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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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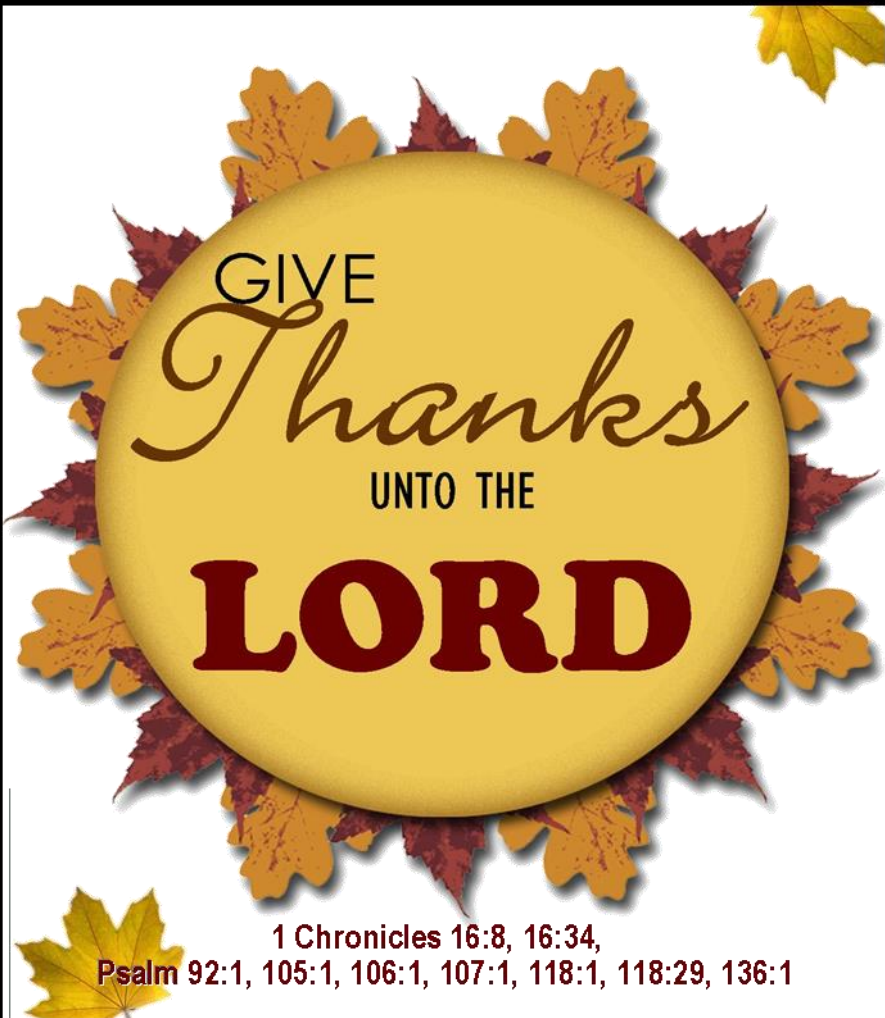
# HERALD

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**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!

## Giving and Receiving

This time of year, the minds of many are occupied with what gifts they will give and receive. Consider what we give to others in how we treat them every day and how the treatment we receive may be influenced by it. Jesus said, "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven: Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again" (Luke 6:37-38). We ordinarily will receive reciprocal treatment from others. If I am willing to give others the benefit of the doubt—believing and hoping all things (1 Corinthians 13:7)—then it is much more likely they will give me the benefit of the doubt. If I am severely critical of others, they are more likely to criticize me. Of course, there are some people who will be malicious no matter how well we treat them. Jesus was persecuted to the point of crucifixion, yet no one ever treated others with more love. Our best option then is to follow His example to choose to do good in spite of the evil done to us (Romans 12:14, 17, 20-21). But generally speaking people will respond in kind to the way we treat them.

A common pitfall is to highlight perceived faults in others without considering one's own errors. Eli saw Hannah silently moving her mouth (1 Samuel 1:13). He thought she was drunk and rebuked her (1 Samuel 1:14). She asked that he not deem her a "daughter of Belial" and explained that she was not drunk, but rather pouring out her soul to the Lord in prayer (1 Samuel 1:15). Meanwhile, Eli's own sons were wicked; they were "sons of Belial" (1 Samuel 2:12). While he outwardly may have told them to stop, in reality Eli benefited from their wickedness and honored his sons above the Lord (1 Samuel 2:29). He was so quick to surmise that Hannah must be sinning when she wasn't while he dismissed sin in his own family.

Ahab called Elijah a troubler of Israel (1 Kings 18:17). In reality, it was the sinful idolatry Ahab and Jezebel had introduced in Israel that caused God to send Elijah and other faithful prophets with denunciations and to withhold rain from Israel. If Ahab and Jezebel would have repented of their wickedness, God would have relented of the trouble He was allowing Israel to face.

The Pharisees thought the man born blind was born in sins and had no right to correct them; they threw him out of the synagogue (John 9:34). But the man had not been born in sins; his blindness was not due to sin but rather as an opportunity for God to reveal His work (John 9:3). The Pharisees thought they were so much better than other men, and would brag to God about it (Luke 18:11-12). The blind man believed on Jesus the Son of God, but because the Pharisees were too spiritually blind to see the conclusion to which the miraculous evidence right before them pointed, they rejected Jesus and remained in their sins (John 9:39-41).

So, give mercy to others in the way you interact with others. It may come back to you. Ultimately, God will judge us according to the way we treat others, "For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment" (James 2:13; cf. Matthew 5:7).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

**10:45 AM:** "Our Blind Spots"

**6:00 PM:** "Don't Choke"

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 8:13-14

## Food Cabinet Needs

We are asking for specific food donations for our food cabinet right now. This week we ask for soups, vegetable or olive oil, and peanut butter. **But, please, no corn or green beans.** We are well stocked on those. Remember, members, that you can use your benevolent fund allotment for people you know who are in need & not a member, up to \$200/year total.

## Elders/Preachers/Deacons Meet

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

## Dates to Remember

**Nov 18**– Lads 2 Leaders– noon– annex

**Nov 18**– elders/deacons/preachers– 4:30p

**Nov 20**– Prime-timers– cancelled

**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

## Gauging Our Faith

	11/11/18	Goal	11/12/17
<b>Bible Study</b>	108	110	93
<b>AM Worship</b>	155	160	139
<b>PM Worship</b>	89	110	80
<b>Mid Week</b>	77	110	73
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6371.12	\$5900.00	\$5251.80

## Scott Family's Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, Dec. 1, at 8am in the annex, the Scott family will have their annual pancake breakfast. You need only bring your syrup and toppings to share. Please, sign up on the foyer board for planning purposes. Thanks.

## 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 to 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.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

**WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Steve Wallace

**SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** David Trimble

**PM:** Brad Morris

**FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Ben Poling

**LORD'S TABLE:**

**Presiding AM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Chris Scott,  
Greg Hall, Ben Poling,  
Dan Stone, Jerrad Nickell,  
David Castle, Matt Goshorn

**Presiding PM:** David Smith

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Daniel Goshorn

**PM:** John Gambill

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jason Ridgeway

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Nathan Parks

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Steve Wallace

**ATTENDANCE:** David Castle

**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-**

★★★ Noon Today ★★★

**Lads to Leaders**

**planning meeting in**

**the large annex classroom**

**following morning worship**



## 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.