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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
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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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!

The Giver of Life on the Penalty of Death

To the Romans who were under the rule of the iniquitous Nero, Paul wrote, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Romans 13:1). While God does not approve of every decision made by human governments, He has ordained them to be a terror to evil works, administering punishment to curb evil (Rom. 13:3; 1 Peter 2:14). Paul went on to write, by inspiration of God, concerning government, "he beareth not the sword in vain; for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil" (Rom. 13:4). The sword was an instrument of death in the first century. Paul is referring to the exercise of capital punishment. As early as Genesis 9:6, when God was explaining to Noah and his descendants the difference between shedding animal blood and human blood, we find the injunction, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man." Man is made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). God gives humans an eternal spirit. This is what separate man from the animals. God forms the spirit of man within him (Zechariah 12:1). In God we live, move, and have our being (Acts 17:28). What does the giver of life say about taking life? To take innocent life is such an insult to God and man that the perpetrator under these instructions in Genesis was to have his blood shed by man. This seems to be the origin of God-ordained governmental punishment in the biblical record.

For human government to carry out capital punishment on the murderer was not itself murder. The law of Moses likewise showed this distinction in giving the command, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13), while also commanding, "He that that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death" (Exodus 21:12). It is not murder to put murderers to death. This is why the NKJV highlights the distinction by translating Exodus 20:13, "You shall not murder."

In the teaching of the New Testament, Jesus acknowledged that God gives power to human governments to put evildoers to death (Romans 13:1-4). Pilate asked Jesus, "Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee?" (John 19:10). To this Jesus replied, "Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin" (John 19:11). To unjustly put an innocent man to death would be a sin, but Jesus did acknowledge the power of Pilate to crucify criminals was given by God. When he stood before Festus, the apostle Paul declared, "For if I be an offender, or have committed any thing worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if there be none of these things whereof these accuse me, no man may deliver me unto them. I appeal unto Caesar" (Acts 25:11). Instead of arguing against the death penalty under all circumstances, Paul stated that he would take that punishment if he were guilty. Festus found that Paul "had committed nothing worthy of death" (Acts 25:25).

While Paul instructs Christians in Romans 12:19 not to seek personal vengeance, he goes immediately into the role of civil government in exacting vengeance in Romans 13:1-4. A society that promotes the shedding of innocent blood while prohibiting the death penalty on those who have shed innocent blood is diametrically opposed to God's revealed will. -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45 AM: "When Life Gets Difficult"

6:00 PM: "What Will You Do With the Truth?"

Scripture Reading: Acts 5:17-25

Dates to Remember

Feb 24– Wallace/ Ward couple shower (wedding) 3-5p– annex– RSVP

Feb 26– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mar 5– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mar 10– 2nd Sunday Bible Study– 2p– Morning Pointe

Mar 12– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mar 12– Participating Partners ladies group 5-6:30p– annex large classroom

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

Mar 17– elders/deacons/preachers meet– 4:30p– annex large classroom

Mar 19– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mar 23– Wallace/ Ward wedding- 5p– RSVP by Mar. 1

Mar 26– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

Mar 29– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– tbd

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?"

New Ladies Group

A new second Tuesday monthly ladies' Bible Study will begin March 12th. The Participating Partners group will meet from 5–6:30pm in the annex large classroom. Please speak with Denise Smith for details about this class.

Wallace/ Ward Wedding Shower

Everyone is invited to the wedding shower for Madi Wallace & Nelson Ward today in the annex auditorium from 3-5pm.

Wallace/ Ward Wedding

On Saturday, March 23rd, everyone is invited to the wedding of Madi Wallace & Nelson Ward. Music starts at 5pm. A reception will follow in the annex. 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.

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. Everyone high school age and above is welcome to attend.

Member Information Sheet

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

Gauging Our Faith

| | 02/17/19 | Goal | 02/18/18 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bible Study | 102 | 110 | 98 |
| AM Worship | 132 | 160 | 138 |
| PM Worship | 82 | 110 | 83 |
| Mid Week | 73 | 110 | nc |
| Contribution: | \$6178.50 | \$6200.00 | \$5873.00 |

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
Jordan Conley, David Smith,
Auston Clarkson, Ernie Perry,
Steve Wallace, Luke Wallace

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Will Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Dan Stone

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Mark Day

DEVOTIONAL: Steve Wallace

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Jeremiah Smith

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★



★★ Every Sunday ★★

Pew Packers

at 5:45 pm

in front auditorium

geared to age 12 & under,

but everyone can come

-Boys: have a song to lead-

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



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.