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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**  
[www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org](http://www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org)

**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  
-Rod Goddard  
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**SEARCH TV**  
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**GOD** is a spirit, and they that  
worship Him must **WORSHIP** Him in  
**SPIRIT** and in **TRUTH.**

John 4:24



**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!

## Is True Worship Occurring?

In Isaiah 29, God is pledging judgment upon His people. The reason He gives is, "Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men" (Isaiah 29:13).

Fast-forward eight centuries: Jesus, in His rebuke of the Jewish leaders, exposes a parallel situation. These individuals hypocritically dishonored their parents in not supporting them while claiming to set aside special gifts for God (Matt. 15:5-6). Jesus cites Isaiah 29:13 to show that though God's people claim to be serving Him, their inward attitudes do not match their outward professions; thus, their worship is futile (Matt. 15:9). How can one truly worship if one's heart is not right? The Greek word translated "worship" here is *sebomai* which Thayer defines as "to revere, to worship" (572); as a verb it is translated worship, in general acts of homage paid to God (Acts 18:13), or false gods (Acts 19:27), but the adjectival form is translated "religious" or "devout" (Acts 13:43, 50; 17:4). Thus, Jesus uses Isaiah 29:13 to remind his audience that religious devotion can be vain. While many today may be deceived into thinking God will accept whatever we do in worship, this passage shows that our worship is ineffectual if our hearts are far from Him and/or if we are "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Matt. 15:9b).

To have a heart that is near God we must love Him by listening to His words and carefully obeying them. Love listens and communes with God on the basis of His revealed truth. Jesus said to the Samaritan woman, "Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth" (John 4:22-24). In the Pentateuch, God had not yet revealed where Israel was to worship, but gave a prophecy in Deuteronomy 12 that He would choose a place; however, the Samaritans changed this portion of God's word to read that worship offerings would be at the place the Lord "has chosen." The Samaritan Pentateuch changed the place of worship to somewhere the Lord had already chosen in Moses' time; they claimed it was Gerizim (Deut. 11:29; 27:12). The Jews recognized the truth it was a place the Lord "shall choose" at a future time (Deut. 12:5-11). The Samaritans were not worshipping according to the revealed truth of Scripture. Their place of worship and all their myths surrounding it were not according to the truth of God's word. Thus, they ignorantly worshiped, and worshiped in vain.

However, even though the Jews were right in their place of worship—Jerusalem—God was not satisfied with passionless rituals minus loving, heartfelt obedience. While some of the Jews may have sincerely worshiped God, those of the stripe Jesus rebuked in Matthew 15:5-9 did not. Jesus shows that true worship must rise above the mere physical items used to involve the spirit. One's spirit must understand and have the proper attitude to truly worship (1 Cor. 14:15-16). The Greek word for worship in John 4:21-24 is *proskuneo* which means "to kiss the hand" or "to fall upon the knees and touch the ground with the forehead" (Thayer 548). It is an act of adoration to a superior. Worship is about adoring God, not self. Worship involves coming to Him with a sincere heart (spirit) on His terms laid out in His revealed will (truth).

The physical location of Jerusalem is no longer binding for worshippers under the present Christian covenant, but true worship is still absolutely essential. We may physically gather together, take the physical elements of the bread and fruit of the vine into our mouths, and sound may even come out as air passes through our vocal cords in singing, but unless our hearts are involved we are not truly worshiping. Let us make sure melody is made in our hearts (Eph. 5:19). More than merely going through physical actions, have your spirit involved in worship and commune with God, who is spirit.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons This Week**

**AM: Mark Day**– The End  
**PM: Jerry Sturgill**– Your Bible Questions Answered

## **Morning Pointe 2nd Sunday**

On the second Sunday of each month (July 14th) everyone is asked to meet at 2pm at Morning Pointe Assisted Care for singing and a Bible study with residents. See Mark Day for details.

## **Dates to Remember**

- Jun 30– Jul 6**– Ft. Hill Youth Camp week
- Jul 9**– King’s Island or Toy Story 4
- Jul 13**– Church Picnic– 5pm
- Jul 14**– Morning Pointe Singing & Bible study  
-2p
- Jul 14**– Youth Devo– 7p– annex
- Jul 22–26**– Vacation Bible School 6:30-8:30p
- Jul 28**– WVCYC Singing week
- Aug 11**– Morning Pointe Singing & Bible study  
-2p
- Aug 11**– Ice Cream Social– 7p– annex
- Aug 16–22**– Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville
- Sep 13**– Potluck luncheon-12p– annex
- Sep 13–15**– Our Seminar with Eric Lyons-  
“Is the Bible Reliable?”
- Oct 26**– Trunk O’ Treats/ Chili Supper– 6p
- Nov 3**– Bring A Friend Day
- Nov 3**– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex
- Dec 7**– Scott’s Pancake breakfast– 8a– annex
- Dec 14**– Ladies Holiday Party– Kathy Hall’s home– 6p

## **Gauging Our Faith**

	06/23/19	Goal	06/24/18
<b>Bible Study</b>	92	110	103
<b>AM Worship</b>	125	160	158
<b>PM Worship</b>	nc	110	107
<b>Mid Week</b>	74	110	108
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5541.67	\$6200.00	\$6443.00

## **Church Picnic**

Plan now to attend the church picnic on Saturday, July 13th at 5pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board to list what side or dessert you will bring. You also need to bring your own hot dogs or burgers for the grill, buns, soft drinks, lawn chairs or blanket and games for your children.

## **VBS Preparation**

If you can help with this year’s Vacation Bible School in any way, please, speak with Jeremiah Smith about this. There is a **food sign-up** sheet on the bulletin board for specific food donations each night. And if you have a learning center, please, go to GoodSalt.com and select a picture for your **door poster** and email the code & title to the office. Thank you.

## **Members Pictures**

Wendy Berry is taking pictures for our picture board and directory. Please, speak with her regarding the best time to schedule. Please, have a recent photo taken, 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.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Mark Parks

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Chris Legg,  
J.C. Hughes, Daniel Goshorn,  
George Wallace, Jason Fouts,  
Mark Gullett, Nathan Parks

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** Steve Wallace

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** David Smith

**PM:** Jordan Conley

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTIONAL:** Ranie Wohnhas

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Brad Morris

**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 30- July 6 ★★

### **Ft. Hill Youth Camp Week**

★★ July 9 ★★

### **King's Island or Toy Story**

★★ July 14 ★★

### **Youth Devo- 7pm**

in the annex after evening service

★★ July 22- July 26 ★★

### **Vacation Bible School Week**

**6:30-8:30p** nightly

Plan ahead & invite your friends!!



## 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.