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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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-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
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SEARCH TV
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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Psalm 90:12



So teach us
to number
our days....

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 Prescribed Sacrifice

Genesis 4 gives the first record of worship to the Lord through sacrifice. Abel's offering was "the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof" (Genesis 4:4). Cain, however, "brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD" (Genesis 4:3). God did not just accept any offering, rather, "The LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect" (Genesis 4:4-5). Why was Cain's offering rejected? The Bible does not tell us God's instructions to these two brothers. We could speculate that perhaps Cain brought the wrong kind of offering—a vegetable offering rather than a blood sacrifice. Leviticus 2 shows that later under the Mosaic law some offerings were flour, oil and corn, so God did not always require a blood sacrifice. The emphasis from the text is that Abel brought the best. Whether Cain's offering was of the wrong type or quality or both, the point is the same: God does not accept just anything we wish to offer to Him in worship. "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain" (Hebrews 11:4). To do something "by faith" is to take God at His word, heeding His instructions (Romans 10:17). Abel offered what God had prescribed while Cain offered only what pleased himself.

When we come before God in worship today we must offer what is prescribed by His word. We do not need a "thou shalt not" statement in the scriptures for us to know that certain worship practices are unacceptable. Unless God has given us a command, an example, or an implication to warrant employing a practice in worship to Him, we should leave it behind. Even if God formerly allowed a practice under previous covenants, that does not mean He accepts such today. Offering an animal upon an altar, burning incense, and having a special priest class are all characteristics of the law of Moses that are no longer viable in New Testament worship with Jesus Christ as our high priest and each Christian offering sacrifices through Him (Hebrews 9:11; 1 Peter 2:9).

In our worship in song, we are to be speaking to each other, singing and make melody in our hearts (Ephesians 5:19). The song, hymns, and spiritual songs we sing serve the purpose of teaching one another (Colossians 3:16). God has prescribed the instrument: the heart. He has prescribed the kind of music: singing. He has prescribed the kind of songs: psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Singing non-religious songs would not satisfy this prescription. Having a few people playing on mechanical instruments while the rest of the congregation listens does not fit God's prescription. It turns the atmosphere into a performance of a few rather than the speaking, teaching and admonishing of all in the congregation. It replaces the God-approved instrument of the heart with a mechanical instrument that cannot teach spiritual truths in words.

Answer these questions. Why should we not have a pope? Why should we not handle snakes in our worship? Why should we not have chicken and cherry coke as the elements of the communion supper instead of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine? There are no passages that explicitly say we should not engage in these practices. Thus, to answer these is to answer why our worship in song should be without the addition of mechanical instruments. Let us stick with what God has prescribed in the New Testament, offering the sacrifice of praise, that is the fruit of our lips, rather than adding foreign elements to His worship (Hebrews 13:15).
-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: "Instruments of Praise"

6:00 PM: "What Is Man?"

Scripture Reading: Psalm 90:9-10

Member Information Sheet

If you have not filled out a new member information sheet, please, pick one up on the foyer table, complete it and return it to the office. This is an important document that we keep on file for use in the member directory and for elders, preachers or deacons to stay in touch. Just put the completed form on the office desk. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Jan 13– Singing/Bible study– 2p– Morning Pointe (2nd Sunday monthly)

Jan 15– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Jan 20– Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet-4:30p

Jan 22– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Jan 25– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– Texas Roadhouse

Jan 29– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

2019 Dates for Planning

Jan 25-26– Ohio Winter Lectures– Fishing & Kenny church– see flyer

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

Member Information Change

One of our new members, Nelson Ward, has moved to 1902 Dillow Court, Flatwoods, KY 41139. Please, note this in your directory.

Monthly Morning Pointe Singing

On the second Sunday of each month at 2pm, everyone is asked to meet at Morning Pointe for singing and Bible Study with Genevieve Obroff and her group of friends.

Elders, Deacons, Preachers to Meet

Next Sunday, January 20th, the elders, deacons and preachers will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

January Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, January 25th, at 12:30pm, the ladies will meet at the Texas Roadhouse for their monthly luncheon. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10a.m. in the annex

Gauging Our Faith

	01/06/19	Goal	01/07/18
Bible Study	88	110	98
AM Worship	143	160	151
PM Worship	96	110	91
Mid Week	nc	110	83
Contribution:	\$6694.12	\$5900.00	\$6332.55

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jason Ridgeway

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: David Trimble

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: David Trimble

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Daniel Goshorn, George Wallace,
Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford,
Jordan Conley, Jack Little

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: David Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: John Gambill

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Nathan Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Hall

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Nathan Adkins

*** 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–



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.