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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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**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 Bittersweet Book

Perhaps you've heard the expression, "I devoured that book," or someone illustrate the process of assimilating the contents of a book through reflection as "digesting." Two men in the Bible were told in visions to eat a book, though their historical situations differed.

Ezekiel was commissioned, "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you. Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book *was* in it. Then He spread it before me; and *there was* writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it *were* lamentations and mourning and woe" (2:8-10). When Ezekiel ate the scroll, he said, "it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness" (3:3). Ezekiel was to tell the house of Israel God's message of impending doom if they did not repent. The lamentations, mourning, and woe he had to deliver to this rebellious house so that they would "know that a prophet has been among them" (2:5; cf. 33:33). Ezekiel took on the task and made God's message part of him because he wanted to do God's will, but he was also in bitterness of spirit (3:14).

In Revelation 10:9-11, John wrote, "So I went to the angel and said to him, 'Give me the little book.' And he said to me, 'Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth.' Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter. And he said to me, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings.'" John delighted in God avenging His people (Rev. 6:10; 18:20), but he would have to relate this message of doom that was soon to come on those who persecuted God's people. This would bring about persecution, as John was already experiencing for the word of God; he was exiled to Patmos and was a brother in tribulation to the seven churches of Asia to whom he wrote (1:9).

The Bible is a delight to those who want to draw closer to God; it is "sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10). We can join in with the psalmist and say to God, "How sweet are Your words to my taste, *Sweeter* than honey to my mouth!" (Psa. 119:103). Yet there are tough words in the Bible that often elicit a bitter response. Whether it is the prophet Ezekiel speaking to unfaithful Israel of old, John giving warning and hope to first-century churches, or the faithful Christian who stands with the Bible today, bitterness is part of proclaiming God's judgments to a rebellious world.

Though we do not receive inspired visions as Ezekiel and John did—since the Bible is complete (1 Cor. 13:8-10; Eph. 4:7-13; Heb. 2:3-4)—we must still in a sense ingest God's word. In resisting the devil's temptation, the Lord Jesus quoted from Deuteronomy 8:3 and said, "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God*" (Mt. 4:4). If we are to grow as Christians, we must desire the pure milk of the word of God (1 Pet. 2:2). Then we should grow to full age so that we can handle the meat of God's word (Heb. 5:12-14; 1 Cor. 3:1-2). Consume God's word. Absorb it. Make it a part of your being, so that you are thoroughly prepared to teach it to others.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM: Nathan Adkins-** There Is No Business Like The Lord's Business

**6:00PM: Brandon Foresha-** Fight the Good Fight of Faith

**PM Scripture Reading:** Jesse Legg (pg.4)

## Member Address Change

Braydon Snell's family has moved. His new address is 367 Spring Street, Ashland, KY 41101. The contact numbers remain the same. Please, note this in your member directory.

## 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 30**— Ushers Meeting—basement— 9a

**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 5 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

	01/17/21	Goal	01/19/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	nc	110	121
<b>AM Worship</b>	79	160	165
<b>PM Worship</b>	52	110	90
<b>Mid Week</b>	54	110	94
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$10846.77	\$6000.00	\$5680.09



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** J.C. Hughes

**PM:** Jerry Sturgill

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Mark Parks

**Presiding PM:** Greg Conley  
\*gluten-free bread

### Scripture Reading:

**PM:** Jesse Legg

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Nathan Parks

**PM:** Mason Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** Chris Scott

**DEVOTION:** Steve Wallace

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Luke Wallace

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Nathan 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:**

1 Tim. 6:11-16 NKJV

11- But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness.

12- Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

13- I urge you in the sight of God who gives life to all things, and before Christ Jesus who witnessed the good confession before Pontius Pilate,

14- that you keep this commandment without spot, blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ's appearing,

15- which He will manifest in His own time, He who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords,

16- who alone has immortality, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power. Amen.