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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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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

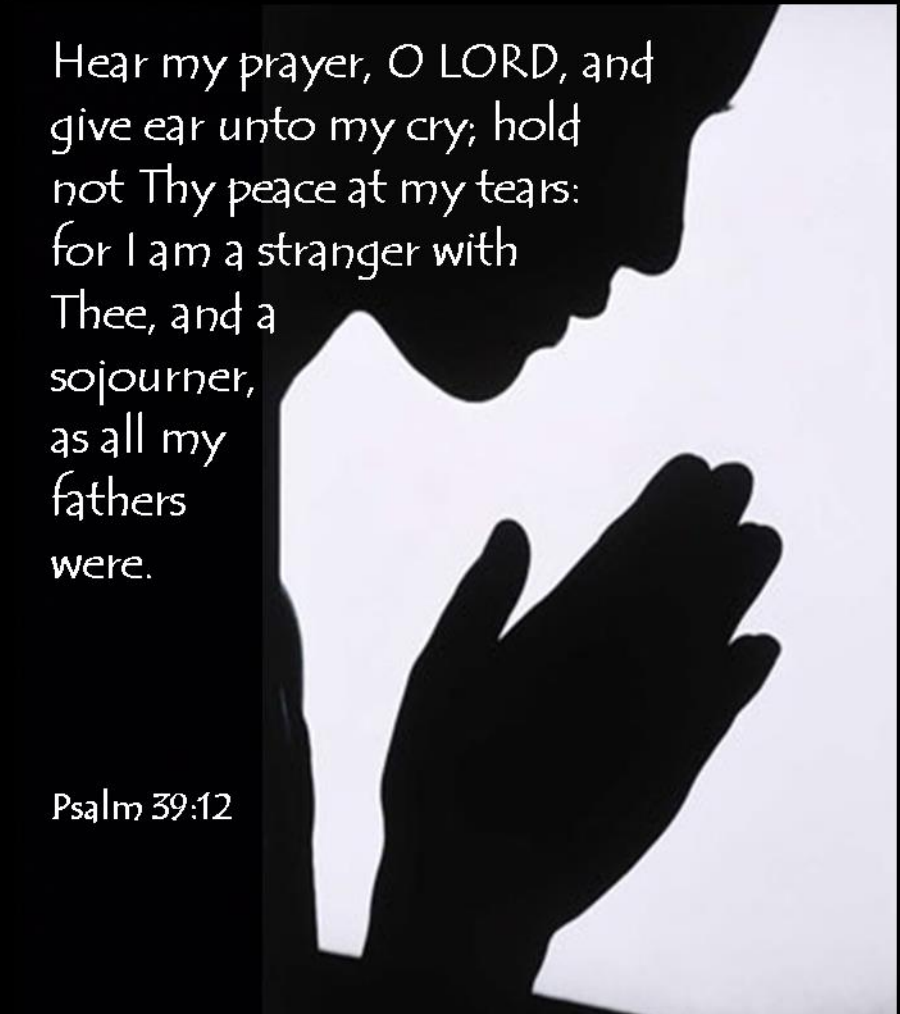
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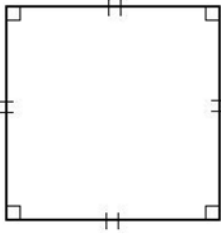


Hear my prayer, O LORD, and
give ear unto my cry; hold
not Thy peace at my tears:
for I am a stranger with
Thee, and a
sojourner,
as all my
fathers
were.

Psalm 39:12

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!

Jesus and the Implications of Scripture



Does God imply certain truths in His word that we are to comprehend by use of our reason? Some advocate that we should only be bound by what God has explicitly commanded us in the Bible. Any use of reason to determine what the Bible implies is “overthinking” it to them. However, while I would not advocate that each Christian is required to master formal logic to go to heaven, it is impossible to get around the necessity of correctly reasoning and inferring what the Bible implies if we wish to follow God’s will. The sides of a square are all the same length. Given the length of one side of a square, anyone familiar with even the most basic truths of geometry would be able to infer the length of the other sides of the square. Likewise, we can know a certain truth from what the Bible implies without God having to explicitly state it.

The Bible was written by about forty different men who were writing to various audiences. We must correctly infer whether or not God’s explicit commands apply to us, and if so, how. One does not need to be a master logician to conclude that God’s command in Genesis 6:14, “Make thee an ark of gopher wood,” was to Noah and is not required of people today to be saved. Alternatively, I do not need the Bible to explicitly call my full name and tell me what I should be doing in 2020 to know that I am required to follow certain courses of action. I know that even though Jesus was speaking to a certain lawyer when He said, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself,” that I too am to love God and others (Matthew 22:35-39). I know that Jesus is quoting Old Testament passages, but I also know that in first-century epistles to Christians that love for the Lord and love for others is a requirement for being saved (1 Cor. 16:22; James 2:8-9). To see these statements as binding on me, I have to infer that what Paul wrote to the church at Corinth (1 Cor. 1:1-2) and what James wrote to the dispersed Jews (James 1:1) applies to me as well living 2,000 years later in Flatwoods, KY.

In fact, Jesus expected the Sadducees, who denied the life of the spirit after death and the resurrection (Acts 23:8), to infer from the statement God made to Moses in Exodus 3:6, “I *am* the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob,” that these three men were in existence beyond the grave (Mt. 22:31-32; Lk. 20:37-38). While the explicit statement God made was about His identity, there was a truth about the existence of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob who had died hundreds of years before Moses that the Bible reader was to necessarily infer from the statement.

Jesus expected men to infer that He was God from various implications in Scripture, His teaching, and His miraculous works. Jesus showed that David’s statement in Psalm 110:1 where He called Jesus Lord implied that Jesus was more than just the physical descendant of David (Mt. 22:41-45). Men were to infer that Jesus was both the root and the offspring of David—the God who existed before David and came in the flesh after David. The Jews correctly inferred that Jesus was claiming He was God when He said, “Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am” (John 8:58), since I AM is God’s name (Ex. 3:14). Jesus expected men to infer that He was the Son of God by the implication of His miraculous works (Jn. 10:38).

We can infer that Christ’s kingdom had come in the first century from passages like Colossians 1:13 and Revelation 1:9 since Christians were in it. We can infer that if we are to love and appreciate those who rule over us, (1 Thess. 5:12; Heb. 13:7)—that is, elders who shepherd the flock (Acts 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:1-4) —

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News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: Escape From Capture
 6:00PM: How Frail I Am
 Scripture Reading: Psalm 39:4-13

Preacher's Article, continued

because they watch for our souls (Heb. 13:17), that it is God's will we be members of a local congregation with faithful overseers who will function as supervisors for our souls. God doesn't have to explicitly say to me, "Thou shalt place membership at a local congregation," for me to know this is God's will. The Lord directs us by the implications of His word. -Mark Day

Dates to Remember

- Jan 19– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet– 4:30p
- Jan 21- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Jan 25– Surprise Youth activity– 12 noon– watch for details
- Jan 28- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Jan 31– Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– tbd
- Feb 4- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Feb 11- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Feb 16- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet– 4:30p
- Feb 18- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Feb 24-26– Ceredo Gospel Meeting with Don Blackwell– 7p
- Feb 25- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
- Feb 28- Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– tbd
- Apr 9-12– Lads to Leaders (Louisville, KY)
- Apr 19-22– our Gospel Meeting with Greg Dismuke
- Jul 27-31– our VBS- 6:30p-8:30p– M-F

Gauging Our Faith

	01/12/20	Goal	01/13/18
Bible Study	88	110	84
AM Worship	148	160	133
PM Worship	75	110	73
Mid Week	84	110	81
Contribution:	\$5884.17	\$6000.00	\$5602.75

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Mitch Stafford and his family on the loss of his mother, Phyllis Stafford, on January 9th.. The funeral was Monday, the 13th.

Sympathy is expressed to Geri Linder and family on the passing of her cousin, Arveena Doolin, on January 8th.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

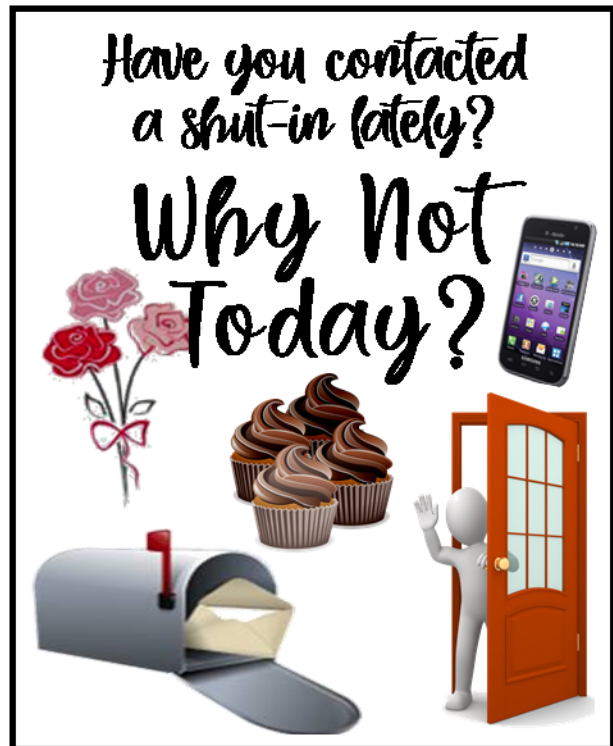
This group will meet this afternoon at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

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.

'Speaking for the Master' Class

This class will begin April 5, 2020 during Sunday morning bible class in the large annex classroom for men & boys to learn to lead in public worship.



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Denny Deskins

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Brandon Foresha

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Daniel Goshorn, George Wallace,
Braydon Snell, Jerrad Nickell,
Jacob Martin, Jesse Legg
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Tanner Adkins

Assisting Back: Jack Little

Assisting Back: Mark Gullett

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Jordan Maynard

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Brad Morris

DEVOTIONAL: Brandon Foresha

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Day

ATTENDANCE: David Castle

COORDINATOR: David Castle

★★★ 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

★★★ Jan. 25th ★★★

Surprise Youth Activity

-12 noon-

Keep watching for details!!

Are YOU involved in Lads To
Leaders yet? Why not?



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.