a prophet, met Paul, "And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles." (Acts 21:11.) Thus He warned Paul, but the Spirit did not work in him subjectively to influence his decision. The Spirit worked through Agabus and the spoken word. The Holy Spirit's purpose was to reveal and confirm the truth. When the truth was made known, men were left as free moral agents to either follow it and receive the blessings or to ignore it and bring upon themselves destruction. Man's actions are always by man's choice -the Holy Spirit reveals what is right but man must choose for himself whether he will do the right or not.

There are many other things attributed to the Holy Spirit which He does not do today. For a further study along this line and the Holy Spirit generally, this book by Howard Winters can be found in our library or even online.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

**AM: Jerry Sturgill-** *"What Is Your Life "*

**PM: Brandon Foresha-** *"The Gospel That Has Never Changed"*

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Peter 1:18-25

## 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

**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

## Gauging Our Faith

	07/29/18	Goal	07/30/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	100	110	95
<b>AM Worship</b>	146	160	141
<b>PM Worship</b>	97	110	97
<b>Mid Week</b>	74	110	87
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6355.07	\$5900.00	\$4994.01

## 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. Thank you.

## 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 Moe's Mexican Restaurant in Ashland.

## Prime-timers is on break in August

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Steve Wallace/ Jerry Sturgill

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** Ben Poling

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

**Presiding AM:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** Chris Scott,  
Greg Conley, Greg Hall,  
Shelby Steele, Ernie Perry,  
Auston Clarkson, Eric McKinney

**Presiding PM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Will Scott

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Bob Tushay

**PM:** Daniel Goshorn

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Dan Stone

**PRAYER:** Brad Morris

**DEVOTIONAL:** Brandon Foresha

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Nathan Adkins

**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 11 ☆☆☆☆

**Play Day (all ages)**

**Noon in the annex**

**See Brandon for details!**



## 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!