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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  
-Rod Goddard  
WVSOP student

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

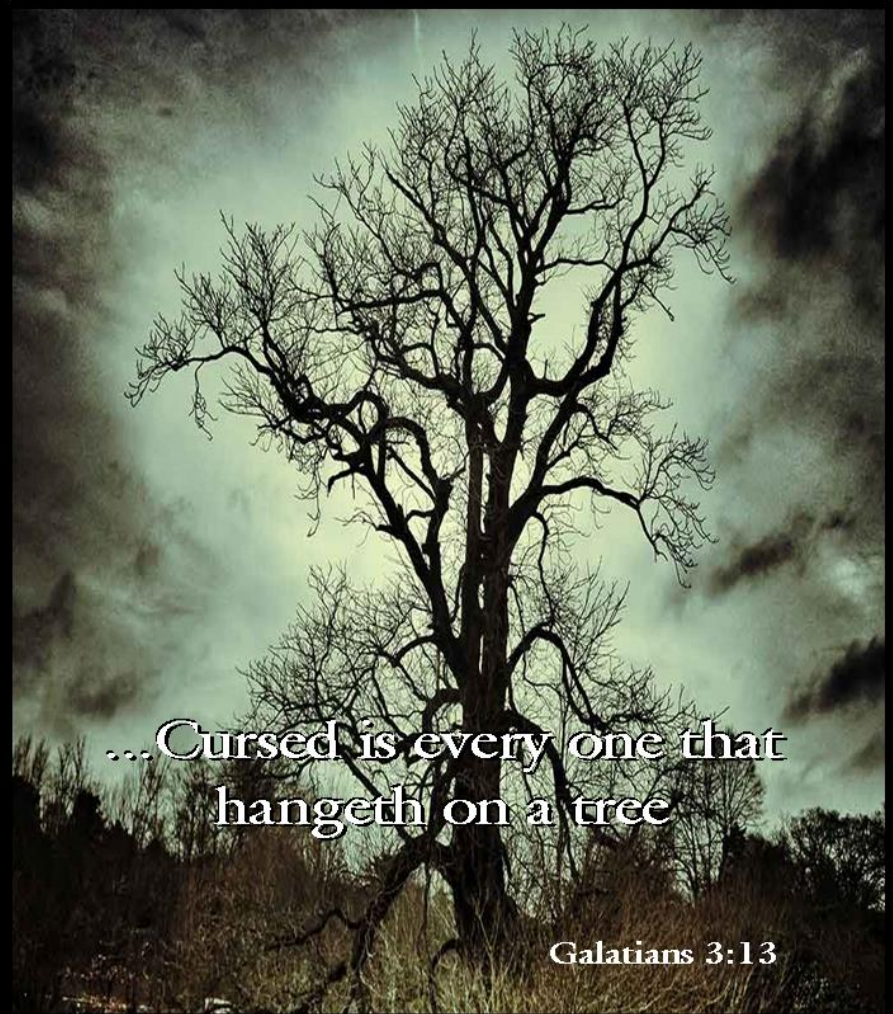
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...Cursed is every one that  
hangeth on a tree

Galatians 3:13

**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!

## God's Curse on a Tree

When the apostles were placed before the Sanhedrin, who reminded them about the council's command to not teach anymore in the name of Christ, Peter said, "We ought to obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. Him God has exalted to His right hand *to be* Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins" (Acts 5:29-31). In his bold preaching to these religious leaders, why didn't Peter simply say "you crucified him" rather than using the more cumbersome phrase he does about hanging on a tree? Evidently, Peter wanted to conjure up in the minds of these Jewish leaders the connotations of Deuteronomy 21:22-23: "If a man has committed a sin deserving of death, and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain overnight on the tree, but you shall surely bury him that day, so that you do not defile the land which the LORD your God is giving you *as* an inheritance; for he who is hanged *is* accursed of God." His audience, familiar with these words, would draw the inference that Jesus Christ was the Messiah who died under God's curse. Not only the original audience but all people should reach this conclusion in their hearts: "Jesus took my place on the cross." It seems Luke maintained Peter's particular phrasing here so that readers of Acts may draw this inference about the significance of the cross as well.

In his first epistle, Peter again employed the image of a tree in regard to Christ's crucifixion, "who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed" (1 Pet. 2:24). In addition to the tree language of Deuteronomy 21:22-23, Peter uses phrases from the description of God's suffering servant in Isaiah 53; on the tree Jesus bore our sins and by his stripes we are healed. Readers of the Hebrew scriptures must understand the Messiah came to save us by His suffering. We were all under the curse of God, but Christ took the curse for us.

In dealing with Judaizing teachers, who were requiring all men to keep the law of Moses to be saved, Paul, recalling the curse of Deuteronomy 27:26, wrote, "For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, *'Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them'*" (Gal. 3:10). There is no way to get out from under the curse of God on our own. The only way for us to be saved is for Jesus to take the curse for us. We avail ourselves of this blessing in following Him by faith. Paul went on to write: "But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God *is* evident, for *'the just shall live by faith.'* Yet the law is not of faith, but *'the man who does them shall live by them.'* Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, *'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'*" (Gal. 3:11-13).

Thus, while Peter was very bold to point out that the members of the Jewish council before whom he stood had murdered Jesus, he invoked the language about the tree to show that Jesus took even their place that they may be given the opportunity for repentance and remission of sins (Acts 5:30-31). God wants all men to be saved, even those who in their spiritual blindness are vehement enemies of His Son (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8-10; 1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9). Let us be reminded that Christ took the curse for every person and pray that even our enemies would repent and receive forgiveness of sins. -Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons This Week**

**10:45AM: Mark Day- With What?**  
**6:00PM: Brandon Foresha- Examples of God's Saving Power Through Water**  
**Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:21**

## **Dates to Remember**

- Sep 22**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meeting– annex large classroom- 4:30p  
**Sep 22**– All Teachers Meeting-7p– annex  
**Sep 23-25**– Rolling Hills Gospel Meeting with Stephen Rogers– 7p  
**Sep 24**– Primetimers group– 10a– annex  
**Sep 27**– Ladies Luncheon– Texas Roadhouse- 12:30p  
**Sep 28**– Youth group- college care packages & Putt-Putt golf– meet 2p- annex  
**Sep 29**– 5th Sunday Questions & Answers– 6p  
**Oct 6**– Michael Mayo visit and update  
**Oct 6-9**– 10th & Vine St. church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Todd Parsley (Ironton)  
**Oct 7-9**– (Chillicothe) Sunrush church of Christ Gospel Meeting with Mark Teske (GBN)- 7p  
**Oct 7-10**– Catlettsburg Gospel Meeting with Vernon Teagarden– 7p  
**Oct 26**– Rolling Hills Ladies Day, with Laura Kidwell Boyd– 8:30a– RSVP to rhcofc@gmail.com (lunch provided)  
**Oct 26**– Trunk O' Treats/ Chili Supper– 6p  
**Nov 2**- (Pikeville) Main St. church of Christ Ladies Day with Cindy Colley– 9am  
**Nov 3**– Bring A Friend Day  
**Nov 3**– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex

## **Gauging Our Faith**

	09/15/19	Goal	09/16/18
<b>Bible Study</b>	136	110	96
<b>AM Worship</b>	166	160	138
<b>PM Worship</b>	92	110	76
<b>Mid Week</b>	88	110	81
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5960.18	\$6200.00	\$5718.86

## **September Ladies Luncheon**

On Sept. 27th, all ladies are invited to meet at 12:30pm at the Texas Roadhouse for this month's fellowship.

## **College Student Care Packages**

On Sept. 28th, youth will assemble packages for college students. Brandon Foresha is asking for small items to fill those packages to be brought in by the 27th. See Brandon for details.

## **31 Day NT Reading Challenge**

Mark Day is issuing a New Testament Reading Challenge as outlined on a colorful bookmark designed for your documenting each day's verses. You check off that day when complete and turn it in after you complete the month's reading. Put your name on the back and give it to Mark Day as evidence for Lads 2 Leaders reading challenge or for a certificate of completion.

## **Members Pictures**

Wendy Berry is now taking member photos after each service. Everyone is asked to have an updated photo with a common background. Pictures are taken in the foyer between the annex and main auditorium after service. Thank you.

## **Prime-timers Group**

This is an open-discussion Bible study group that meets Tuesday mornings at 10am in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the discussion.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Mark Parks

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brandon Foresha

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Ben Poling

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

**Presiding AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**Assisting:** Jeremiah Smith,  
Jordan Conley David Smith,  
George Wallace, Jesse Legg,  
Nelson Ward, Braydon Snell  
\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** Mark Gullett

**Assisting Back:** Mitch Stafford

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Scott

**PM:** Jackson Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** Mark Day

**DEVOTIONAL:** Jordan Conley

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** David Castle

**ATTENDANCE:** Jordan Maynard

**COORDINATOR:** Jerry Sturgill

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★ Every Sunday ★★

### **Pew Packers**

5:45 pm in the front

of the auditorium

geared to age 12 & under

-Boys: have a song to lead

★★ September 28 ★★

### **College Care Package assembly, then Putt-Putt**

meet in the annex at 2, then to

**Buckeye Dairy Bar & Miniature**

**Golf - taking the church van.**

**See Brandon Foresha for details.**



## 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.