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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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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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My doctrine shall **drop** as the rain,
my speech shall distil as the **dew**,
as the small **rain** upon the tender herb,
and as the **showers** upon the grass

Deuteronomy 32:2



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!

Why Did Jesus Make Mud to Heal the Blind Man?

The miracle of Jesus healing the blind man found in John 9 has perplexed many people. Why did Jesus use mixed mud to heal this man's blindness (Jn. 9:1-7)? Some have speculated that Jesus used an ancient remedy to perform this wonder. One commentator wrote concerning this passage, "Apparently spittle was traditionally thought to have healing properties, for Tacitus reports that Vespasian's diseased eyes were cured with it. Clay was also used as a treatment, though less commonly. So, the Lord utilized what was probably considered in that day to have been a 'home remedy, for blindness'" (King 185). I disagree with this opinion because it limits the power of Christ's miraculous power. If Christ could not heal this man without an ancient remedy was it really a miracle? If we accept that Jesus needed modern medicine to perform this miracle, we open the door for skeptics to claim Jesus was simply a skilled physician, not the Son of God. Studying the following verses may shed some light on the reason Christ used mixed mud to heal this man's ailment.

Jewish tradition forbade many different activities from being done on a Sabbath that God had not forbade. God specified that the Jews could not work on a Sabbath (Ex. 34:21). Moses recorded an instance when a man was gathering up sticks (working) on a Sabbath and he was stoned to death (Num. 15:32-36). Other examples of God's definition of working on a Sabbath included treading a winepress, doing business, carrying things, traveling, and kindling a fire (Neh. 13:15-18; Jer. 17:21-22; Ex. 16:29; Ex. 35:1-3). The Jews had a healthy fear of breaking the Lord's Sabbath, which led them to creating traditions that went beyond God's stipulations. The perfect example of this can be found when Jesus' disciples plucked heads of grain and the Pharisees believed they had broken the Sabbath by doing so (Mk. 2:23-24). If the Jewish leaders viewed plucking grain as work, is it not reasonable to conclude they saw mixing clay as work as well (Jn. 9:14-16)? These leaders even viewed healing someone as breaking the Sabbath (Mk. 3:1-6; Jn. 5:1-16). Jesus condemned these same leaders for binding their man-made traditions instead of obeying God's commands (Matt. 15:1-9). By making mud and healing this blind man on a Sabbath, Jesus challenged these leaders to get past their traditions and recognize that He was God's Son; unfortunately, they held firm to their traditions (Jn. 9:8-17).

Jesus came to bring people to God, but most refused to accept Him and gladly remained in their lost and undone condition. Many of the Jews would rather follow the traditions of their forefathers and continue to go to their synagogues than to follow God's Son (Jn. 12:42-43). They even knew that Jesus Christ was from God; yet they could not imagine leaving the traditions they knew so well. Many in our day in age are just the same as they were. So many remain in denominations, false doctrines, and blatant disregard for the Scriptures because they love the praise of men more than the praise of God. Are there any traditions that you are holding onto? Have you refused to obey the Gospel because a loved one or a family member taught you their tradition on how one ought to be saved? When man-made traditions contradict clear Biblical teachings, we must obey God rather than man (Acts 5:29)! Traditions will not save you on the Day of Judgment; only the blood of Christ can (Rev. 1:5). One can only come into contact with the blood of Jesus through baptism (Rom. 6:1-6). Will you escape man's tradition and accept the truth?

- Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: Brandon Foresha- The Prodigal Son and the Jealous Brother

6:00PM: Mark Day- The Authority of God's Word

Scripture Reading: James 1:22-25

Dates to Remember

Jan 28- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Jan 31- Ladies luncheon- 12:30p- Fat Patti's

Feb 4- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 9- 2nd Sunday Morning Pointe Bible study/ singing 2:00p

Feb 11- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 13-23- Guyana mission trip for Mark Day & Nathan Adkins

Feb 16- Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet- 4:30p

Feb 18- Prime-timers- 10a- annex

Feb 23-26- Ceredo Gospel Meeting with Don Blackwell

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

Sep 13-16- our Gospel Meeting with Roger Rush

January Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the monthly luncheon on Friday, the 31st at Fat Patti's in Ashland. The group meets at 12:30pm.

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.

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

	01/19/20	Goal	01/20/19
Bible Study	121	110	49
AM Worship	165	160	68
PM Worship	90	110	nc
Mid Week	94	110	78
Contribution:	\$5680.09	\$6000.00	\$4159.30

*Have you contacted a shut-in lately?
Why not today?*

☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Hall

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Mark Gullett,
Jordan Maynard, Chris Legg,
Ernie Perry, Mitch Stafford,
John Gambill, Auston Clarkson
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Daniel Goshorn

Assisting: Will Scott

Assisting Back: Jacob Martin

Assisting Back: Dan Stone

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Scott

PM: Ben Poling

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Braydon Snell

PRAYER: Steve Wallace

DEVOTIONAL: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Hall

ATTENDANCE: Mitch Stafford

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

★★ Feb ★★

Surprise Youth Activity
Keep watching for details!!

Are YOU involved in Lads
To Leaders? 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.