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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
-Rod Goddard
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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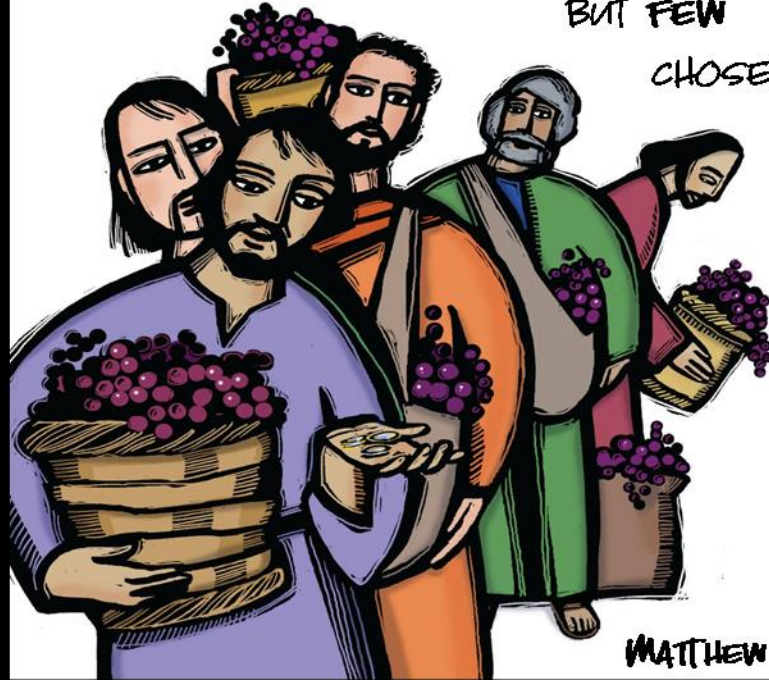
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SO THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST,
AND THE FIRST LAST:

FOR MANY BE CALLED,
BUT FEW
CHOSEN.



MATTHEW 20:16

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!

Longtime Laborers

In Matthew 20:1-16, Jesus tells the parable of the laborers in the vineyard. In the parable, the master hires laborers for his vineyard early in the morning and agrees to pay them a denarius for the day's work (vv.1-2). As the day progresses, the master hires additional laborers at the third, sixth, ninth and eleventh hours (in our way of reckoning time 9am, noon, 3pm, and 5pm respectively) from those who had been standing idle in the marketplace (vv. 3-7). When evening comes, the laborers are paid beginning with the last hired to the first (v. 8). The eleventh-hour laborers received a denarius, and the ones hired early, expecting to receive more, complained when they likewise received a denarius (vv. 9-12). However, the master was simply being generous. He likely realized that no man could feed a family with a small fraction of a day's wage, and so in his graciousness he blessed those who had worked only a short time. His response to the complaints of those hired early was, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take *what is* yours and go your way. I wish to give to this last man *the same* as to you. Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish with my own things? Or is your eye evil because I am good?" (vv. 13-15).

This parable is used by Jesus to rebuke His opponents who complained about God's grace to sinners. Matthew places this parable in an interesting spot in his gospel account. At the end of Matthew 19 is the account of the rich, young ruler who thought he was good enough to inherit the kingdom of heaven (vv. 16-20); however, when Jesus exposed how his heart was with his riches instead of God (vv. 21-22), the Lord went on to point out the impossibility of salvation by means of riches or any other human means (vv. 23-24). When asked who can be saved, Jesus said, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (vv. 25-26). Peter expressed his commitment to follow Jesus and asked what the disciples would receive (v. 27). Jesus responded by speaking of the esteemed place the twelve would be given and the tremendous blessings God would shower on all those who follow Him, both in this life and the life to come (vv. 28-29).

Jesus capped off this discussion (Mt. 19:30) with the same thought He would use as a conclusion to the parable of the laborers (Mt. 20:16) that the last would be first and the first last. In the first-century church (who read the book of Matthew), there were those who felt superior to others and thought themselves deserving of the first seats. The believing Pharisees thought the Gentiles to be behind them in the kingdom of God and tried to impose the requirements of Judaism on them to bring them up to their level (Acts 15:5). But these Pharisees needed to learn that their background in the old covenant did not make them superior to others in relation to Christ.

When those of us today who have been longtime members of the Lord's church read about Jesus' rebuke of the Pharisees, we should not be quick to feel too comfortable. We can look back over a lifetime of work for the Lord and be grateful for entering His vineyard early in life, but let us not look down on others who have lived many idle years outside of His service. God is gracious and gives eternal life as a gift (Rom. 6:23). All of our labors are the least we can do for Him who freely saved us; the result of our labors being that many souls may be saved, even late in life, should be the part in which we rejoice.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: Four Gospel Accounts
6:00PM: Preachers Answer Bible Questions

Dates to Remember

Sep 29– Gibson Baby Shower– 3:30p– annex
Sep 29– 5th Sunday Questions & Answers– 6p
Oct 1– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
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 8– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 12– No. Lex. Ladies Day with Donna Faughn
RSVP to secretary@northlexingtoncofc.org (breakfast 9a and lunch provided)
Oct 15– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 20– Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet– 4:30p
Oct 22– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Oct 25– October Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– tbd
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
Oct 29– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Nov 2– (Pikeville) Main St. church of Christ Ladies Day with Cindy Colley– 9am
Nov 3– Bring A Friend Day (invitation cards are available on the foyer round table now)

Gauging Our Faith

	09/22/19	Goal	09/23/18
Bible Study	136	110	96
AM Worship	166	160	138
PM Worship	92	110	76
Mid Week	nc	110	81
Contribution:	\$5960.18	\$6200.00	\$5718.86

Gibson Baby Shower Today

Today at 3:30pm, we will have a baby shower in the annex for the Gibsons. Please, see the bulletin board for details or ask Rosa Gullett or Denise Smith . Everyone is invited.

Appreciation for Donations

On Sept. 28th, our youth assembled 25 packages to send to college students for encouragement. Thanks to all who donated items for this cause. And thanks to all who assembled the packages.

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: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Brad Morris

Assisting: Jeremiah Smith,
John Gambill, Brad Morris,
Matt Vonderheide, Jason Fouts,
Jack Little, Jacob Martin
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Daniel Goshorn

Assisting: Nathan Adkins

Assisting Back: Nelson Ward

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: Mason Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Braydon Snell

PRAYER: Daniel Goshorn

DEVOTIONAL: Chris Scott

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Conley

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

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

★★★ October 26 ★★★

Trunk O' Treats & Chili Supper

meet in the annex parking lot at
6:00pm in your costume & get
your treats! Then go in the annex
and eat some chili & dessert!



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.