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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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-Brandon Foresha
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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!

We Still Have the Word of God

We often highlight how by inspiration God gave the very words of the Scriptures to the men who wrote the books of the Bible (1 Cor. 2:11-13; 14:37; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:20-21). But how do we know that what God originally gave is preserved in the Bible today? Some make the charge that the Bible has been corrupted over the centuries, but can that be substantiated? While space prevents an exhaustive answer, the evidence indicates that we can be confident that the Bible we read today is the faithfully preserved word of God.

While all the autographs (the original writings of each book of the Bible whether it was on stone, clay, papyrus, etc.) no longer survive to this day, an abundance of copies have been made of the originals beginning soon after the time of their composition. Beginning with Moses and Joshua his successor, reference is made to the book of the law (Deut. 31:24, 26; Josh. 1:8; 8:31, 34; 23:6). A copy of the book was to be made for Israel's leaders (Deut. 17:18). The scribes throughout OT times were very serious about preserving the words of God. This can be seen from the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls, which include copies of the OT books dating as far back as the second century BC. The Isaiah scroll is amazingly preserved and shows negligible variation from the Isaiah we have in our Bibles today. When the Ethiopian eunuch was reading from Isaiah in his chariot, he no doubt had a copy—not the original autograph—of Isaiah, yet what he read was the scripture (Acts 8:32).

When we open the New Testament, we can see early copying took place. Paul's letter to the Galatians was not written to one congregation, but multiple congregations in the region of Galatia (Gal. 1:2); thus, it would be necessary for each to make its own copy. That Paul's letters were thus circulated is seen in his instruction to the church at Colossae, "And when this epistle is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye likewise read the *epistle* from Laodicea" (Col. 4:16). Peter alluded to the fact recognized among first-century Christians that Paul's epistles were part of the body of inspired Scriptures (2 Pet. 3:15-16). Paul referenced the Gospel of Luke as Scripture, thus he had access to at least a copy of it just as he had to the Old Testament (1 Tim. 5:18; cf. Lk. 10:7; Deut. 25:4). Certainly, early Christians would make copies of writings they regarded as inspired Scripture. This copying has continued throughout the centuries and many fragments and large portions of these copies still exist and can be seen today in libraries around the world. There are more than 5,800 Greek manuscripts of the NT that have been catalogued. Additionally, over a million quotations of the Scriptures can be found in the writings of men known as "church fathers" who lived from the late first century to the middle ages. These "church fathers" obviously quoted extensively from the books of the Bible for they regarded them as inspired of God and authoritative. Their quotations corroborate the accuracy of the Bible text we now possess in line with the manuscripts from each century.

People do not question whether we have the words of Homer, Herodotus, or Shakespeare, yet the Bible has so much more evidence of faithful transmission than these writings. Take some time to investigate and you will find the Lord has kept His promise: "my words shall not pass away" (Mt. 24:35).
-Mark Day

News & Notes

Sermons This Week



AM: Remembering the One Who Delivered Us

PM: Lifted Up

Scripture Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Restored Brother in Christ

Jordan Maynard was restored last Sunday, the 19th. His address is 368 Ferry Street, Ashland, KY 41101. His phone number is 606-585-2203. Please, make him feel welcomed.

New Members

Last Sunday, Ranie & Bonnie Wohnhas placed their membership with our congregation. Their address is 16205 Lone Oak Dr., Catlettsburg, KY 41129. Their home phone number is (606) 585-0440 and Bonnie's cell is (740) 412-6208.

Dates to Remember

May 26– Youth planning meeting– annex large classroom–after AM service

May 28– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

May 31– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– O'Charley's

Jun 7-8– Ladies Retreat– Ft. Hill CYC- \$50–

Registration at 8:30am–details on b'board

Jun 9– Potluck luncheon– annex- 12p

Jun 23– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet-4:30p

Jun 28– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p

Jun 30– 5th Sunday Preacher Q&A– 6p

Jun 30– Jul 6– Ft. Hill Youth Camp

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

	05/19/19	Goal	05/20/18
Bible Study	99	110	112
AM Worship	156	160	170
PM Worship	nc	110	96
Mid Week	94	110	77
Contribution:	\$6384.07	\$6200.00	\$7062.20

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.

May Ladies Luncheon

All Ladies are invited to attend the luncheon this Friday, May 31st at 12:30pm. The location will be O'Charley's.

Members Pictures

Wendy Berry is now taking up-to-date pictures for our picture board and directory. Please, speak with her regarding having a recent picture made and the best Sunday before evening service. She will take a break after June 7th to recover from a medical procedure. Please, have a recent photo, especially if you have children. Thank you.

Prime-timers Group

This is an open discussion Bible study group meeting Tuesdays at 10:00am in the annex large classroom. 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: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Ben Poling

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Daniel Goshorn

Assisting: Chris Legg,
Nathan Adkins, George Wallace,
David Castle, Brad Morris,
Mason Morris, Jason Fouts

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Gabe Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Nathan Adkins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Steve Wallace

DEVOTIONAL: Jordan Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Chris Scott

ATTENDANCE: Michael Perry

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

★★★ 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—

★★ Today ★★

Youth/Parent Summer Planning Meeting

in the annex large classroom
after morning worship service

★★ Now ★★

Ft. Hill Camp sign-up

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.