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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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Now by this  
I know thou  
art a man of  
**GOD.**

1 Kings 17:24

**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!

## **The Importance of Christ as Our Mediator**

Grasping the significance of having Christ as our mediator is vital for realizing how blessed we are as Christians. A mediator is someone who reconciles two sides who are involved in a disagreement. The scenario for all mankind is this; all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Rom. 3:23), God must punish wickedness (Ps. 145:20), and we are enemies of God if we remain in sin (Col. 1:21-23). One day we will stand before the Father and give an account of our deeds (Rom. 14:10-12). Without Christ, how would you fair? What do you think would be the outcome of God's judgment without Christ's blood to cover our sins (1 John 1:7-10)?

Mankind has always needed a mediator and in the Old Testament there were a few. Job was a mediator for his sons when he arose and sacrificed on their behalf (Job 1:5). What we see in the patriarchal time is that the head of a house was the mediator for their families. Noah sacrificed to the Lord for his family when they got off the ark (Gen. 8:20), Abraham created a covenant with God for his family (Gen. 15:1-17), Isaac continued that covenant after Abraham's death (Gen. 26:24-25), and Jacob mediated between God and his children when they held on to their idols (Gen. 35:1-7). While the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they asked Moses to mediate between them and God because they feared they would die (Deut. 5:22-33). Similarly, Samuel was a mediator between God and His people. Jeremiah wrote concerning the Jewish people of his time, "Then the Lord said to me, 'Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people. Cast them out of My sight, and let them go forth'" (Jer. 15:1). What Jeremiah is saying is if Moses and Samuel were to attempt to mediate for the people of Jeremiah's day, he would not change His decision of their coming destruction. Even though Scripture does not explicitly say Samuel was a mediator, it clearly shows by example that he was (1 Sam. 7:5-8). Although these men were all mediators, the problem is they were men. Sin was a problem in their lives as it is for every man and they could not live forever. Once they died, the people again yearned for someone to stand on their behalf before God.

Certainly, there were mediators at times; but there were also times when none could be found. Job longed for a mediator when he suffered and was afflicted. Job said, "Nor is there any mediator between us, who may lay his hand on us both. Let Him take His rod away from me, and do not let dread of Him terrify me" (Job. 9:33-34). God desired for a mediator to arise during the time of Ezekiel, but there were none to stand in the gap. The priests, princes, and prophets should have been the bridge; yet, they had turned to wickedness and caused others to sin against God. For this, God brought indignation and wrath upon His people (Ezek. 22:23-31).

Christ has bridged the gap for all mankind, for all times (1 Tim. 2:5). With Christ as our mediator we live under a better covenant with better promises (Heb. 8:6). If one desires to have Jesus as their mediator, they must be a part of His Church (Heb. 12:23-24). Those who refuse the gospel also refuse to have Jesus as their mediator on the day of Judgment (2 Thess. 1:8-10). Will Jesus Christ bridge the gap between yourself and God when all mankind must appear before His judgment seat (2 Cor. 5:10)? Or will Jesus' words stand as a prosecuting attorney against you because you ignored them (John 12:47-50)?

-Brandon Foresha

# News & Notes



## Sermons This Week

10:45AM: For He Had Great Possessions

6:00PM: Have You Also Brought  
Tragedy?

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

## Bible Based Questions Wanted

December 29th evening service we will have the Preachers Answering Your Bible Questions. Please submit your questions for the preachers.

## Member Relocated

Anita Hammond has moved to be closer to her sisters. Her new address is Nicholasville Rehabilitation, attn.: Anita Hammond, 100 Sparks Ave., Nicholasville, KY 40356.

## 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.

## 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.

## Lads To Leaders

Anyone interested in participating, attending, or learning more about Lads to Leaders, please see Mark Day or Brad Morris. All participant registration forms for the upcoming convention in April 2020 are due no later than Sunday, December 29, 2019.

## Elders, Deacons & Preachers Meet

Today, this group meets at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

## Prime-timers Group

This group is taking a break and will resume January 7th. This is an open-discussion Bible study group that usually meets Tuesday mornings at 10am in the annex large classroom. Mark Day leads the discussion.

## Dates to Remember

**Dec 15**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet– 4:30p

**Dec 21**– Morgan Vonderheide & Jacob Martin  
Wedding– 2p

**Dec 22**– 10th & Vine invitation to Spare Time–  
8p-11p– free admission (need to buy food)

**Dec 29**– Lads 2 Leaders registration deadline

**Dec 29**– 5th Sunday Preachers Answer Your  
Bible Questions pm service

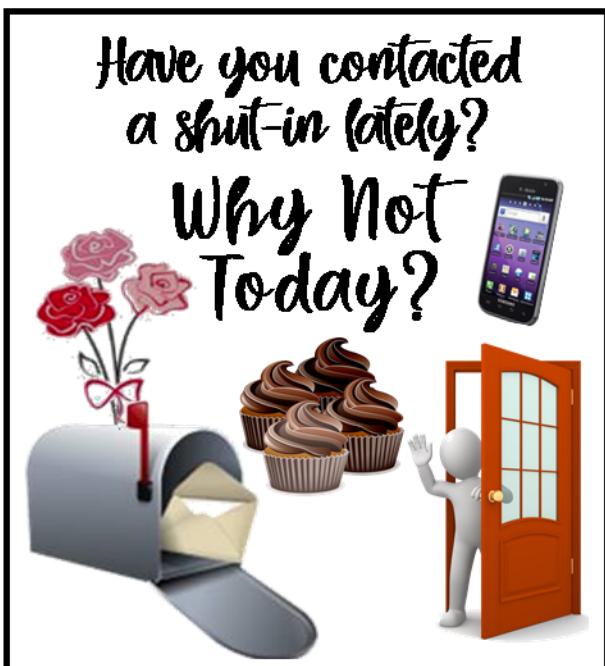
**Dec 31**– New Year's Eve Watch– 9p

**Jan 7**– Prime-timers– 10a– annex

**Jan 12**– Morning Pointe Bible study– 2p

## Gauging Our Faith

	12/08/19	Goal	12/09/18
<b>Bible Study</b>	nc	110	96
<b>AM Worship</b>	141	160	153
<b>PM Worship</b>	90	110	88
<b>Mid Week</b>	88	110	73
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$7704.35	\$6200.00	\$5930.50



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Mark Parks

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Brad Morris

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn,  
Nathan Parks, Greg Conley,  
Mark Gullett, Nelson Ward,  
Braydon Snell, Jesse Legg  
\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** George Wallace

**Assisting Back:** Jackson Morris

**Assisting Back:** Ernie Perry

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Ben Poling

**PM:** Jordan Conley

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** J.C. Hughes

**DEVOTIONAL:** Greg Conley

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Matt Vonderheide

**ATTENDANCE:** Mitch Stafford

**COORDINATOR:** Nathan Adkins

## ★★★ 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. 22nd ★★★

10th & Vine's Spare Time  
Invitation- free admission  
8pm-11pm (need \$\$ for refreshments)

★★★ Dec. 31st ★★★

New Year's Eve Watch  
9pm-12am

Join in the fellowship with singing & a  
devotional- bring snacks and soft drinks  
to share and games for the children



## 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.