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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

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-Dustin Bolks
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*Entreat me not to leave you,
Or to turn back from following after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And your God, my God.*

Ruth 1:16

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!

Trusting in Transition

Many things in life are not permanent. The book of Ruth presents a family who went through transitions because of loss. A famine arose in the land (Ruth 1:1). Elimelech took his family from Bethlehem in Judah to Moab to escape this famine. This family believed they would have a better life there, but Elimelech died. His wife, Naomi, was widowed, but still had her sons (Ruth 1:3). These sons, Mahlon and Chilion, married Moabite women. They dwelt in the land of Moab for about ten years with their wives, Orpah and Ruth (Ruth 1:4). But then both Mahlon and Chilion died (Ruth 1:5). Naomi is widowed and childless. She is left with only her widowed daughters-in-law. No doubt, Naomi, Orpah, and Ruth anticipated their husbands living longer than what they did.

While ordinarily marriage to foreigners would result in God's people leaving him for false gods, (which is why He warned against it time and again Deut. 7:3; Josh. 23:12, 13; et al.), this situation actually resulted in a foreigner coming to trust in the true God of Israel. Naomi decided to return to her homeland because she had heard that the Lord had visited His people and given them bread (Ruth 1:6). While Orpah is convinced to stay in Moab, Ruth will not leave Naomi. Naomi asked Ruth three times to leave her. However, Ruth, replied: "Entreat me not to leave you, *or to* turn back from following after you; for wherever you go, I will go; and wherever you lodge, I will lodge; your people *shall be* my people, and your God, my God. Where you die, I will die, and there will I be buried. The LORD do so to me, and more also, if *anything but* death parts you and me" (Ruth 1:16-17). While Naomi may have been content for Ruth to go with Orpah and serve the gods of the people of Moab, Ruth committed to serve the God Naomi served. She even expresses an oath taking the LORD as witness.

In times of transition, Ruth responded by trusting in the Lord. Boaz said of her, "The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge" (Ruth 2:12). God protected her under His great wing. The Lord seeks to do this with His people (cf. Luke 13:34). When all else may change or be taken away, the Lord does not change (Malachi 3:6). He gives us every blessing and yet there is no change in Him, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

While Boaz prayed God would bless Ruth and protect her, God's plan was to use Boaz to provide these blessings and protection. God's wing of protection came about through Boaz spreading his garment over Ruth—marrying her and taking her under his wing (Ruth 3:9)—and redeeming the family of the late Elimelech. We can be the means by which God cares for those who have experienced loss and are going through tough life transitions. If we live righteous lives and are ready to be used by the Lord, He can make us channels of blessings.

The epilogue of the book of Ruth (4:13-22) points to God's overarching plan to redeem this family, through their line bring king David, and eventually Jesus Christ the savior of us all. None of the people in the book of Ruth knew what God had in store for them. The future surprised them all. But the Lord had a plan and worked it out in His great providence.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Mark Day- The First and Last Eleven

6:00PM: Jerry Sturgill- The Profitable Word

Evening Service Scripture Reading:

2 Timothy 3:16-17 NKJV

16- All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17- that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Congratulations

Congratulations to David & Melissa Morckel on the birth of baby Rebekah Kate Dec. 17th. She weighed 6lbs. 5ozs. and is 19 inches long.

Also, congratulations to Lowell and Barb Parsley on their new great-grandson, Conner Brooks Parsley born Dec. 18th to Tyler & Ashley Parsley.

Notes From The Elders

The Eldership wants to reemphasize our mask wearing and our precautions of social distancing. Greenup County is now listed as being in the red zone on the KY COVID-19 incident rate map. These precautions may help protect all of us, especially our older and more susceptible members.

Date to Remember:

Dec. 30— Singing Night

2021 Dates to Note:

Apr 1-4— Lads 2 Leaders— sign up now!!

Apr 11-14— our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Jul 26-30— Vacation Bible School

Oct 17-21— our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

-Please, note on your 2021 calendar/ appt. book

7 Precautions While Here

1. Please, in the parking lot, make every attempt to maintain a safe social distance as you quickly enter or exit the main entry.
2. Wear a facial covering, or mask, that covers both your mouth and nose at all practical times. If you do not have a mask, one will be made available to you as you enter the main foyer.
3. On Sunday, please pick up communion supplies in the foyer before service for you and your family. A collection box is located in the main foyer for your contributions.
4. Please move through the foyer quickly to avoid crowding in the foyer. Please, remember to social distance (six feet) and no handshaking or hugging ... for now. And the drinking fountain is off limits for now.
5. The auditorium has every other row of pews closed off to allow appropriate spacing of households. Remember to maintain six feet spacing in the pew between households.
6. 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 are available in the restrooms. Any child under age 12 should be accompanied by an adult to ensure proper disinfecting.
7. Hand sanitizers are available in the foyer, as well as tissues and proper waste disposal containers.

Gauging Our Faith

	<u>12/20/20</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>12/22/19</u>
Bible Study	nc	110	nc
AM Worship	69	160	176
PM Worship	50	110	87
Mid Week	38	110	75
Contribution:	\$4230.00	\$6000.00	\$5806.43

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas

PM: David Smith

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Brandon Foresha

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Greg Conley

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTION: Nathan Adkins

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Jackson Morris

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Day

COORDINATOR: David Smith

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

*** Youth Notes ***

★ Lads to Leaders ★

2021 Convention
Sign up deadline
Jan. 3rd-

**-to sign up, speak
with Mark Day or
Brad Morris.**



**Have you
contacted
a shut-in
lately?**

**Why not
today?**