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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  
**WVSOP student**

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**HERALD**

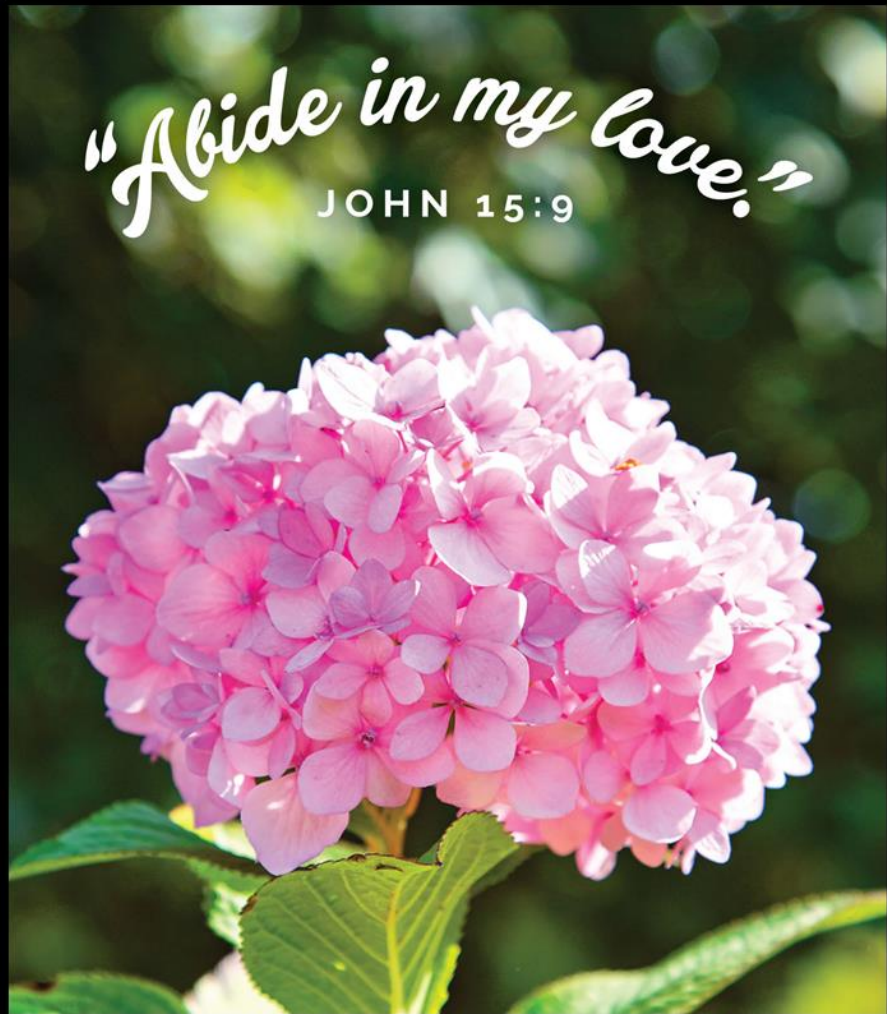
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*"Abide in my love."*  
JOHN 15:9



**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!

## Words, Words, Words

In Acts II: Scene 2 of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Polonius asks, "What do you read, my lord?" to which Hamlet replies, "Words, words, words." Are words of any value? Back when telegraph companies charged per number of words, people had to be succinct and selective in their words. Today, we come across so many words from so many people, we can wonder if they do any good. Unlike ages past, the overwhelming majority of individuals can publish their own words across the world instantly. It is tempting to release whatever words feel good to us out into the universe without much discernment; however we must be reminded that, "Death and life *are* in the power of the tongue," (Prov. 18:21).

Jesus said, "For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Mt. 12:37). Jesus charges us to consider our words carefully for they will factor into whether we are saved or lost. Words can heavily influence others; thus, the words we speak can also be a factor in the eternal destinies of others. Paul charged his preacher student, Timothy, saying, "Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you" (1 Tim. 4:16). The words of Jesus are spirit and life (Jn. 6:63). Those who continue in His word are set free from sin by the truth and are truly His disciples (Jn. 8:31-32).

However, words can also lead individuals astray. If the Gospel contains words by which men are saved (Acts 11:14), then to vary from the words of eternal life spells condemnation. The curse of God is on anyone who teaches a different, perverted message from the true Gospel (Gal. 1:8-9). Those who love lies and practice falsehood are headed to hell (Rev. 21:8; 22:15). That we stay with the true words of God is of supreme importance, for, "Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son" (2 Jn. 9).

Public teachers of God's word shall receive a stricter judgment because of the amplified sway they exercise over others through their teaching (Jas. 3:1). Some false teachers teach out of mercenary interests, being more interested in fleecing the sheep than leading them to eternal life; however, God's judgment is awaiting them for their deceptive words (2 Pet. 2:3). False teaching hinders people from obeying the truth (Gal. 5:7). Those led astray into false doctrine can fall from God's grace (Gal. 5:4).

Let us examine our words to discern whether they come from a heart thoroughly led by the Word of God. Our words should echo God's words, as Peter says, "If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God" (1 Pet. 4:11). What one says, whether in preaching, teaching, or in a personal conversation regarding the proper course to follow should be as God says it. Too often men are prone to push God's word into the background in order to give their take on things. How dangerous! Are we so eager for the opinions of men that God cannot get a word in edgewise? Our determination should rather be, "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them" (Isa. 8:20).

– Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Lessons This Week

10:45 AM: He Closed the Book  
 6:00 PM: Looking Steadfastly Toward Heaven  
 Scripture Reading: Acts 1: 9-11



## Dates to Remember

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

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

## New Brother in Christ

Thursday, May 14th, Noah Day, the son of Mark and Alissa Day, was baptized by Mark Day. Please, congratulate Noah on his good decision.

## VBS Planning- Start Now

2020 VBS will be here before we know it! We need to 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.

## Lawn Maintenance —Team of the Week—

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by May 30th is  
**Steve Wallace, Chris/Will/ Gabe Scott, Linda Carter, Ernie Perry, Braydon Snell**

## Gauging Our Faith

	05/17/20	Goal	05/19/19
<b>Bible Study</b>	ns	110	99
<b>AM Worship</b>	74	160	156
<b>PM Worship</b>	ns	110	nc
<b>Mid Week</b>	ns	110	94
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6271.00	\$6000.00	\$6384.07

## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** Brandon Foresha

### **LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Nathan Adkins

**Assisting:**

\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** David Smith

**Assisting:**

**Assisting Back:**

**Assisting Back:**

**PM Scripture Reader:**

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Scott

**PM:** Will Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** on-line broadcast

**SONG LEADER:** on-line broadcast

**PRAYER:** on-line broadcast

**DEVOTIONAL:** on-line broadcast

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:**

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Mark Parks

**COORDINATOR:** Matt Vonderheide

## ★★★ 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!



A soft  
answer  
turns away  
wrath...

Proverbs 15:1