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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
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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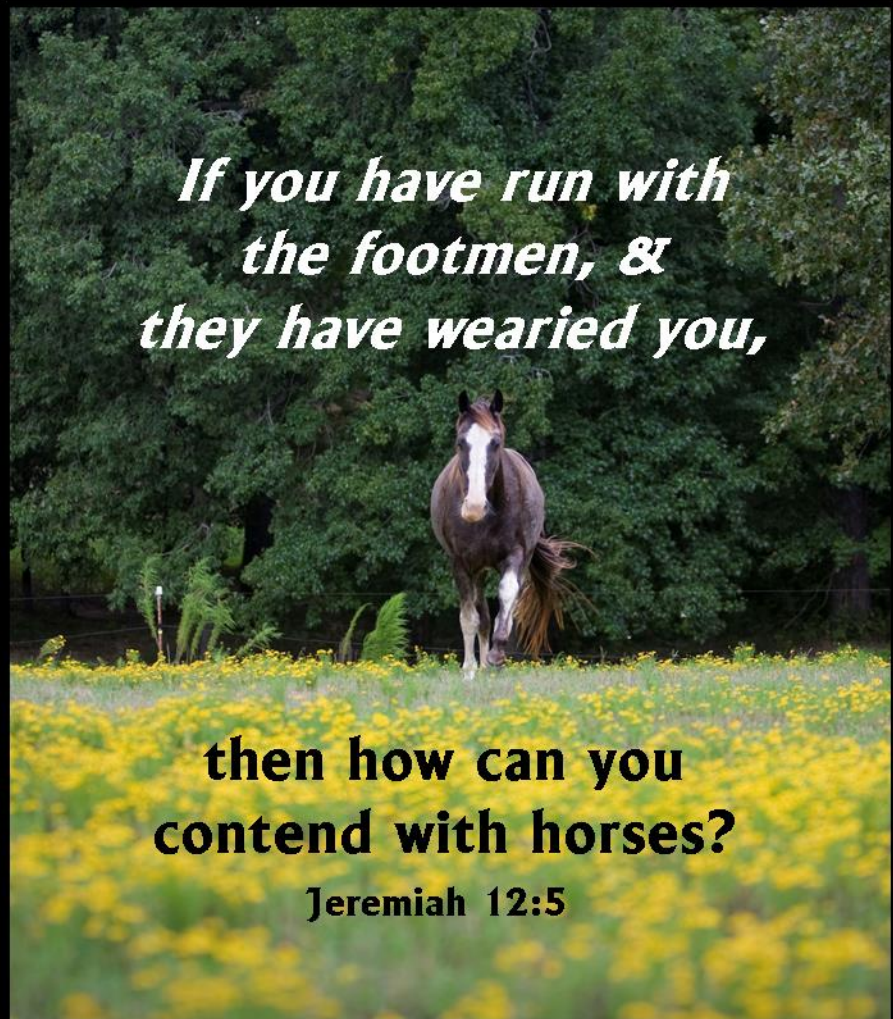
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*If you have run with
the footmen, &
they have wearied you,*

**then how can you
contend with horses?**

Jeremiah 12:5

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!

Running Against Horses

Jeremiah was a prophet who experienced great hardship. If we had to undergo the trials Jeremiah faced, we would likely not hold up as well as he did. We would find it hard to be joyful. Even residents of his hometown, Anathoth, were plotting to murder him. When the prophet grew impatient and complained to God about his wicked persecutors, God promised He would punish them (Jer. 11:21-23). Yet, God also gave Jeremiah a challenge for greater faith, asking, "If you have run with the footmen, and they have wearied you, then how can you contend with horses? And if in the land of peace, in which you trusted, they wearied you, then how will you do in the floodplain of the Jordan?" (Jer. 12:5).

Jeremiah had become wearied or impatient with the footmen. False prophets who said Judah would never be destroyed contended with Jeremiah who preached the truth that God would use Babylon to punish Judah for her sins. God said of these false prophets, "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied" (Jer. 23:21). The false prophets who contended with Jeremiah gave him a good run and caused him to become weary. Yet, things were about to get worse.

Jeremiah was wearied when the land of Judah was still "a land of peace," but soon Babylon would come with a flood of cavalry. The Hebrew word translated "contend" in Jeremiah 12:5 means to "become hot" or "angry;" it seems to refer to a heated race. Jeremiah had not seen anything yet. Soon, he would race horses.

Who can win a footrace with a horse? Oddly enough, there are annual races in our world that test this very question. Since 1980 an annual horse vs. man marathon has been held near Llanwrtyd Wells, a town in Wales. Only twice (2004 and 2007) has a human won—when weather conditions were particularly hot. In our own country, Prescott, AZ hosts an annual "Man Against Horse" race with distances up to 50 miles. Humans seem to have a better chance at winning the hotter the weather and the longer the distance.

Sometimes we must go through a "fiery trial" (1 Pet. 4:12). No matter how hard life gets, it could always be worse. God tested His people in ancient times in the "furnace of affliction" (Isa. 48:10). Today, we go through tests of our faith as well. Yet, we must not give up. We must remember that the Christian life is an endurance race (Heb. 12:1). We must not grow weary in doing good (Gal. 6:9; 2 Thess. 3:13). Keep fighting the good fight and keeping the faith until your race is finished and you receive the crown of righteousness at the last day (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Lessons This Week

Schedule for 'on-line' events:

*Sunday: 9:45– Bible Study
with Brandon Foresha
10:45- Fire in My Bones
6:00- Blinded from the Light
Wednesday: 7:00– Mark Day
Bible study*



Dates to Remember

May 22– Potter Children's Home Donation pickup

Jul 27-31– our VBS- 6:30p-8:30p– M-F

Sep 13-16– our Gospel Meeting with Roger Rush

'Speaking for the Master' Class

This class will begin when Bible classes resume, during Sunday morning Bible class in the large annex classroom for men & boys to learn to lead in public worship.

Lawn Maintenance

Team of the Week

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by May 2nd is Brandon Foresha, Jerry Sturgill, Dave Castle, Jason Fouts and Mark Day

Gauging Our Faith

	04/19/20	Goal	04/21/19
Bible Study	ns	110	88
AM Worship	ns	160	160
PM Worship	ns	110	93
Mid Week	ns	110	97
Contribution:	\$5180.00	\$6000.00	\$6602.03

Pre-packaged Communion

We have prepackaged communion juice & bread available. Just call before you come and you may come into the lobby and pick it up. There is a locked wooden box in the foyer to drop your contribution money, as well. After 2pm, Linda Carter can be called and a time arranged for you to come into the building.

VBS Planning- Start Now

2020 VBS will be here before we know it! Even though we can't get together, we can still begin planning now in hopes of everything returning to normal by the time July 27-31 is here. Jeremiah Smith posted the sign-up sheet for volunteers file on Facebook. If you can volunteer, please comment either on Facebook or by text to Jeremiah on what you'd like to do. If you are doing a learning center and know your topic, please post or text that as well.

The learning centers, teen, and adult Bible classes will be doing *lessons from Acts* this year. The 2-3 and 4-5 year old classes will be using the Lambert Book House VBS material on lessons from Bible kings. The sample kit is in the office. There are 4 lessons, so the Friday lesson will have to be a review night made by the teachers.

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Please, check on
someone today.



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: *no service*

SONG LEADER:

AM: *no service*

PM: *no service*

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: *no service*

PM: *no service*

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: *no service*

Assisting: *no service*

*gluten-free bread

Presiding PM: *no service*

Assisting: *no service*

Assisting Back: *no service*

Assisting Back: *no service*

PM Scripture Reader: *no service*

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: *no service*

PM: *no service*

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: *no service*

SONG LEADER: *no service*

PRAYER: *no service*

DEVOTIONAL: *no service*

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: *no service*

BLDG. ATTENDANT: *no service*

COORDINATOR: *no service*

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

VBS is July 27th-31st.

The learning centers
and teen Bible classes
will be about
Lessons From Acts.



The preschool classes
will learn about
Bible Kings.

Plan ahead to invite your friends!



**Therefore humble
yourselves under the
mighty hand of God,
that He may exalt you in
due time, casting all
your care upon Him,
for He cares for you.**

1 Peter 5:6-7

R. Palmer