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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)

FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST

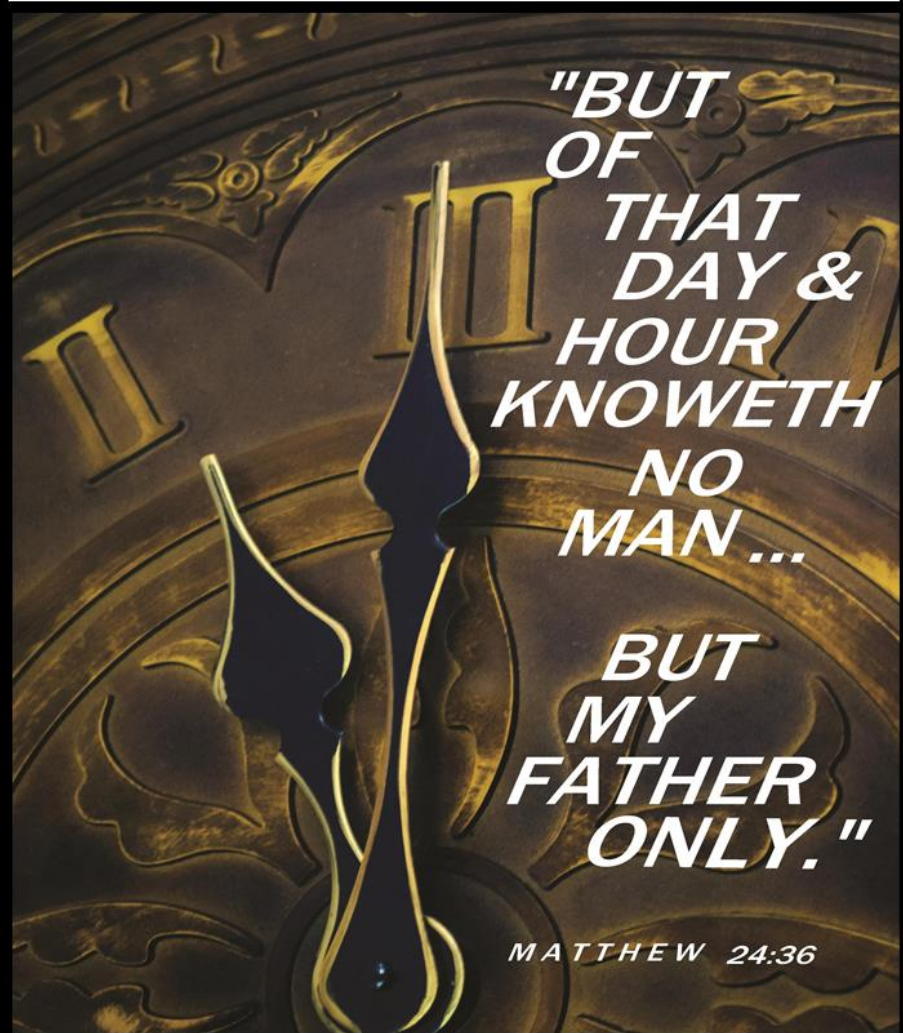
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Willful Ignorance

As the new year begins and the old year passes into history, the scoffers described by Peter come to mind; these mockers live in sin, denying the end the world and the final judgment, “And saying, “Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation” (2 Peter 3:4). Peter said these mockers would come in the “last days”—that is, the last age of time (2 Peter 3:3). The Christian age in which we live is the age known in the Bible as the “last days” (Acts 2:16-17). This age will terminate at the end of the world; there will be a final day known as the “last day.” The promise that Jesus would come again and judge the world in the last day was clearly taught by first-century Christians (Jn. 12:48; Acts 17:31). The mockers denied this, and pointed out that the fathers, early Christians who taught such, have died.

Their claim that the world has continued the same as it always has since its creation is not true. Peter brings up a fact the mockers willfully ignored: the flood that destroyed the world in Noah’s day, “For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished” (2 Pet. 3:5-6). They combated a clear biblical fact that disproved their theory by willfully ignoring it. How often do people do this today? They make false claims about the Bible, yet they know there is evidence in the Bible that goes against what they are saying; however, instead of acknowledging this evidence to the contrary, they act as if it doesn’t exist.

As we prepare to enter the year 2020, let us remember Jesus’ promise to come again. Just as He ascended into heaven, He will come back again in the clouds (Acts 1:11; 1 Thess. 4:16). The passing of a thousand years does nothing to diminish the veracity of the Lord’s promise; a thousand years is as a day to Him (2 Pet. 3:8). Let us not be deceived into thinking that the passing of time means the Lord will not come again in judgment. He is gracious providing time allowing men to come to Him in repentance (2 Pet. 3:9), but He has appointed a day of judgment which is coming to all (Acts 17:31). The physical world will then come to an end with the heavens passing away and the earth being burned up (2 Pet. 3:10). The context indicates 2 Peter 3 is not metaphorical but rather concerns the physical creation (v.4) that was overflowed with physical water in the flood of Noah’s day (v.6). The same physical world is going to be burned up in the last day, “But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men” (2 Pet. 3:7).

People are tempted to love this world and its amusements rather than looking to the eternal home in heaven (1 Jn. 2:15). The passing of the years should not dull our anticipation that the Lord will fulfill His promise to return in final judgment, rather it should heighten our awareness and motivate us to live in such a way as to be ready, for our salvation grows nearer. The inspired apostle Peter poses this question: “*Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?*” (2 Pet. 3:11-12).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: The Last Day
6:00PM: Preachers Answer Your Bible Based Questions

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 today.

New Year's Eve Watch

Bring in the new year 2020 in good Christian fellowship. Meet here at 9pm and bring snacks and games to share. There will be singing, a devotional and time to visit with your friends and family. The event concludes shortly after midnight. Please, join us to bring in a new decade.

Potluck Luncheon Plus Awards

On Sunday, January 5, we will have a potluck luncheon in the annex at 12noon. Bring your covered dishes, desserts and drinks to share. After the luncheon, Mark Day will give awards to all who completed his New Testament Reading in 31 Days Challenge in October. Those who completed that challenge, please, attend the luncheon to get your due recognition and award. Thank you.

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.

Gauging Our Faith

	12/22/19	Goal	12/23/18
Bible Study	nc	110	88
AM Worship	176	160	158
PM Worship	87	110	71
Mid Week	75	110	76
Contribution:	\$5806.43	\$6200.00	\$20863.00

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.

Dates to Remember

Dec 29– Lads 2 Leaders registration deadline
Dec 31– New Year's Eve Watch– 9p
Jan 5– Potluck luncheon & Award Ceremony
Jan 7– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Jan 12– Morning Pointe Bible study– 2p
Jan 14– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Jan 19– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet– 4:30p
Jan 21– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Jan 28– Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Jan 31– Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– tbd

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?

Why Not
Today?



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Edgar Phillips

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Daniel Goshorn,
Jeremiah Smith, Jordan Conley,
Mark Gullett, Nelson Ward,
Braydon Snell, Jesse Legg
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: John Gambill

Assisting Back: Auston Clarkson

Assisting Back: Jerrad Nickell

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Smith

PM: Nathan Adkins

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brandon Foresha

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Nathan Adkins

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. 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.