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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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**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!

## Pursue Peace

Abraham's herdsmen and Lot's herdsmen had a conflict over grassland available for the livestock. Abraham said to Lot, "Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we *be* brethren" (Gen. 13:8). Even though Abraham, through his seniority, could have claimed his rights to choose the land he thought best for his flocks, he chose rather to give Lot first choice of where he would go. If Lot went left, he would go right and vice-versa (Gen. 13:9). There are situations in life that call for me to be the bigger person and accommodate my brethren for the sake of peace. While sin and false teaching can never be tolerated (Gal. 2:4-5; 1 Tim. 5:20), there are areas in life where the Lord has given us liberty to differ. This liberty (freedom of choice) must not be asserted in such a way that it becomes a stumbling block to others (1 Cor. 8:9) Rather, liberty gives us the freedom to serve through love (1 Cor. 9:19; Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 2:16).

In Romans 14:1-15:7, Paul addressed matters of judgment such as eating of meats and keeping certain days. These were not to be bound on others as requirements of salvation. If a brother in Christ had scruples regarding eating meats, then brethren who recognized there was nothing unclean in eating meats should not despise the brother that had such scruples and insist on eating meat (Rom. 14:10-15). Instead of doubtful disputations over meat (Rom. 14:1), when the kingdom of God is not meat and drink (v. 17), the inspired apostle redirects the brethren by writing, "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another" (v.19).

The past few months have introduced changes to our usual worship routines. While we follow the New Testament's instructions to come together to worship in the Lord's supper (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11:17-26), singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16), praying (1 Cor. 14:15-17), preaching (Acts 20:7), and giving (1 Cor. 16:1-2), there is a tendency for brethren to have strife over where they are sitting in the auditorium, how the elements of the Lord's supper are packaged and distributed, and whether or not a mask is worn. Sometimes there is strife between congregations on the different procedures each congregation has chosen to implement as the church assembles to worship. Let us remember to pursue peace with our brethren. The kingdom of God is not in these incidental details. Each congregation of the Lord's church is autonomous. A plurality of elders (also referred to as overseers and shepherds in the NT) serve among each local congregation to look after the members (Acts 14:23; Titus 1:5-7; Philipians 1:1; 1 Peter 5:1-4). An elder of one congregation should not tell another congregation how to conduct their affairs in the realm of judgment. There is no Scriptural precedent for such.

Jesus said, "Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). The Lord's people are to pursue peace with one another; this includes allowing differences in the realm of judgment. In this way energy may be focused on growing closer to God and bringing the Gospel to the lost so they can obey it and have peace with God. Let us all be peacemakers.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons Today**

**10:45 AM:** Interest in Salvation  
**6:00 PM:** Tomorrow's Troubles  
**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 6:25-34

## **College Student Address**

Will Scott now attends the University of Louisville. His address is: 1900 So. 4th St., 2102B Kurz Hall, Louisville, KY 40292. Please make note of this in your member directory.

## **Dates to Remember**

**Sep 4-5**– Retreat to the Adkins' home in Blue Creek, Ohio– sign up RSVP requested

**Sep 13-16**- Gospel Meeting w/ Roger Rush

**Sep 19**– Madi Ward baby shower– 11a-1p w/ drive up gift drop 1p at foyer entrance door  
RSVP requested by 9/12. Check b'board

**Sep 20**– Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet 4:30p



## **Gauging Our Faith**

	<u>08/16/20</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>08/18/19</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	nc	110	nc
<b>AM Worship</b>	nc	160	158
<b>PM Worship</b>	nc	110	87
<b>Mid Week</b>	49	110	85
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5452.00	\$6000.00	\$6727.40

## **Member Address Changes**

Nelson and Madi Ward have moved. Their new address is 4935 Kildee Drive, Ashland Ky 41102. Also, Frances Rose, a shut-in member who moved to Florida with her daughter, has changed addresses. Her address is now: Frances Rose, Pruitt Health- Rm. 412, 3212 Jenks Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405– phone: (850) 771-1521 (general number and they will take phone to Frances).

## **Ward Baby Shower**

Sept. 19th, there will be a baby shower in the annex from 11am to 1pm. Luncheon will be served, and a RSVP is requested to Audrey Goshorn at (606)371-3245 by the 12th. The registry for Madelyn & Nelson (& baby Jack) is at Babylist.com. There will also be a drive-thru gift drop at 1pm at the foyer entrance.

## **Little School Applications**

Our Little School is scheduled to start Oct. 30th, in accordance with the Oct. 26th start date of the Russell School system. Applications can be found on the church website or in the office.

## **Notes From The Elders**

For Sunday AM Bible study, all ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up will be in the main auditorium while children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will meet in the annex large classroom. Social distancing and wearing of masks will continue to be observed.

## **Lawn Maintenance**

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by Aug 29 is Greg Conley, Mark Gullett, Terry & Will Whitley, Jordan Conley, & Jordan Maynard

## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Brandon Foresha

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Brandon Foresha

**PM:** Nathan Parks

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** Daniel Goshorn

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**PM:** Mason Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** J.C. Hughes

**DEVOTION:** Nathan Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** David Castle

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** J.C. Hughes

**COORDINATOR:** Jerry Sturgill

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

### ★★★ Sept. 4 & 5 ★★★

annual retreat for youth  
(and congregation) at Nathan  
Adkins' home in Blue Creek, Ohio  
—RSVP on the foyer board—  
see Nathan or Serpell for details



*Take therefore  
no thought  
for the morrow:  
for the morrow  
shall take thought  
for the things  
of itself...*

*Matthew 6:34*