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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)

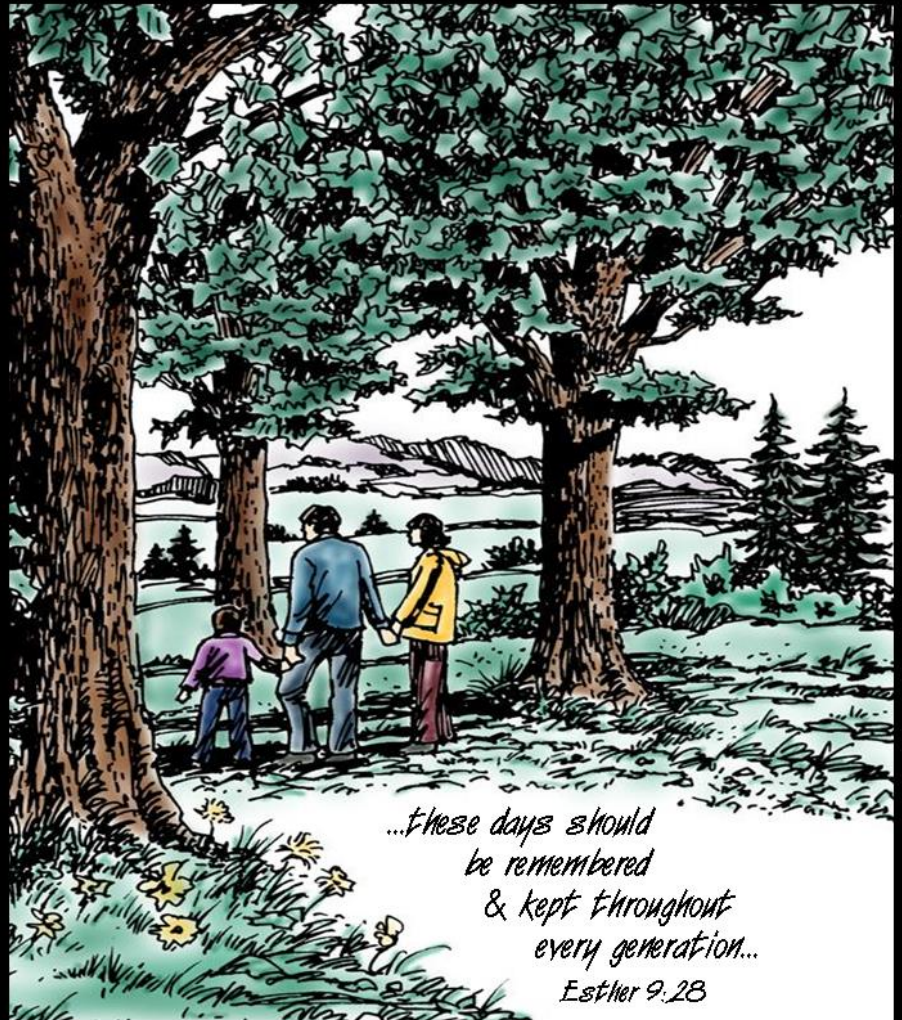
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*...these days should
be remembered
& kept throughout
every generation...
Esther 9:28*

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!

Esther's Defining Moment

While the Jews were in captivity under Persian rule, Esther, a Jewess, was selected by the Persian king Ahasuerus to be his queen (Esther 2). Mordecai, a relative of Esther's, looked after her and advised her to keep her race a secret, "Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she should not shew it" (Esther 2:10). It seemed as if all would go well for the Jews until a law was passed that was essentially a death sentence for God's people. Laws of the Medes and Persians could not be revoked after they were made (Esther 1:19; cf. Daniel 6:8, 12). Haman, the enemy of God's people, had convinced Ahasuerus to grant him the sanction of his signet ring to sign an unalterable law into edict to kill all Jews, both young and old, even women and little children, in one day (Esther 3:10-13).

Mordecai counseled Esther that she must make a supplication before the king on behalf of her people (Esther 4:8). Esther responded, "All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days" (4:11). Perhaps the most famous words of the book of Esther come next in Mordecai's prompting: "Then Mordecai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" (4:13-14). Mordecai had confidence that God would deliver His people one way or another, but he saw Esther was at a unique time and position to have an opportunity to save the Jews. Though she would do so at the risk her own life, Esther decided to be identified with God's people and appear before the king uninvited to plead for her people. What would you and I do in this situation? Christ has called us to fear God more than men, being willing to confess Him before others even on pain of death (Matthew 10:28-33).

It is at this point in the narrative that Esther's courage is revealed with great energy. Instead of fearfully waiting for Mordecai to tell her what to do, we read, "Then Esther bade them return Mordecai this answer, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him."

She was successful in her request of the king. Haman was hanged on the gallows he had prepared for the Jews (Esther 8:7). The Jews were allowed by the king to defend themselves and thus survived as a people through whom Christ would come (Esther 8:11). Today, when one is baptized, one is identifying oneself with Christ's death by burying the servant of sin and be raised to a new life (Romans 6:3-7; Colossians 2:12-13). As Esther was energized when she was willing to die to be identified with the people of God, so giving ourselves to Christ in baptism means we are choosing to serve a purpose greater than our own concerns. We are dying to ourselves to serve Christ as our Lord in hope of life beyond this earthly existence. Baptism is that defining moment when the selfishness of past sins are washed away and a bold pledge is made that one will henceforth be identified as belonging to Jesus Christ (Acts 22:16; Galatians 3:26-27). Have you died to self in order to serve the Lord Jesus Christ?

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: *That They May All Be One*
 6:00 PM: Chris French- Rome
 church of Christ- Preacher Rotation

Member Information Sheet

Please, if you have not completed one, fill out the new version of the member information sheet with an emergency contact (not spouse).

Dates to Remember

- 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
Mar 23- Nelson Ward/ Madi Wallace
 wedding- 5p- RSVP by Mar. 1
Mar 31- deadline for Potter donations
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

	02/10/19	Goal	02/11/18
Bible Study	85	110	90
AM Worship	117	160	132
PM Worship	68	110	70
Mid Week	68	110	86
Contribution:	\$5250.88	\$6200.00	\$5052.75

Interested in a 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

Everyone is invited to the wedding shower for Nelson Ward & Madi Wallace on Feb. 24, from 3-5pm. 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.

Wallace/ Nelson Wedding

On Saturday, March 23rd, everyone is invited to the wedding of Nelson Ward & Madi Wallace. Music starts at 5pm. Please, RSVP by March 1st on the form posted on the foyer bulletin board. Thank you.

Potter Children's Home Donations

It is the annual commodities drive for the Potter Children's Home. They are requesting very specific items: Cheez It crackers, Flavor Ice popsicles, Fruit Loops, Instant oatmeal and kitchen garbage bags. There are small lists of items on the foyer board to take. The donation deadline is March 31. Donations can be placed under the sound room hallway coat rack. See J.C. Hughes for details.

Monthly Morning Pointe Singing

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

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Chris Scott,
Greg Hall, Mark Parks,
Jesse Legg, George Wallace,
Mark Gullett, Jacob Martin

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: John Gambill

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTIONAL: Greg Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Smith

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

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-

★★ March 10th ★★

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.