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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  
Sioux Center, Ia.  
-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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**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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man who **endures**  
temptation;  
for when he has  
been **approved**,  
he will receive the  
**crown of life**  
which the Lord  
has **promised**  
to those who  
**love** Him.

**J a m e s 1 : 1 2**

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!

## Separating the Righteous from the Wicked

Jesus spoke several parables to illustrate the kingdom of heaven (Mt. 13). Many of these highlight the separation of the righteous from the wicked at the end of the world when the Lord returns—the wheat from the tares (Mt. 13:24-30, 36-43), the good from the bad fish (13:47-50), the wise from the foolish virgins (25:1-13), and the sheep from the goats (25:31-46), just to name a few. The Christian age, (often called the “last days” in the Bible), is the period of time from Christ’s establishment of His kingdom in the first century (Mk. 9:1; Rev. 1:9) to the end of the world, when He brings those in His kingdom home to heaven (Mt. 13:39-40, 49; 28:20). We presently are in this last period of time, but so were those on Pentecost day following Christ’s resurrection, according to Acts 2:16-17. The Lord has been longsuffering for 2,000 years, allowing individuals time to repent (2 Pet. 3:8-9). He provides the opportunity to be part of His kingdom by being baptized/born again into His kingdom, the church (Mt. 16:18-19; Jn. 3:3-5; Acts 2:38, 41, 47; Col. 1:13). He may return today or a thousand years from now; however, no one knows the time of His coming, so we must be watchful (Mt. 24:36-51). His coming will be unexpected (Mt. 24:44; 25:13; 1 Thess. 5:1-3; 2 Pet. 3:10).

In these last days, Christians must remain faithful in a world filled with people who are “lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Tim. 3:2-5). Yes, some will act like they are righteous people, but in reality, they guide others away from God. Sadly, “evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived” (2 Tim. 3:13). However, our lives and teachings must be according to God’s word, if we will be saved and save others (1 Tim. 4:16). We must continue to preach God’s word (2 Tim. 4:2), even when others depart from the faith in this last age (1 Tim. 4:1). We must be watchful in all things and endure afflictions (2 Tim. 4:5), even when others heap to themselves false teachers that deceive them and make them feel good in their sins (2 Tim. 4:3-4; Rom. 16:17-18; Jude 4). First-century Christians had to patiently endure tribulations, such as Jerusalem’s destruction, and so must we today, possessing our souls by patience (Lk. 21:19; Acts 14:22).

When the Lord returns, it will all be worth it (2 Cor. 4:17). If we are faithful to the Lord Jesus, we will receive a crown of righteousness in the last day (2 Tim. 4:7-8). The wicked will finally be dealt with once and for all, and the righteous will be saved from sin’s ruinous influence. The wicked will be weeping and gnashing their teeth (Mt. 8:12; 22:13; 24:51; 25:30; Lk. 13:28), but the righteous will have all tears wiped from their eyes, for they will no longer experience death, crying, or pain (Rev. 21:4). Instead, they will have healing, living among the tree of life, basking in the light of God, and serving Him forever (Rev. 22:1-5). Be sure you remain faithful and watchful, so that you are separated on the right side when the Lord returns.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons Today**

10:45AM: Gender

6:00PM: Spiritual CPR

PM Scripture Reading: Mason Morris

### **James 1:2-12 NKJV**

2- My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials,

3- knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

4- But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

5- If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

6- But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

7- For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

8- he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9- Let the lowly brother glory in his exaltation,

10- but the rich in his humiliation, because as a flower of the field he will pass away.

11- For no sooner has the sun risen with a burning heat than it withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beautiful appearance perishes. So the rich man also will fade away in his pursuits.

12- Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

## **2021 Dates to Remember:**

**Jan 31**— Youth Led PM service

**Apr 1-4**— Lads 2 Leaders

**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 these dates on your personal calendar*—

## **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**

	01/03/21	Goal	01/05/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	47	110	95
<b>AM Worship</b>	64	160	163
<b>PM Worship</b>	47	110	97
<b>Mid Week</b>	45	110	79
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$11593.93	\$6000.00	\$6694.27

## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Greg Conley

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Brandon Foresha

**PM:** Brad Morris

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Presiding PM:** Mark Parks

\*gluten-free bread

### Scripture Reading:

**PM:** Mason Morris

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** John Gambill

**PM:** Gabe Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Nathan Adkins

**SONG LEADER:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PRAYER:** Chris Scott

**DEVOTION:** Mark Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Jackson Morris

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Brad Morris

**COORDINATOR:** Jerry Sturgill

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

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

★ Jan 31 ★

PM Youth Led service

Young men: see  
Brandon Foresha for  
details or to volunteer

★ Lads to Leaders ★

2021 Convention

Apr. 1-4



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

**Why not  
today?**