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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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-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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The night
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Romans 13:12

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!

The Light on the Horizon

“And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Romans 13:11-12).

The New Testament often ties proper living with reminders of the Lord’s return. Peter—after affirming that the physical universe will be burned up—asked, “*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). John wrote, “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure” (1 John 3:1-2). Many more examples can be found throughout the New Testament that would encourage increased attentiveness to the Lord’s directives as time passes, for, as Jesus said: “But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 24:48-51).

In Romans 13, the apostle Paul had just showed how loving one’s neighbor was of supreme importance (vv. 8-10). If the Lord is returning to repay tribulation on those who are persecutors (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9), then it is wise to return good for evil and let vengeance belong to the Lord (Romans 12:17-21). The envy which leads to strife would be curbed if men would think about how they stand with the Lord rather than how they look among others (Romans 13:13; cf. James 3:13-18).

The other works of darkness which Paul mentioned here are wantonness which leads to chambering and drunkenness which leads to rioting (Romans 13:13). Worldly people celebrate the closing of one year and the dawning of a new one with lustful dancing that leads to fornication and drinking which leads to carousing. How foolish this is in light of Jesus’ warning mentioned above! As Christians, we are coming together to encourage one another spiritually for the new year. After all, saying farewell to another year of our lives means we are closer to death or the day appointed by the Father for the world to be judged by Jesus Christ (Acts 17:31). Whichever comes first, “our salvation is nearer than we believed” and we should behave as children of light who expectantly look toward the eternal day that is on the horizon (Romans 13:11). Praying all of us choose to put on the light and shed the darkness as the years come and go.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: *"Be Thou Faithful unto Death"*

6:00 PM: *"Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions"*

New Year's Eve Watch

At 9pm– midnight on Dec. 31st, we invite everyone to come share good Christian fellowship in the annex. There will be singing, a devotional, and fun. Bring snacks and drinks to share and games for all ages.

Poling Baby Shower

On Sunday, January 6th, we will have a baby shower honoring Holly and Ben Poling. The event will be from 3pm to 5pm in the annex. Holly is registered at myregistry.com for Walmart, Target, and Amazon.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10a.m. in the annex large classroom. Prime Timers will not meet on January 1, but will resume the next week, January 8. Everyone high school and above is welcomed to attend.

Dates to Remember

Dec 31– New Year's Eve watch– 9p

Jan 6– Poling Baby Shower– 3-5p-annex

Jan 8– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

2019 Dates for Planning

Feb 4-9– FHU Lectureship

Apr 14-17– Our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Apr 18-21– Lads to Leaders, Louisville

Jul 22-26– Vacation Bible School

Aug 16-22– Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville

Sep 13-15– Our Seminar with Eric Lyons- "Is the Bible Reliable?"

Gauging Our Faith

	12/23/18	Goal	12/24/17
Bible Study	88	110	90
AM Worship	158	160	164
PM Worship	71	110	66
Mid Week	76	110	78
Contribution:	\$20863.00	\$5900.00	\$5890.50

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Trimble

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Jeremiah Smith, Jason Ridgeway
Michael Perry, Jacob Martin,
Matt Goshorn, Jesse Legg

Presiding PM: J.C. Hughes

Assisting: John Gambill

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Nathan Adkins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: David Trimble

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: David Castle

★★★ 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-

★★ Dec 31 ★★

New Year's Eve watch

at 9:00pm

-Bring snacks & drinks to share

-Bring games & friends!



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.**