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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
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Way"* TV broadcast
-Stephane Maillet
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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...in an honest and good heart,
having heard the word, keep it
and bring forth fruit
with patience.



Luke 8:15

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!

Can I Still Be Useful to the Lord's Cause?

Samson is noted for his strengths and weaknesses. He had great physical strength in fighting against men, but he had a glaring lack of moral fiber in resisting seductive women. Samson saw a Philistine woman in Timnath and wanted her to be his wife (Judges 14:1-2). Samson's parents were conscientious in regard to their responsibility of raising the son God had given them to follow the Lord. His father Manoah asked, "O my Lord, let the man of God which thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born" (Judges 13:8). He wanted to know, "How shall we order the child, and how shall we do unto him?" (Judges 13:12). Now that Samson was grown and making this request, they were concerned. Samson's parents knew that this Philistine woman would not make a good choice for a wife (Judges 14:3). The Philistines served Dagon, a grain and fertility god (Judges 16:23). Thus, they tried to encourage Samson to marry a woman who believed in the true God of Israel. But Samson was insistent, saying, "Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well."

This was a time of moral and spiritual degeneration characterized by God's people forsaking Him to serve other gods and every man doing what was right in his own eyes (Judges 2:12; 17:6; 21:25). Samson, at times, seemed to have imbibed the attitude of the day: seeking pleasure over pleasing God (cf. 2 Timothy 3:4). His lust for another Philistine woman, Delilah, cost him dearly (Judges 16). It is obvious, reading the narrative, that Delilah was bent on betraying him, but he continued to flirt with sin until it left him with his head shaved, his Nazarite vow broken, his strength departed, and his eyes gouged out (Judges 16:19-21).

However, by faith Samson—though flawed—was used by God to accomplish military victories against the wicked enemies of God's people: the Philistines. The brief synopsis of Hebrews 11:32-34 is, "And what shall I more say? for the time would fail me to tell of Gedeon, and of Barak, and of Samson, and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets: Who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Samson's marriage to the woman at Timnath did not end well, as his parents suspected, "But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD, that he sought an occasion against the Philistines: for at that time the Philistines had dominion over Israel" (Judges 14:4). Because things went south between Samson and the in-laws, he slew a thousand Philistines when the Spirit of the Lord came upon him (Judges 15). He went after Delilah like an ox to the slaughter, just as many strong men have been slain by an adulterous woman (Proverbs 7:22, 26). But when his hair grew, he prayed to God for one last opportunity to fight against the enemies, and killed more Philistines in his death than he had in his life (Judges 16:28, 30).

Perhaps in your life unwise decisions and past sins have resulted in you having to face difficult situations that make it hard to be happy. But God can still use you if you will give your life to Him in faith.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: "A Good Soldier of Jesus Christ"

6:00 PM: "Don't Choke"

Scripture Reading: Luke 8:4-15

Food Cabinet Needs

We are asking for very specific food donations for our food cabinet right now. This week we ask for canned vegetables, and please, no corn or green beans.

Elders/Preachers/Deacons Meet

The group meets next Sunday at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Dates to Remember

Nov 12-14– Rome gospel Meeting with Jerry Alderson– 7p nightly

Nov 13- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Nov 18– elders/deacons/preachers

Nov 20- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Nov 27- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Nov 30– Ladies luncheon– 12p– Cheddars

Dec 1– Scott family pancake breakfast–8a

Dec 4- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Dec 8– Ladies Holiday Party @ Kathy Hall's home– 6p

Dec 11- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Dec 16– Goshom Baby Shower– 3-5p- annex

Dec 16– elders/deacons/preachers– 4:30p

Dec 18- Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Jan 6– Poling Baby Shower– 3-5p-annex

Daily Bible Reading Calendars

Our 2019 Daily Bible Reading calendars are now available. Please, take some home to give to friends and neighbors. These are free of charge.

Annual Book Reading Challenge

Our 2019 Reading Challenge has begun. Please, sign up on the foyer bulletin board, then read 6 books in 5 months. The book list and rules are on the foyer table. See Jerry Sturgill for the gift book for participation. Any books not listed must be approved by Jerry Sturgill to apply to this challenge.

Member Information Form– new

There is now a revised Church Directory Information sheet. Everyone is asked pick one up on the foyer round table, fill it out (using your full name & an emergency contact other than your spouse) and return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10a.m. in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the group.

Gauging Our Faith

| | 11/04/18 | Goal | 11/05/17 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bible Study | 110 | 110 | 104 |
| AM Worship | 197 | 160 | 188 |
| PM Worship | 87 | 110 | 80 |
| Mid Week | nc | 110 | 85 |
| Contribution: | \$5400.35 | \$5900.00 | \$6262.00 |

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jason Ridgeway

PM: Denny Deskins

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Trimble

Assisting: John Gambill,
George Wallace, J.C. Hughes,
Dan Stone, Jeremiah Smith,
Austin Clarkson, Mark Gullett

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: David Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Ben Poling

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Will Scott

PRAYER: Daniel Goshorn

DEVOTIONAL: Mark Day

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: M. Vonderheide

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: J.C. Hughes

★★★ 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-**

★★★ ??? ★★★

**Watch for an upcoming
Lads to Leaders/Leaderettes
planning meeting in the near
future for all ages !**



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 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.