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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  
**SEIBS student**  
-Brandon Foresha  
**WVSOP student**

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**JUDGE RIGHTEOUS  
JUDGMENT**



John 7:24

**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!

## Judge Righteous Judgment

To those who seem to know only one verse from the Bible—"Judge not, that ye be not judged" (Matt. 7:1)—we often respond with another command from the lips of Jesus: "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (Jn. 7:24). It is clear that Jesus was forbidding hypocritical judgment in Matthew 7, the type of judging where a man with a beam in his eye tries to take a speck out of his brother's eye (Matt. 7:3-5). Jesus is not saying one cannot exercise moral discernment, or even identify that certain people are like dogs and hogs (Matt. 7:6). Furthermore, one must inspect the fruit of false teachers in order to beware of them and avoid following them to destruction (Matt. 7:12-20).

However, what is the context of John 7:24? If Matthew 7:1 can be quoted out of context, we must make sure we understand the context of John 7:24. Hearing the teaching of Jesus, the Jews were astonished at His mastery of the Scriptures since He had not been trained in the rabbinical schools (v. 15). In order to show that He was not drawing His teaching from man-made tradition, nor originating it Himself, Jesus replied, "My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me" (v. 16). Jesus then showed that citing the pedantic debates of past rabbis—whose egos were wrapped up in their teaching—was not the key to knowing God's will, but rather having a sincere desire to do His will. He said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh his glory that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him" (vv. 17-18). Jesus selflessly came to speak the words the Father gave Him to save people, yet the religious leaders at the feast in John 7—who had the law, but did not keep the law—sought to kill Him because He threatened their self-importance: their control of the people who looked to them for guidance (v. 19; cf. 11:48).

To make His point, Jesus presented one miraculous work He had done that caused people to marvel that He would do such on the Sabbath (v. 21). Jesus flouted rabbinical tradition and accepted norms of Sabbath observance in John 5 by healing a man who had been lame for thirty-eight years and telling him to take up his pallet and walk on the Sabbath. God's law had required a holy rest from one's normal work during the week in order to focus on the Lord on the seventh day (Ex. 20:8-11), yet many policies had been developed by rabbis over the years concerning what was and was not breaking the Sabbath. In their zealous reaction to Jewish assimilation of Greek culture, the Jewish leaders had attempted to make a fence around the law by forbidding what God had not banned. What they ended up doing was making a fence through the law because their traditions — which had become to many people more binding and important than God's law—set up false criteria for who was and who was not following God. By their criteria, Jesus was a sinner and they were virtuous, yet in reality they were seeking to kill Jesus and He never sinned but always pleased the Father (Jn. 8:29, 46). Jesus showed that even these religious leaders recognized that the law requiring circumcision of a male baby on the eighth day (Lev. 12:3) meant that it should be carried out even if that eighth day fell on the Sabbath; this is why even though circumcision had been around before Moses (Gen. 17), God had Moses command it to give a precedent for certain vital activities, (such as the healing Jesus had engaged in), on the Sabbath (Jn. 7:22; cf. Lk. 13:14-15). If they could perform surgery on one member of the body on the Sabbath to fulfill a positive law, then certainly Jesus could heal an entire body to fulfill God's will in showing mercy (Jn. 7:23).

Thus, John 7:24, while commanding righteous judgment, reprimands judgment "according to appearance," which, according to the context, is superficial judgment of religious people who set up false criteria for who is pleasing to God. This is still common today among religious people who want to maintain their self-righteous status, instead of humbling themselves to truly do the will of God and give Him glory. So remember John 7:17-18 before you quote John 7:24 to someone.

—Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons This Week**

AM: When Your Son Asks You  
 PM: Preacher Rotation: Barry Kelley from Greasy Ridge

## **5th Sunday PM Bible Questions**

Jerry Sturgill will answer your submitted questions during the Sunday evening service on June 30th. Please, give your questions to Jerry Sturgill or put them in the wooden box in front of the sound booth. Thank you.

## **Dates to Remember**

- 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– Wings- 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 16-22**– Polishing the Pulpit, Sevierville
- Sep 13-15**– Our Seminar with Eric Lyons- “Is the Bible Reliable?”

“...the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

<b><u>Gauging Our Faith</u></b>	<b><u>06/02/19</u></b>	<b><u>Goal</u></b>	<b><u>06/03/18</u></b>
<b>Bible Study</b>	88	110	108
<b>AM Worship</b>	138	160	144
<b>PM Worship</b>	84	110	89
<b>Mid Week</b>	77	110	90
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6888.10	\$6200.00	\$6307.50

## **Potluck/ L2L Event**

Today 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**

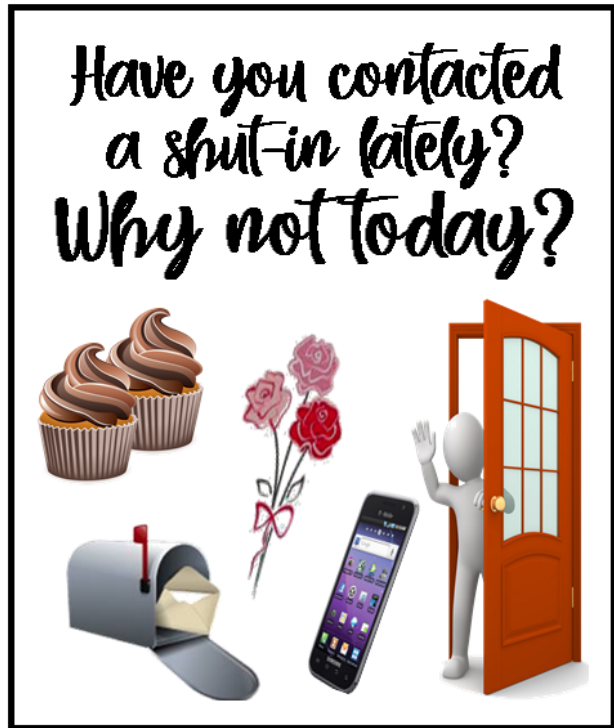
If you can help with this year’s Vacation Bible School in any way, please, speak with Jeremiah Smith about this. Thank you.

## **Members Pictures**

Wendy Berry is now taking everyone’s picture for our picture board and directory. Please, speak with her regarding 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.

## **Prime-timers Group**

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



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Mark Parks

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Ben Poling

**PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

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

**Presiding AM:** Steve Wallace

**Assisting:** Jerry Sturgill,  
John Gambill, Nathan Adkins,  
George Wallace, Jordan Maynard,  
Jacob Martin, Nathan Parks

**Presiding PM:** Daniel Goshorn

**Assisting:** Chris Legg

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** David Smith

**PM:** Will Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Greg Conley

**DEVOTIONAL:** Mark Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** David Castle

**ATTENDANCE:** Michael Perry

**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 service

★★ June 30- July 6 ★★

**Ft. Hill Youth Camp Week**



## 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.