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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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"...so must the

**SON  
of  
Man**

be lifted up, that whoever  
believes in Him may not perish  
but have eternal life "

John 3:14-15

**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!

## Hanged on a Tree

Several societies throughout history have exposed the corpses of individuals executed for their crimes for all to see to declare condemnation and warn potential offenders. Those who suffered capital punishment were often hanged or impaled on a stake. Moses gave God's instructions to the nation of Israel limiting the period of time a corpse was to be thus exposed to one day; the body was not to remain all night upon the tree, "for he that is hanged is accursed of God" (Deut. 21:22-23). The shedding of blood was impure and the corpse would defile the land God had given them if left overnight (cf. Num. 35:33). One day was enough for the public to take notice.

In accordance with this injunction, Joshua hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening, then had the carcass taken down and placed at the gate of the city, covering it with a pile of stones (Josh. 8:29). Similarly, he also took the five kings who had hidden in the cave of Makkedah (the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, and the king of Eglon), and hanged them on five trees until sunset; he then buried them in the cave where they had hidden (Josh. 10). Later, King David exposed the corpses of those executed for unsanctioned taking of human life (2 Sam. 4:12; 21:2-9).

The Gentile nations were not exempt from hanging up corpses for display. The Philistines hung and exposed the corpses of Saul and his sons by fastening them to the wall of Bethshan (1 Sam. 31:10-13). Around 700 BC, the Assyrians besieged the northern kingdom of Israel (2 Kings 17:1-6; 18:9-17). In the ruins of their ancient capital, Nineveh, a relief has been found showing the siege of the Jewish city of Lachish which pictures the citizens of Lachish impaled on stakes. From the books of Ezra and Esther, glimpses are shown of Medes and the Persians using gallows as a means of being "hanged on a tree" (Esther 2:23; 5:14; 6:4; 7:10; 8:7; 9:13, 25). Ezra 6:11 sentences anyone who violated the king's edict with a timber being pulled from the offender's house and erected, the offender hanged thereon, and the offender's house razed. Secular history records these kings using impalement—employing various means to suspend a person on a stake—to heighten the publicity of the shame heaped on those whom they sentenced to death. Herodotus mentions that Darius had nearly 3,000 of the leading citizens of Babylon impaled (*The Histories* 3:159); he also records that Xerxes intended this same punishment for one guilty of rape (4:43). The vilest of criminals were subjected to this public display of their corpses.

By the time the Romans came to power, crucifixion was honed as the method of public execution for notorious criminals. Jesus was without sin and yet was "hanged on a tree" in crucifixion (Acts 5:30; 10:39). For the Son of God to be hanged on a tree seems such a contradiction in terms for he that was hanged on a tree was accursed of God; yet, Jesus did this to take the curse for us (Gal. 3:10-13). He bore our sins in His own body on the tree (1 Pet. 2:24). His body did not remain on the cross overnight for those who had no scruples in calling for the crucifixion of the innocent Son of God were careful to avoid desecrating a holy day (Jn. 19:31). Yet, for six hours one day Jesus was lifted up on the cross (Mk. 15:25, 34-37), and that act which was intended to cause Him utmost shame instead exalted Him for all the world to see (Jn. 12:32, 33). Will you fix your eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross, despising the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of God, offering you salvation (Heb. 12:2)?

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45 AM:** Every Time I See the Cross

**6:00 PM:** Behold God's Goodness and Severity

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 11:22

## Welcome New Members

On July 26th, David & Melissa Morckel with their children, Clara, Benjamin & Micah, placed membership with our congregation. Their address is 16017 Lone Oak Dr., Catlettsburg, KY 41129. David's cell number is 803-517-6558 & Melissa's is 803-517-7344. Please, note 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 10**– Little School staff/parent/student only orientation– 7p (due to Covid precautions)

**Sep 11**– first day of Little School– 9a

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

## Lawn Maintenance

### —Team of the Week—

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by Aug 15 is Brandon Foresha, Jerry Sturgill, Dave Castle, Jason Fouts & Mark Day

## Gauging Our Faith

	08/02/20	Goal	08/04/19
<b>Bible Study</b>	46	110	61
<b>AM Worship</b>	97	160	nc
<b>PM Worship</b>	58	110	80
<b>Mid Week</b>	46	110	99
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5775.29	\$6000.00	\$5502.61

## Little School Applications

At this time, we are planning to have Little School. Please, let your friends know it is almost time for Little School, starting Sept. 11th. Application should be made ASAP. This year certain changes must be made. The number of students will be fewer, classes smaller for distancing, adults will wear masks but children won't, pre-packed snacks will be prepared for and given to the students, while sanitizing will be done more rigorously. Also, please be aware that changes can be made at any time due to safety precautions necessary.

## Notes From The Elders

One August 2nd, the Sunday morning Bible Study resumed at the building at 9:45am. All ages 5<sup>th</sup> grade and up will be in the main auditorium. The children in 4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger will meet in the annex large classroom. Now all our regular worship and Bible Study sessions at the building are restored. Livestreaming of each auditorium session will continue. Social distancing and wearing of masks will continue to be observed.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** Daniel Goshorn

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Steve Wallace

\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** Brad Morris

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** J.C. Hughes

**PM:** David Smith

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTION:** Mark Day

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Jerry Sturgill

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Steve Wallace

**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



*Behold therefore  
the goodness and  
severity of God:  
on them which fell,  
severity;  
but toward thee,  
goodness,  
if thou continue in  
His goodness:  
otherwise thou also  
shalt be cut off.*

*Romans 11:22*