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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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-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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Let us
labour
therefore
to enter into
that rest...

Hebrews 4:11

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!

“Only in the Lord”

“The wife is bound by the law as long as her husband liveth; but if her husband be dead, she is at liberty to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord” (1 Cor. 7:39). God intends marriage to be for a lifetime. Aside from one exception (Mt. 5:32; 19:9), God considers a married couple bound to each other until death. If a woman’s husband dies, then she is free to remarry. Some have argued that “only in the Lord” in 1 Corinthians 7:39 means the widow can only marry a Christian man. Is this the case?

First, consider Paul’s statement earlier in the chapter about marriage to a non-Christian, “But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him” (1 Cor. 7:12-13). If one goes to 2 Corinthians 6:14—a passage where marriage is not the subject—to prove that marriage to a non-Christian is a sin, then one makes Paul to contradict himself. In 1 Cor. 7:12-13, he tells the believer not to separate from their unbelieving spouse, yet in the other passage he writes, “come out from among them, and be ye separate” (2 Cor. 6:17). Paul is not speaking of marriage in 2 Corinthians 6. The non-Christian can be influenced by the godly conduct of their Christian spouse (1 Cor. 7:14; 1 Pet. 3:1-4).

Some actions are not the wisest course, but are not sin. Marriage to a Christian is often the wiser course, but it does not seem to be an absolute requirement in the NT. If “only in the Lord” in 1 Cor. 7:39 means a widow can only marry a Christian, then it is difficult to provide an answer to why she would be allowed to be married to a non-Christian in her first marriage (1 Cor. 7:12-13), but not in a subsequent marriage after her first husband died.

It seems best to regard “only in the Lord” in 1 Corinthians 7:39 as meaning “according to the teaching of the Lord.” That is, she is free to remarry any man who has the right to be married according to the Lord’s teaching. The preposition “in” (ἐν en in the Grk.) can often mean “according to” in this sense. For example, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right” (Eph. 6:1). Are children only to obey Christian parents? If a non-Christian parent commands a child to do something that is proper and right, then the child should obey. The force of “in the Lord” is not the spiritual location of the parent, but rather the child acting according to the Lord’s will. It is parallel to this phrase, “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord” (Col. 3:18). Or consider Romans 8:8 “So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.” This does not mean while we are in our physical bodies we can’t please the Lord, rather, as the context shows, those who walk “after the flesh” (vv. 4, 5).

Thus, a widow may marry again. She may marry any man who has God’s approval to marry. Obviously, a man who has put away his wife for some reason other than fornication is not eligible by the Lord for approved remarriage (Mt. 19:9). Thus, Paul is qualifying his phrase “she is at liberty to be married to whom she will” when he adds “only in the Lord” (1 Cor. 7:39). The Lord gives us liberty in certain areas of life. Let us abide by His teachings, neither restricting the liberty He has provided, nor going beyond the bounds He has set.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons This Week

10:45AM: Entering into Rest
 6:00PM: Nathan Adkins & Mark Day
 Mission Trip Review

Dates to Remember

Mar 8– Morning Pointe Singing/Bible Study- 2p
Mar 8-11– No. Lexington church Gospel Meeting with Jerrie Barber (see board for details)
Mar 10- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Mar 14– Ladies Bible Study Workshop– Main St. church of Christ, Hurricane, WV 9am-lunch -see foyer board for details (required items)
Mar 15- Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet- 4:30p Annex large classroom
Mar 17- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Mar 20-21- Men’s Retreat-Rome/Howell’s Mills RSVP required by 3/13
Mar 22– Potter Children’s Home Pantry Drive deadline– lists on bulletin board
Mar 24- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Mar 27- Ladies luncheon– 12:30p– tbd
Mar 29– 5th Sunday- Preachers Answer Your Bible Questions- 6p (submit questions now)
Mar 31- Prime-timers– 10a– annex
Apr 4– Gospel Meeting– 26th Street church of Christ, Huntington, with David Price-7p
Apr 9-12– Lads to Leaders (Louisville, KY)
Apr 19– Potluck luncheon– annex– 12p
Apr 19-22– 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

New Sister in Christ

Last Sunday, March 1st, Kendra Richards was baptized by Mark Day. Kendra is the wife of Matt Richards and the mother of 3, Seth, Marissa & Haley. Directory contact info will follow.

Lawn Maintenance Volunteers

It’s that time of year again. We are asking for people to sign up on the foyer board to volunteer. You will be assigned to a team and a rotation schedule of teams will be posted. Thank you for helping with this invaluable service.

Potter Children’s Home Donations

We have been asked for specific donations to stock the Children’s Home pantry. They need bottled water, taco seasoning packets, disposable razors, peach pie filling, and canned sliced pears. Items will be picked up the week of March 22. There are small shopping lists on the foyer bulletin board for your convenience. Please, place items in the sound room hallway.

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.

Gauging Our Faith

	03/01/20	Goal	03/03/19
Bible Study	91	110	99
AM Worship	128	160	131
PM Worship	96	110	64
Mid Week	97	110	77
Contribution:	\$5807.60	\$6000.00	\$5558.25

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



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: J.C. Hughes

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Brandon Foresha

Assisting: Ben Poling,
Nathan Parks, Greg Conley,
Tanner Adkins, Jason Fouts,
Jacob Martin, Ernie Perry
*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: John Gambill

Assisting Back: Mason Morris

Assisting Back: Gabe Scott

PM Scripture Reader: Jackson Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Will Scott

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTIONAL: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Chris Scott

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

★★★ 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

★★★ Apr 9 ★★★

Lads 2 Leaders
weekend begins
in Louisville, KY



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.