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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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Prove all things;
HOLD FAST
that which is
GOOD.

1 Thessalonians 5:21

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!

The Prophet Pigeonhole

To the young Thessalonian congregation, recently planted by Paul, he wrote, “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:19-21). The grouping of these brief exhortations show that they primarily concern the exercise of miraculous gifts in the first-century church.

While one can quench the Spirit’s influence by pursuing a lifestyle that is contrary to God’s word—by hardening one’s heart with sin (Hebrews 3:13)—the context in 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 seems to indicate they were smothering the miraculous activity of the Spirit; the next exhortation against despising prophecies refers to the Spirit’s working in a miraculous context. In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul addresses these miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit; one was prophecy (v.10), a gift that some, but not all, had in the first-century church (vv. 28-29; cf. 14:2-5). Prophecy was the means by which God revealed His message and served to edify her members (1 Corinthians 14:29-33). To first-century congregations such as Thessalonica, who did not yet have a complete, written New Testament, prophets foretold the message of God (the mystery of the Gospel of Christ) that had been hitherto kept secret (Ephesians 3:3-7). Sometimes a prophet of God would foretell events to come (Acts 11:27-28).

However, there were also false prophets who claimed to have messages from God, but were liars (Acts 13:6; 2 Peter 2:1; 2 Corinthians 11:13; Revelation 2:2). When Paul was with the Thessalonians, he warned them about false prophets who would try to deceive them leading to a great apostasy from the faith (2 Thessalonians 2:3-5). With false teachers running amok, it is possible that some in Thessalonica had the tendency of putting all who claimed to be prophets of God in the same pigeon hole as false teachers and thus despised some true prophets of God. Do we not see people who have a similar attitude in regard to religious groups today? There are those who think that all religious groups advocate abandoning reason, manipulate emotions, and prey on the gullible to make lots of money. There are individuals who, upon hearing I am a preacher, have said to me, “Oh, your all about getting money out of people.” It is similar to Nathanael’s initial criticism concerning Jesus’ hometown, when he said, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” (John 1:46). Jesus was the exception. Likewise, though there were false prophets, that did not mean there were no true prophets.

Since there are both true and false prophets, the proper response Paul advocates is to, “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). This is much like the admonition of 1 John 4:1, “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

It seems that Paul had to leave the congregation at Thessalonica after only three weeks (Acts 17:2, 10). His two letters to them soon after his departure, which we have preserved for us in the New Testament, were written to more fully instruct them and encourage them to grow in Christ. Those who had the miraculous gift of prophecy in the infant church of the first century would aid new congregations like Thessalonica by messages from God just as Paul’s letters aided them.

While the miraculous gift of prophecy is no longer extant in the church today since we have the entire Bible: the complete revelation of God (1 Corinthians 13:8-10; James 1:25), we must still examine what a preacher says to determine whether it is true or false according to God’s revealed word. The teaching that is good should be embraced and practiced rather than despised and discarded.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: God's Divisions
 6:00PM: Serving Widows
 Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 5:3-16

Member Information Changes

Steven Wallace & family have moved. Their new address is 3429 Cannonsburg Rd., Catlettsburg, KY 41129. The phone numbers remain the same. There are two phone number changes for your member directories. Marsha Griffin's number is now 606-547-2309 and Tina Dorsey's number is 606-325-1704.

Scotts' Annual Breakfast

On Friday, Dec. 7th at 8:00am, Chris Scott and family will prepare their annual breakfast for all who want to attend. Just bring your drinks and pancake syrup and join the good fellowship. Everything is provided. Please, for planning purposes, sign up on the foyer board if you plan to attend.

Ladies Holiday Party

On Friday, Dec. 7th, Kathy Hall is hosting her annual ladies party in her home in Ashland at 6pm. The van will be taken if enough ladies need a ride, leaving the lot at 5:30pm. Please, sign up on the foyer board for planning purposes. There will be an optional gift passing game if you want to participate. Gifts should be no more than \$10.

Members Pictures

Wendy Berry is taking member photos after each service she can attend. Everyone is asked to have an up to date photo for the board and directory.

Gauging Our Faith

	11/17/19	Goal	11/18/18
Bible Study	nc	110	106
AM Worship	160	160	148
PM Worship	86	110	94
Mid Week	92	110	nc
Contribution:	\$6599.43	\$6200.00	\$6140.64

Wedding Invitation

Saturday, December 21st at 2pm, you are invited to the wedding of Morgan Vonderheide and Jacob Martin. Please, RSVP on the foyer board if you plan to attend the reception.

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.

Dates to Remember

- Nov 26– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Dec 3– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Dec 7– Scott's Pancake breakfast– 8a– annex
- Dec 7– Ladies Holiday Party– Kathy Hall's -6p
- Dec 8– Second Sunday Morning Pointe Bible Study & Singing– 2p
- Dec 10– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Dec 15– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet– 4:30p
- Dec 17– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Dec 21– Morgan Vonderheide & Jacob Martin Wedding– 2p
- Dec 27– Ladies Luncheon– 12:30p– TBD
- Dec 31– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Dec 31– New Year's Eve Watch– 9p



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brandon Foresha

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: J.C. Hughes

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
George Wallace, Ben Poling,
Steve Wallace, Luke Wallace,
Austin Clarkson, Mark Gullett
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Ranie Wohnhas

Assisting: John Gambill

Assisting Back: David Castle

Assisting Back: Jason Fouts

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Jackson Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTIONAL: Ranie Wohnhas

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: David Smith

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

★★★ 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

★★★ Dec. 7th ★★★

Ladies of all ages are invited to

Kathy Hall's Ladies Holiday Party

Starts at 6p, van departs
from the church lot at 5:30p



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.