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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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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!

The Dangers of Looking Back

Physically looking backwards may result in a stumble or fall but looking back spiritually can be life-threatening. One who spiritually looks backwards, resorts back to their sinful past (Heb. 10:35-39). Once we obey the Gospel of Christ, we are a new creature, forsaking the old man of sin (Rom. 6:1-6; Col. 3:9-10). Before one is baptized into Christ, they ought to consider that they must stop living in sin. No one is perfect and we all sin (Rom. 3:23), but a "Christian" continuing to sin is not faithful (1 Jn. 1:5-2:2; 3:4-9). When a Christian looks back, they long for the fleeting pleasures of sin they gave up when they first came to Christ (Heb. 11:23-27). As Jesus stated, "No one, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Lk. 9:62). Let us examine the dangers of looking back instead of forward to Christ.

Lot's wife is a great example of someone looking backwards spiritually. While escaping the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, the angels instructed Lot and his family not to look back on the city (Gen. 19:12-25). What we must understand is that Lot's wife looking back was because she did not want to let go of her physical possessions. What mattered more to her, the home and possessions she left in Sodom or following the commands of God? Notice, when commanded by the angels to flee, Lot and his family lingered. They lingered to the point that the angels had to physically grab their hands and lead them out of the city (Gen 19:14-16). Why would they desire to remain in such a sinful city (Gen. 19:1-7)? It is a sad reality that most people will endure rampant sin all around them because of the riches a location like that offers (Gen. 13:10-11). Lot's wife was not looking back out of curiosity to view the destruction, but she looked backwards because of what she left behind (Lk. 17:28-33)! Her home, possessions, and riches were destroyed and these things mattered most to her. Do riches and possessions cause you to look back instead of focusing forward? Lot's wife laid up riches on earth, where are yours (Matt. 6:19-21)?

The Israelites in the wilderness were rarely looking forward, focusing on God as they should have. Instead, they looked backwards at their former lives in Egypt and wished they were still there (Ex. 16:3). Did you catch that? The Israelites, who were mistreated slaves back in Egypt (Ex. 1:9-16; 3:7-9), wanted to return back to servitude. They looked back at Egypt several times while wandering in the wilderness. In their minds, slavery with a full belly trumped being free and trusting in the Lord who delivered them (Ex. 17:1-3; Num. 14:1-4; 20:2-5). Though their physical bodies left Egypt, spiritually they remained behind. Their desire to return back to Egypt was such an issue, God had to command when a king of Israel arose, he was not allowed to send the people back to Egypt to obtain more horses (Deut. 17:14-16). God even issued a warning to Israel that if they did not obey His law, He would send them back to Egypt as slaves (Deut. 28:58-68). It is clear from the Old Testament that Israel did not keep the commandments of God and the Lord sent them into slavery to the Assyrians (Hosea 11:5). The real reason Israel desired to return to Egypt was because they feared the unknown and did not fully trust in God to provide for them. Even after Israel conquered Canaan and a few centuries passed by, the children of Israel still trusted in Egypt's might more than they did God's (Is. 31:1-3). Does God have your complete trust, or do you look back and place your trust in the things of this world (Col. 3:1-7)?

-Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Marriage
6:00PM: The Wisdom of God
PM Scripture Reading: Jackson Morris
 (see page 4)

Condolences

Deepest sympathy is extended to Kathy Hall and her family on the loss of her mother, Mary King, on January 12th. The funeral will be family only, (due to Covid) on January 19th at the South Ashland United Methodist church, handled by Steen Funeral Home. The family is requesting no flowers be sent. Please, keep the family in prayer.

2021 Dates to Remember:

Jan 29-30– Fishinger & Kenney church
virtual Ohio Winter Lectures streamed on YouTube Fri @ 6P& Sat 8a-4p (flyer on foyer bulletin board)

Jan 31– Youth Led PM service

Apr 1-4– Lads 2 Leaders

Apr 10– Pine Grove, WV **virtual** Ladies Day-speakers: Mary Kessinger and Anna McCormick– ‘How the Christian Deals with Depression’ -10a (save the date-more details to come)

Apr 11-14– our Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Jul 26-30– Vacation Bible School

Oct 17-21– our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

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			
	01/10/21	Goal	01/12/20
Bible Study	62	110	88
AM Worship	75	160	148
PM Worship	57	110	75
Mid Week	51	110	84
Contribution:	\$6928.00	\$6000.00	\$5884.17

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Steve Wallace

SONG LEADER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Daniel Goshorn

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Daniel Goshorn

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Jackson Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Brandon Foresha

PM: Will Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Steve Wallace

SONG LEADER: Brandon Foresha

PRAYER: J.C. Hughes

DEVOTION: Daniel Goshorn

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

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



PM Scripture Reading:

Jackson Morris

1 Cor. 1:21-25 NKJV

21- For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

22- For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom;

23- but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,

24- but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

25- Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

