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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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-Dustin Bolks
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-Michael Mayo
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-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast
-Rod Goddard
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Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained,
**let us walk by the same rule,
let us mind the same thing.**

Philippians 3:16

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!

Endeavoring to Keep Unity

As Jesus was preparing to die on the cross and leave His disciples, He prayed to His Father (Jn. 17). He prayed that the apostles would be one (Jn. 17:11), and those who would believe on Him and become His disciples through the words of the apostles would be one (Jn. 17:21-23). Jesus' prayer is that unity may exist between His disciples akin to the unity that exists between Him and the Father. Jesus did not pray that His disciples would eventually become one, but "that they all may be one" (present tense). A continual oneness is Jesus' prayer. The Father and the Son are continually one by their nature (deity) and purpose. Christians are to continually be one because of shared faith and relationship to the Father and the Son.

This unity is not cloning. It is not to make each Christian a cookie-cutter replica in every respect. There are differences in roles and abilities. The Father and the Son are one, yet we are able to distinguish one from the other; likewise, Christians being one does not mean that one Christian is completely identified as another. While there is distinction in the roles of the Father and the Son, the Father can still be said to be in the Son and the Son in the Father (Jn. 17:21). The Father gave glory to the Son to share His message and do His works; similarly, Jesus is in Christians as they share His message and do His works so the world can see that they have been adopted into this loving unity that exists between the Father and the Son (Jn. 17:22-23).

Christians have one resolve, one goal; they have a unity of affections. The unity Jesus prayed for goes beyond mere outward organizational forms such as calling ourselves by the same name. Jesus wants Christians to have oneness of emotion in rejoicing and weeping together (Rom. 12:15 cf. 1 Cor. 12:26). We are to have one mind (Phil. 2:2). We share the same will—to do the will of the Father in heaven—and the same aim: to go to heaven (Mt. 7:21; cf. Phil. 3:15-20).

After Jesus prayed this prayer for unity, He did what was necessary to lead to its fulfillment. Jesus' prayer was accompanied by action. He died on the cross to demolish the barriers between Jews and Gentiles and reconcile them to God in the one body, His church (Eph. 2:14-17). He left the apostles, but sent the Spirit who came and guided them into all truth (Jn. 16:7-15). Through the Spirit, Christ gave miraculous gifts to men to reveal His will through the books of the New Testament (Eph. 4:7-8). These gifts were given "till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13). Our desire for unity among Christ's followers must not only be in word, but also must be accompanied by action. By what the Spirit has revealed, we must continually be "endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). As Christians, let's be reminded: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:4-6). Let's be guided by the Spirit's teaching in the Bible to be conformed to the Lord's will rather than twisting and distorting the Bible to conform to our will. May this be our continual endeavor.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: Reading Acts
6:00PM: Matt McBrayer from Ceredo,
 Preacher rotation

Members Pictures

Wendy Berry is now taking member photos after each service. Everyone is asked to have an updated photo with a common background.

Dates to Remember

- Oct 13**– Second Sunday Morning Pointe Bible Study & Singing– 2p
- Oct 15**– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Oct 18-19**– Jackson Revival– 7p– speaker Paul Vaughn
- Oct 20**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet– 4:30p
- Oct 22**– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Oct 25**– October Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– the Winchester
- 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**– Martin/ Vonderheide his & hers wedding shower– annex- 2p– RSVP requested
- Nov 2**– (Pikeville) Main St. church of Christ Ladies Day with Cindy Colley– 9am
- Nov 3**– Daylight Savings Time ends– set clocks back 1 hour
- Nov 3**– Bring A Friend Day (invitation cards are available on the foyer round table now)
- Nov 3**– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex
- Dec 7**– Scott’s Pancake breakfast– 8a– annex
- Dec 14**– Ladies Holiday Party– Kathy Hall’s -6p

2nd Sunday– Morning Pointe

Today at 2pm, everyone is asking to meet at Morning Pointe Assisted Care for singing and Bible study.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

Next Sunday, our elders, deacons and preachers will meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

October Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, Oct. 25th, all ladies are invited to meet at the Winchester for lunch at 12:30pm.

Trunk O’Treats/Chili Supper

On Saturday, Oct. 26th at 6pm, everyone is invited to Trunk O’Treats in the annex parking lot (inside if rain). Children may wear costumes and everyone is encouraged to decorate their trunks and hand out treats to the children. In the annex, we will also have a chili supper. So bring your chili & fixings & desserts to share and join the good fellowship that evening.

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.

His & Hers Wedding Shower

Saturday, Nov. 2nd at 2pm, we will have a wedding shower for Morgan Vonderheide & Jacob Martin in the annex. RSVP on the foyer board. Registry is Belk, Walmart & Target.

Plan Ahead– Bring A Friend Day

There are business card invitations for you to give friends for our Nov. 3rd event & potluck lunch.



Gauging Our Faith

	<u>10/06/19</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>10/07/18</u>
Bible Study	88	110	103
AM Worship	131	160	151
PM Worship	nc	110	94
Mid Week	83	110	nc
Contribution:	\$5581.42	\$6200.00	\$6255.25

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Jerry Sturgill

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Daniel Goshorn

PM: Jeremiah Smith

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
John Gambill, Mark Gullett,
Auston Clarkson, Tanner Adkins,
Ernie Perry, Jesse Legg
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: George Wallace

Assisting Back: Jackson Morris

Assisting Back: Luke Wallace

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Edgar Phillips

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATTENDANT: J.C. Hughes

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

★★★ 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 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.