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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
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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*"If any man shall add unto
these things, God shall add unto
him the plagues that are written in
this book: And if any man shall
take away from the words of the
book of this prophecy, God shall
take away his part out of the book
of life, and out of the holy city,
and from the things which are
written in this book"*

Revelation 22:18-19

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 Old Testament (II)

The previous installment of this study considered the implications of the phrase “old testament” in 2 Corinthians 3:14, including Jesus’ acknowledgement of a closed catalogue of inspired books that began with Genesis and ended with Second Chronicles (Matthew 23:35). This installment will consider books outside of this catalogue that some have attempted to add to the canon—those books which measure up to the qualifications of being inspired, thus authoritative and to be included as part of God’s word.

While additional books, sometimes known as the Apocrypha, can be found in Roman Catholic, Russian Orthodox and Greek Orthodox Bibles—each of these differ in what additional books they include—these were not considered inspired Scripture by Jesus or the Jews in general. Josephus, a first-century Jewish historian, mentioned what the Jews considered to be from God:

For we have not an innumerable multitude of books among us, disagreeing from and contradicting one another, [as the Greeks have,] but only twenty-two books, which contain the records of all the past times; which are justly believed to be divine; and of them five belong to Moses, which contain his laws and the traditions of the origin of mankind till his death. This interval of time was little short of three thousand years; but as to the time from the death of Moses till the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, who reigned after Xerxes, the prophets, who were after Moses, wrote down what was done in their times in thirteen books. The remaining four books contain hymns to God, and precepts for the conduct of human life. It is true, our history hath been written since Artaxerxes very particularly, but hath not been esteemed of the like authority with the former by our forefathers, because there hath not been an exact succession of prophets since that time; and how firmly we have given credit to these books of our own nation is evident by what we do; for during so many ages as have already passed, no one has been so bold as either to add any thing to them, to take any thing from them, or to make any change in them; but it is become natural to all Jews immediately, and from their very birth, to esteem these books to contain Divine doctrines, and to persist in them, and, if occasion be willingly to die for them (Against Apion 1:8).

While Josephus mentions 22 books, he is referring to the same content of our 39 books of the Old Testament. The Minor Prophets were all one book known as “The Twelve”; First and Second Samuel were one book; so were First and Second Kings, as well as First and Second Chronicles. Ezra and Nehemiah were together as one book. Ruth was combined with Judges and Lamentations with Jeremiah.

The Apocrypha is not inspired of God. Apocryphal books have errors in them unlike inspired Scripture. Some of them also attest to not being divine. First Maccabees was written during an acknowledged time when God was providing no new revelation, “It was a time of great trouble for Israel, worse than anything that had happened to them since the time prophets ceased to appear among them” (9:27). What a contrast to the first-century apostles and prophets who were revealing the New Testament, inspired of God to replace His former testament. While NT writers often quoted from the OT, they never quoted from the Apocrypha to give any indication that those books were from God. As previously mentioned Jesus did not recognize the Apocrypha as part of God’s word and neither did His apostles.

The OT warnings about adding to God’s Word mentioned at the end of the first installment of this study are complimented by a similar admonition at the end of the last book of the New Testament, “For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book” (Rev. 22:18-19). It is clear that God has given us all the written revelation we need (2 Pet. 1:3), and we should not add to it.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: Jerry Sturgill- *"Things One Might Do And Still Be Lost"*
6:00 PM: Jerry Sturgill- *"The Church in Ephesus "*

Scripture Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Member Information Sheet

Please, fill out the new version of the member information sheet, on the foyer table, then put it on the office desk. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Feb 10- Singing/Bible study- 2p- Morning Pointe (2nd Sunday monthly)
Feb 12- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
Feb 17- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meeting annex large classroom- 4:30p
Feb 19- Prime-timers- 10a- annex
Feb 22- Ladies Luncheon- Cheddars- 12:30p
Feb 24- Ward & Wallace couple shower (wedding) 3-5p- annex- RSVP
Feb 26- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

2019 Dates for Planning

Mar 16- Ladies Day, Sheila Butt, Main St. church in Hurricane, WV
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

Gauging Our Faith

	02/03/19	Goal	02/04/18
Bible Study	82	110	99
AM Worship	147	160	144
PM Worship	83	110	93
Mid Week	83	110	nc
Contribution:	\$5369.74	\$5900.00	\$6224.50

Congratulations

Declan James Poling, was born at 4:10 last Sunday morning, weighing in at 6 lbs., 5 oz. and 20 inches long, 12 days early. Declan, Ben & Holly are all doing well at home now.

Condolences

Brother Clarence "Jumbo" Maupin, Veronica Wheeler's brother who was baptized July 22nd last year, passed away Feb. 3rd. His funeral was Thursday.

Monthly Morning Pointe Singing

Today, Feb. 10th, at 2pm, everyone is asked to meet at Morning Pointe for singing and Bible Study with Genevieve Obroff and her group of friends.

Interested in Ladies Group?

Plans are underway to restart a ladies' Bible Study to be held on a weekday evening beginning in March. Please speak with Denise Smith to share your thoughts and ideas for this class.

Wallace/ Nelson Wedding Shower

The wedding shower for Nelson Ward & Madi Wallace on Feb. 24, from 3-5pm, is an open event inviting both men and women. Men are encouraged to attend and get to know one of our new members, Nelson. Further details are on the bulletin board along with registry and RSVP information cards.

February Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, February 22nd, at 12:30pm, the ladies will meet at Cheddars 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 large classroom. Mark Day leads the group.

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Dan Stone

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Edgar Phillips

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
Jordan Conley, David Smith,
Auston Clarkson, John Gambill,
Mark Gullett, Michael Perry

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Brad Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Ben Poling

PM: Nathan Parks

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTIONAL: Mark Day

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

★★★ 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-

★★ Today ★★

Bible Study & Singing

- 2pm

at Morning Pointe

Assisted Care Facility

-Bring joy to those who need it!



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.