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Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

WEBPAGE

www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org

MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
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-Rod Goddard
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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A word
FITLY
SPOKEN
is like
APPLES
OF GOLD
in a
SETTING
OF SILVER.
PROVERBS 25:11



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!

Sound Advice from Proverbs

Does our world need sound advice or what? There are many in this world who have no desire to learn from the wisdom provided by others, and it shows! As Solomon wrote in Proverbs, “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Prov. 1:7). It is the aim of this article to shed a spotlight on the wisdom recorded by Solomon, one of the wisest men to ever live (1 Kgs. 4:29-34). Will you accept the knowledge and grow closer to God or will you ignore the instructions and continue to be a fool? The choice is yours!

Could you imagine being singled out by a person of authority and made to move further down the table at a formal engagement? What an embarrassment that would be! This is exactly what Solomon spoke about in one of his proverbs (Prov. 25:6-7). The lesson he is trying to get across is not seating arrangements, but humility. It is better to be humble and sit at a lesser respected seat, than to take the seat of honor and be asked to move. Have you ever met the person who sits themselves in a position of honor, though they have done nothing to deserve it? In ancient times, that person would have been humiliated and asked to sit in their proper spot! Jesus used this proverb to teach the Pharisees humility at a dinner party (Lk. 14:1-11). He noticed how focused they were on their seat positions when they should have been focused on their humility and care for the less fortunate! Make sure you do not place honor on yourself, but let others honor God for your actions to those that cannot repay you. God will surely repay your deeds justly in the next life (Lk. 14:12-14).

I must be honest, the main reason I wrote this article was so I could slide this proverb into people’s thoughts this week. As I have been studying Proverbs myself, I loved the message given here. The proverb is this, “The lazy man says, ‘There is a lion outside! I shall be slain in the streets!’” (Prov. 22:13). Most Proverbs have no context; the wisdom is dropped into your lap and the advice has no back story. At first, I wondered if there should be context with this one. Was the land this lazy man lived in littered with random lion colonies and his concern actually valid? Certainly, there were more lions around in the Near East than roam our streets here in America. God sent lions to attack the new Samaritans that were sent by the Assyrians to inhabit Israel (2 Kgs. 17:24-25). Samson killed a lion while travelling near the vineyards of Timnah (Judg. 14:5-6). Then I realized this proverb does not have context and therefore his location or surroundings have nothing to do with this saying! This man was so lazy, he allowed the slim possibility of facing a lion keep him from working. Is there a possibility you could run into a wild lion on the road today? It is very unlikely, but there is still a chance! If laziness is a problem for you, please examine these verses and make the change to being a productive person (Prov 10:4- 5; 14:23; 20:4; 26:14-16). There is a lion who will feast on your laziness in this life and if you are not careful, it will cost you your soul (1 Pet. 5:6-9).

The best way to defeat an enemy is with kindness. Those in the world cannot grasp this, but that does not make the proverb less true (Prov. 25:21-22). The world says your enemy must be vanquished; wisdom says your enemy must be won over. Is this not what we are called to do as Christians? Instead of turning to violence, we ought to turn to goodness. Paul quoted this proverb to those at Rome and stated, “Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men” (Rom. 12:17-18). The best way to win over those of the world is to kill them with kindness!

These words of wisdom were meant to bring people closer to God. It is up to each individual if they will listen to the wisdom offered. Will you do what God wants by being humble, a worker, and a doer of good? Or will you decide to be arrogant, lazy, and vengeful? The choice is yours.

-Brandon Foresha

News & Notes

Lessons This Week



Sunday Morning
Live service & On-line:
 10:45a–(main auditorium–
 refer to page 5 this bulletin)
 Mark Day– *Competition*

Schedule for 'on-line' events:

Sunday: 9:00a– Bible Study
 with Brandon Foresha
 6:00p– Brandon Foresha–
Rest Assured, Death is Not the End
Wednesday: 7:00p– Bible study
 with Mark Day

Dates to Remember

Jul 27-31- our VBS- 6:30p-8:30p– M-F
Sep 13-16- Gospel Meeting w/ Roger Rush

Lawn Maintenance —Team of the Week—

The lawn team assigned to
 complete their task
 by May 23rd is
 Jeremiah Smith, Nathan
 Parks, Don Ross, Mark
 Parks, & George Wallace

Gauging Our Faith

	05/10/20	Goal	05/12/19
Bible Study	ns	110	85
AM Worship	nc	160	149
PM Worship	ns	110	91
Mid Week	ns	110	98
Contribution:	\$10137.00	\$6000.00	\$6491.26

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 to 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: Mark Parks **PM:** *no service*

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: *no service*

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: *no service*

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting:

*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: Brandon Foresha

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!



My son, keep
your father's
command,
And do not
forsake the law
of your mother.

Proverbs 6:20

THIS SUNDAY, May 17, 2020, for the 10:45 AM worship service only, the congregation of the Flatwoods church will be conducting an inside, in-person worship service opportunity for those who feel they are safely able to attend. We are asking that each of us adhere to some special guidelines in order to make this possible. (Please see attendance guidelines below).

Once again, we understand that not everyone will be physically able to join us for this inside service. We fully understand and respect those who feel that they are at risk and choose not to attend at this time. There are many sisters and brothers who have underlying health issues, or are at a higher risk than some of our other brothers and sisters. We will continue to live stream our services via Facebook; which may be replayed from our website, flatwoodschurchofchrist.org. We look forward to having all join us, either via the live streaming or attending onsite service.

The morning Bible Study Class will be broadcast online at 9:00 AM, to allow sufficient time for those who may be traveling from home to the church building for the 10:45 Morning Worship service. For now, Sunday and Wednesday evening services will remain available as online streaming services via Face Book and our website only.

The following guidelines will be in place in order to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We are asking all to follow these guidelines as closely as possible. We respectfully ask that if you should have a fever or other symptoms of an illness, that you remain at home and join us for our online services option. We love you dearly but we must look out for the safety of all.

GUIDELINES FOR LIVE ATTENDANCE PARTICIPATION:

1. PLEASE, as you exit your vehicle in the parking lot, make every attempt to maintain a safe social distance as you make your way towards the main entry.
2. We are asking that you bring a facial covering, or mask, that covers both your mouth and nose. If you do not have a mask, a mask will be made available as you enter the main foyer. Masks are recommended to be worn at all practical times.
3. Upon entry into the building, a quick temperature check will be performed for all members. Compliance of this measure will aid in the ensuring of a safe environment for all of those attending. If you are identified with a fever, you will be asked to return home for your own safety as well as the safety of others.
4. Prior to entering the auditorium, please be sure to pick up your communion supplies to meet the needs of you and your family. A collection box will be located in the main foyer for the dropping off of your contributions.
5. We ask all members to please move into the auditorium quickly in order to avoid crowding in the foyer. Greetings are important as we all share this common loving bond in Christ, but we must remember and respect our social distancing guidelines at this time. Therefore, we all need to remember no handshaking or hugging ... for now.
6. As you enter the auditorium, you will notice that every other row of pews has been marked as closed. This is done to allow appropriate spacing of households and in compliance with the social gathering recommendations. Remember to maintain six feet spacing between households.
7. Restroom access will be allowed for only one person at a time; parent and child exceptions are allowed. Upon exiting the restroom, you are asked to please disinfect the areas of the restroom you have utilized. Sanitizing sprays will be available inside restroom areas. Any child under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult to ensure proper disinfecting.
8. Hand sanitizers will be available in the foyer, as well as tissues and proper waste disposal containers.
9. Please note that all other common areas of the building will remain closed. We ask that you not utilize these areas at this time.
10. Upon completion of our services, ushers will be dismissing attendees one row at a time starting with the last pew. Both the main foyer and the annex foyer doorways may be utilized for exiting. Please no visiting inside the foyers.

The Flatwoods Eldership
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