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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

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**MISSIONS**  
-Dustin Bolks  
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-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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**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!

## Marriage Requirements

Yesterday I conducted a wedding. I have had very few opportunities to officiate at a wedding. The wedding yesterday brought me great joy to be a part of the joining of a man and a woman in marriage. You see, I performed the wedding of my mother and her fiancé. When I say I was a part in joining the man and woman together make no mistake, God does the joining (Matthew 19:6). However, mankind is required to obey the laws of the land (1 Peter 2:13-14) so long as those laws are not in conflict with the Law of God (Acts 5:29). The civil marriage law, in whatever country or locale, must be followed. However, since God has given marriage to man, it is God that sets the requirements or limitations for scriptural marriage and thus, joins a couple together.

Scriptural marriage is between a biological male and a biological female. It is sad that a person today must clarify this in today's world. Many would make the claim that gender is fluid and a person can self-identify as male or female regardless of biology. Well folks, there are only two genders, and that is based on biological sex, male or female (Matthew 19:4). Also, this would exclude "homosexual marriages" which are not marriages in the Biblical sense of the word. As indicated at the beginning of the article, God sets the rules for marriage and from the beginning Scriptural marriage is between a man and a woman.

Scriptural marriage can be entered by one who has never been married. Marriage is a great blessing from God to man and the first divine institution (government and the church are the other two). After God made man "the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet (suitable – JDS) for him," Genesis 2:18. The husband is to love his wife, the wife is to submit to her husband (Ephesians 5:22ff). They are "joined together," literally "yoked together" indicating they are closely united and pulling together in things in life, whatever may come.

Scriptural marriage can be entered by one whose spouse had died. In Romans 7:2-3, Paul says, "For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man." While Paul is using marriage in this context as an illustration that the Jews are no longer under the Old Covenant and can, without "spiritual adultery," be subject to the New Covenant, he teaches a marital truth. Those whose spouses have died are eligible to be remarried to another being loosed from their first marriage.

Scriptural marriage can be entered by one who has been scripturally married and scripturally divorced. This is the marital plague of our society today. Many believe that marriage is "just for now" or "until something better comes along." They do not want to believe that marriage is the serious, lifelong covenant (Malachi 2:14) that it is. God has allowed one exception for scriptural divorce and remarriage, "And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery," Matthew 19:9. The innocent party whose spouse has committed fornication (a sexual act) has the option (right) to divorce their mate and eventually marry another with God's approval.

God's marriage law is loving and strict. In the case of my mother and her boyfriend, I could perform their marriage ceremony because their spouses had died and they were free to marry. However, I have beloved family members whom I could not perform their wedding due to the circumstances they described of a divorce which God does not approve. Friend, God's marriage law is for all mankind and must be obeyed.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

# News & Notes



## **Sermons Today**

**10:45 AM:** Bootleg Worship  
**6:00 PM:** Hypocritical Judgment  
**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 7:1-5

## **Birth Announcement**

Josh and Olivia Cox, JC & Ann Hughes' grandson and his wife, have a baby boy born September 3rd. William (Liam) weighed in at 6lbs & 13.7 oz. and was 20" long. Mother, baby, and dad are doing well.

## **Dates to Remember**

- 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-** Audrey Goshorn baby shower- 3p-5p Gift drop 5pm annex double doors- RSVP  
**Sep 20-** Elders/Deacons/Preachers meet 4:30p  
**Oct 3-** Davonne Parks baby shower- 3-5p outside near annex-  
**Oct 30-** tentative first day of Little School

## **Lawn Maintenance**

The lawn team assigned to complete their task by Sept 12 is Steve Wallace, Chris & Gabe Scott, Linda Carter, Ernie Perry, and Braydon Snell

## **Gauging Our Faith**

	08/30/20	Goal	09/01/19
<b>Bible Study</b>	60	110	nc
<b>AM Worship</b>	110	160	144
<b>PM Worship</b>	69	110	92
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	110	98
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$7490.00	\$6000.00	\$6304.50

## **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.

## **Goshorn Baby Shower**

Sept. 20th, there will be a baby shower in the annex from 3pm to 5pm. An email RSVP is requested to dsmith@smithadjusting.com by the 12th. The registry for Audrey, Daniel, & baby Charlotte (Charlie) is on Amazon. There will also be a drive-thru gift drop at 5pm at annex double doors.

## **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.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** John Gambill

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

**Presiding AM:** Brandon Foresha

\*gluten-free bread

**Presiding PM:** Greg Conley

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** J.C. Hughes

**PM:** David Smith

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** David Smith

**DEVOTION:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Jerry Sturgill

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Mark Day

**COORDINATOR:** Matt Vonderheide

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## \*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*

### \*\*\*Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec\*\*\*

Anyone of any age who is interested in sending correspondence to residents at Morning Point, please, speak with Brandon Foresha. He will give you one of the 30+ resident's names. This is a great need for them at this time.



*...Well did  
Isaiah prophesy of  
you hypocrites,  
as it is written:  
This people honors  
Me with their lips,  
but their heart is far  
from Me.*

*Mark 7:6*