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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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**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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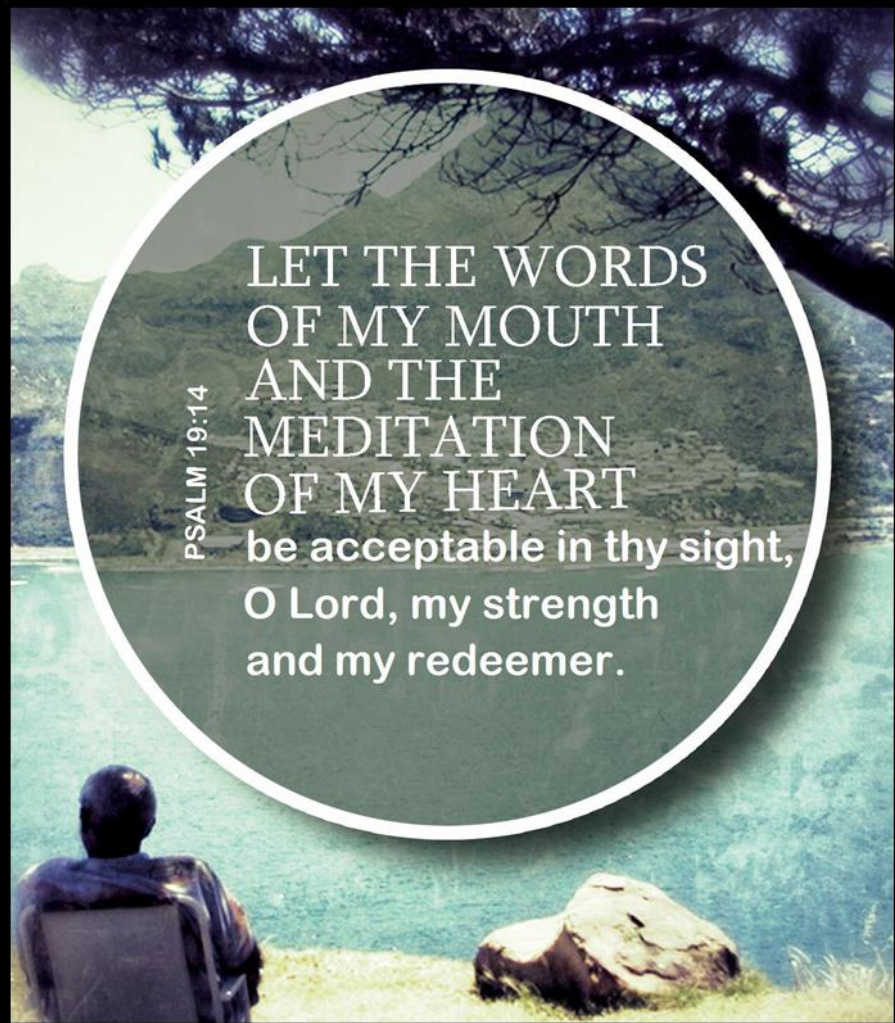
# HERALD

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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!

## Who Can and Who Cannot Marry Without Committing Sin?

For a number of reasons, questions about marriage are among the most interesting and important to human beings. And, among the most important of those questions is this: *who can marry without committing sin in so doing?* The Bible answer is plain. The Bible makes clear that, ideally speaking, God intends that marriage is to be a lifetime contract (Romans 7:1-4). Jesus gave one exception. He sets out one ground upon which one may put away his companion and marry another: that of marital *unfaithfulness* (fornication, Matthew 19:9). God *joins* together two people in marriage *only* when both parties to that marriage are *eligible* (according to Bible standards of eligibility) to be married. Even if a person is eligible to be married, if he/she marries someone who is *not* eligible, then he/she commits adultery. With the above introductory matters in mind, may each reader prayerfully consider those who, according the Bible, are eligible to be married (and who, therefore, can marry *without committing sin in so doing*).

1. Those who have never been married previously may, without sin, marry – so long as they themselves marry an eligible (in the sight of God) partner. “But and if thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned” (1 Corinthians 7:28; cf. 1 Corinthians 7:9).

2. Those who have been previously married but whose former companion is dead. Paul stated the matter in this fashion: “For the woman which hath a husband is bound by law to the husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of the husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband be dead, she is free from the law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man” (Romans 7:2, 3).

3. Those who have been previously married but whose former companion was guilty of fornication (unfaithfulness to the marriage vow). Here, our text (Matthew 19:9), shows plainly that Jesus gave to the *innocent* party the right to seek another marriage partner. If Jesus had given no exception, his language would have taught that every person who puts away his companion and marries another is guilty of adultery. But Jesus did not do that – he *did* give an exception, making it clear that those whose companions have been guilty of *sexual unfaithfulness* may put them away and marry another, not being guilty of adultery in so doing. This means physical unfaithfulness – the actual act of sexual intercourse - not merely lusting in one’s heart (Matthew 5:28).

The negation, put in simple terms, is a setting forth of those who *cannot* marry without sinning in so doing. Or, it might be stated as follows: those who do sin when they marry. Just who are these? 1. Those who have a living former companion who was not put away because of fornication. According to Matthew 19:9, Jesus forbade divorce and remarriage except on the ground of marital unfaithfulness (fornication). 2. Those who marry anyone who has a former companion (still living) who was not put away because of fornication. In Matthew 19:9, Jesus said, “Whosoever shall put away his wife, except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away committeth adultery” (compare Matthew 5:32). 3. Those who were put away because of their marital unfaithfulness (fornication) (Matt. 5:32; cf. 19:9). The *guilty party* (that is, one who has been put away because of fornication) is not free to marry. The teaching of Jesus on this matter is too plain for denial. It was with *infinite wisdom* that God has set forth the privileges and the bounds of marriage, divorce and remarriage. It is by *God’s wisdom* that fornication has been designated the *one and only* ground for divorce and remarriage. It was *God* who instituted marriage. It was *God* who has protected it by setting the *limitations*.

While our hearts ache for those who are involved in marriages which the Bible makes clear are not pleasing to God, it would not be the loving thing to counsel those so involved to stay in sinful relationships. The wise and loving counsel is always, “Obey the Lord. If you do, He will never leave you or forsake you.” Let each of us remember: “Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).

– Thomas B. Warren, *The Spiritual Sword*, April, 1984 (adapted) - submitted by Jerry D. Sturgill

# News & Notes



## **Sermons This Week**

AM: Therefore Choose Life  
 PM: The Words of My Mouth  
**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 19:14

## **Fort Hill Youth Camp**

If you haven't registered for camp yet, your time is running out. You want to be registered 2 weeks prior to our start date of June 30th and girls cabins fill quickly. Register now while there are still openings.

## **Dates to Remember**

- Jun 7-8**– Ladies Retreat– Ft. Hill CYC- \$50–  
Registration at 8:30am-details on b'board
- Jun 9**– Potluck & L2L Recognition Luncheon–  
annex- 12p
- Jun 9**– Morning Pointe Singing & Bible study-2p
- Jun 20**– Tykes 4 Christ– KYOVA Mall Movie
- Jun 23**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p
- Jun 23**– Youth Devo– 7p– annex
- Jun 28**– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p
- Jun 30**– 5th Sunday Preacher Answers Your  
Bible Questions– 6p
- Jun 30– Jul 6**– Ft. Hill Youth Camp
- Jul 9**– King's Island or Toy Story 4
- Jul 14**– Youth Devo– 7p– annex
- Jul 22-26**– Vacation Bible School
- Jul 28**– WVCYC Singing week
- Aug 2**– Lock-in?
- Aug 16-22**– Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville
- Sep 13-15**– Our Seminar with Eric Lyons-  
“Is the Bible Reliable?”

## **Potluck/ L2L Event**

On Sunday, June 9th after morning worship, we will have a potluck in the annex as well as recognition for those who participated in Lads 2 Leaders over the last year.

## **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.

## **Members Pictures**

Wendy Berry is now taking everyone's picture for our picture board and directory. Please, speak with her regarding about the best time. She will take a break after June 7th to recover from a medical procedure. Please, have a recent photo, especially if you have children. We would like everyone to have the same background for the directory and picture board to look its best. Thank you.

## **Prime-timers Group**

This group will take a summer break June 1st through August 31st.

## **Gauging Our Faith**

	<u>05/26/19</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>05/27/18</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	100	110	100
<b>AM Worship</b>	146	160	163
<b>PM Worship</b>	81	110	83
<b>Mid Week</b>	89	110	82
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5544.66	\$6200.00	\$4797.31

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Jerry Sturgill

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** John Gambill

### **LORD'S TABLE:**

**Presiding AM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** David Smith,  
J.C. Hughes, Nathan Adkins,  
George Wallace, Jason Fouts,  
Mark Gullett, Michael Perry

**Presiding PM:** J.C. Hughes

**Assisting:** Ben Poling

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jordan Conley

**PM:** Jordan Maynard

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL:** Mark Day

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Nathan Adkins

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

### **Pew Packers**

5:45 pm in front auditorium  
geared to age 12 & under,  
but everyone can come—  
Boys: have a song to lead—

★★ June 9 ★★

**Morning Pointe singing & Bible study**  
2pm- meet there

★★ June 20 ★★

**Tykes 4 Christ- Kyova Mall Movie**

★★ June 23 ★★

**Youth Devo- 7pm**  
in the annex after evening worship service

★★ June 30- July 6 ★★

### **Ft Hill Youth Camp**

**Register now- paper applications please**  
-tuition is free, campers pay for your  
own snacks & shirt- see Jeremiah Smith



## 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.