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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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...What went ye out into  
the wilderness to see?

*A reed shaken  
with the wind?*

Matthew 11:7

**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!

## Nothing to Joke About

“Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.” 2 Peter 3:3-4

By inspiration Peter foretold that scoffers (mockers) would come in the last time. These would poke fun at Jesus’ promise to come again, citing the long-standing constancy of the created order as purportedly proving the possibility of a final day as ridiculous. However, it is evident that the universe had a starting point, when the eternal Creator brought it into existence; there is no excuse for failing to recognize this truth from creation (Romans 1:20). Just as the universe had a starting point, it will have an ending point. Observation is all that is required to see that the physical world is wearing out, or winding down from its original state of creation. Unlike God, the world has an expiration date, “And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; And as a vesture shalt thou fold them up, and they shall be changed: but thou art the same, and thy years shall not fail” (Hebrews 1:10-12).

Peter goes on to tell us the attitude we ought to have based on this truth: “*Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (2 Peter 3:11-12). Instead of mocking, as those described in verse 3 do, we ought to take serious stock of our lives and prepare for the final day.

It is difficult to get some people to be sober-minded about anything. While there is time for joking, eternal spiritual matters are of great importance. Because these scoffers deny the Lord’s coming, they walk in lusts. They indulge the flesh because they do not consider the judgment of God a serious matter. The devil wants us to dismiss the seriousness of the judgment. This is why people can recognize what the Bible teaches on how they are to live and turn from it — they focus on what they want now rather than preparing for later (2 Peter 2:21-22). But the dismissal or ridicule of the plain truths of the Bible will not make them go away. In chapter 2 of his second epistle, Peter had reminded his audience that God punishes sin. The angels that were not content to stay in their place were cast down to hell (2 Peter 2:4). The ungodly in Noah’s day were drowned in the flood (2 Peter 2:5). The ungodly practices of Sodom and Gomorrah, which are so glorified among many in our day, were the cause of their destruction by God (2 Peter 2:6). Because those cities would not repent of their fornication —going after “strange flesh” (Jude 7) — they were turned into ashes and stand as an example of God’s judgment on the ungodly. We should take God’s attitude toward sin seriously and live right before it is too late!

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

**10:45 AM:** "Bad Jokes About the Good News"

**6:00 PM:** "Reeds Shaken By the Wind"

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 11:7-15

## Ladies Luncheon

Friday, September 28th at 12:00pm, the ladies will meet for lunch at Firehouse Subs.

## Dates to Remember

**Sep 16**—elders/deacons/preachers meeting—annex large classroom- 4:30p

**Sep 17-20**— Ceredo Gospel Meeting w/ Barry Bryson, Manassas, VA— 7p

**Sep 18**— Prime-timers— 10a— annex

**Sep 22**— Rolling Hills Men's Day w/ Paul Holland— Bible & Mental Health— 8:45a

**Sep 25**— Prime-timers— 10a— annex

**Sep 28**— Ladies Luncheon-12 noon

**Sep 30**— Jessica & Chris Miller Wedding reception—3-5p—annex- (gift cards only)

**Sep 30- Oct 3**— Olive Hill Revival with Melvin Sapp, Sumter, SC (M-W 7p)

## Mark Your Calendar

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

**Nov 1-3**— Rome Youth Conference— 6-8p

**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

	09/09/18	Goal	09/10/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	129	110	97
<b>AM Worship</b>	174	160	147
<b>PM Worship</b>	84	110	86
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	110	nc
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5811.22	\$5900.00	\$7288.10

## Our Newest Member

Congratulations to Jerrad & Amanda Nickell on the birth of their son, Elijah Zane. He was born Sept. 13th, at 1:27am, weighing 7lbs., 15ozs. Amanda and Elijah are doing well.

## Gratitude Expressed

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Creation Seminar a success. Our attendance was very good: Friday about 130 estimated, Saturday 122 and Sunday 174. Audio of this event is available on our website.

## Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

This group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

## Reception for Chris & Jessica Miller

Everyone (children included) are invited to a wedding reception to honor Chris and Jessica (Felty) Miller on their recent wedding. The event will be Sunday, September 30, from 3 to 5pm in the annex auditorium. Well wishes, cards and/or gift cards only are requested. See Denise Smith & Holly Poling for further details.

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Jerry Sturgill

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Daniel Goshorn

**PM:** John Gambill

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Greg Conley,  
Greg Hall, Mark Parks,  
Jerrad Nickell, Jason Fouts,  
Mark Gullett, Jacob Martin

**Presiding PM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Will Scott

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Parks

**PM:** Denny Deskins

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Greg Hall

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

## ☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

☆☆ Every Sunday ☆☆

### **Pew Packers**

**at 5:45pm**

**in front auditorium**

**geared to age 12 & younger,  
but everyone can come.**

**-Boys: have a song ready to lead-**

☆☆ Nov 1-3 ☆☆

**Rome church of Christ**

**Youth Leadership Conference**

**6-8pm each night**

**middle & high school students**

**-Transportation can be provided if needed-**

**Speak with Mark Day if you are interested**



## 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!