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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
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-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
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Way"* TV broadcast
-Stephane Maillet
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**...To day if ye will
hear His voice,
harden not your hearts...**



Hebrews 3:15

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!

Do Not Harden Your Hearts

“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:12-13). We enter the world innocent and pure children (Matthew 19:13-15); however, through our choices we may become thoroughly corrupted. God destroyed the entire human population with the exception of Noah’s family because man had become hardened by sin and “every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5).

The people of Judah in Jeremiah’s day went into exile in Babylon. God gave them opportunity time and again to repent of their sins but they “made their faces harder than a rock” (Jeremiah 5:3); they were so unashamed they could no longer blush at sin (6:15); they “hardened their neck” (7:26) and were bent on “perpetual backsliding” (8:5). They had so hardened their hearts by sin that repentance became impossible for them as indicated by the question: “Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil” (13:23). Sin was indelibly etched on their hearts: “The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart” (17:1). Since they rendered themselves incapable of repentance their only option was punishment from God. God told Jeremiah not to pray for them (7:16; 11:14; 14:11). Even if righteous individuals like Moses and Samuel stood among them and pleaded for them to God, His mind would not be changed; they were to be cast off (15:1). Yet, God promised that He would make a new covenant, different from the covenant Israel had transgressed (31:31-34).

The Lord Jesus Christ fulfills this prophecy and is the mediator of a better covenant based on better promises (Hebrews 8:6-13). However, if a man despises this greater opportunity provided by Jesus and hardens his heart then sorer punishment awaits him (Hebrews 10:26-29). While it is possible for those who fall away to be pardoned if they repent (Acts 8:13-24), if one’s heart reaches such a hardened condition that it is incapable of experiencing godly sorrow then repentance becomes impossible (2 Corinthians 7:10). One’s conscience can become defiled (Titus 1:15), seared with a hot iron so that it is callused and past feeling (1 Timothy 4:2; Ephesians 4:18-19). Such a state is described in Hebrews 6:4-6:

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

These who were once Christians had grown so hardened and hostile to Christianity that they exhibited the same attitude as those who crucified Christ. They had reached the point where repentance was impossible. Let us not head down that road. Beware, brethren, and “harden not your hearts” (Hebrews 3:8, 15).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

AM: Better Than Abel
 PM: Love and Spiritual Gifts
 Scripture Reading: 1 Cor. 13:1-13

A Sister Restored

Last Sunday, Brianne Griffin requested the prayers of the congregation to help her stay on the right path as she returns to her Christian walk. Please, keep her in your prayers.

VBS Volunteers Needed

If you can help with this year's Vacation Bible School in any way, please, speak with Jeremiah Smith about this. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

Apr 28-May 1– Gospel Meeting at North End church w/ Phil Sanders (Parkersburg, WV)
Apr 30- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
May 7- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
May 9– Participating Partners– 6p– annex
May 10– Little School graduation– 7p
May 12– Second Sunday Bible study & Singing at Morning Pointe– 2pm
May 14- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
May 19– Coffee, Tea & Desserts– 7p– annex
May 21- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
May 19– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
May 28- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
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

	04/21/19	Goal	04/22/18
Bible Study	88	110	104
AM Worship	160	160	142
PM Worship	93	110	81
Mid Week	97	110	77
Contribution:	\$6602.03	\$6200.00	\$6111.85

Ladies Evening Bible Study Group

The monthly ladies Bible Study group, Participating Partners, will meet in the annex large classroom on May 9th at 6pm.

Second Sunday Bible Study

On May 12th at 2pm, everyone is asked to meet at Morning Pointe Care facility on Addington Drive for Bible study and singing with Fred & Genevieve Obroff and their friends.

May Ladies Luncheon

All Ladies are invited to attend the luncheon on Friday, May 31st at 12:30pm. The location will be announced when determined.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10:00am in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the group. Everyone high school age and above is welcome to attend. This group will take a summer break June 1st through August 31st.

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: David Smith

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: John Gambill,
Dan Stone, Nathan Adkins,
Ernie Perry, Mark Gullett,
David Castle, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: J.C. Hughes

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Dan Stone

PRAYER: David Smith

DEVOTIONAL: Brad Morris

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Castle

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: J.C. Hughes

★★★ 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-

★★★ May 12th ★★★

Bible Study & Singing

- 2pm at Morning Pointe

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.