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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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Trust in the LORD  
*with all thine heart,*  
and lean not  
unto thine own  
understanding.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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!

## An Ambassador in Bonds

In the book of Acts, we read of Paul's missionary journeys. It is fascinating to learn of the spread of the Gospel through the evangelistic efforts of this great apostle. Distinct features of the Roman Empire in the first century made these travels possible which, in turn, helped spread the borders of Christ's kingdom.

With this great growth and expansion, it seems puzzling at first why God would want to curtail Paul's traveling and allow him to be imprisoned at Rome. During Paul's travels it was his intention to visit Rome to preach the Gospel to them (Acts 19:21; Romans 1:10-15). It certainly was God's plan for Paul to go to Rome (Acts 23:11), but he arrives there as a prisoner bound in chains (Acts 28:16). God had sent his angel to break Peter out of prison before (Acts 5:12-19). Why not do this with Paul? What good was it to have him at Rome if he is imprisoned?

The answer lies in God's wisdom of knowing what influence Paul would have at Rome by means of his incarceration. Paul was allowed to teach in his own hired house for two years (Acts 28:30-31). This was how Onesimus heard the Gospel and obeyed (Philemon 10). This oral teaching was not all Paul did; he also wrote letters to congregations and individuals during his incarceration. We have four of these preserved for us in the New Testament: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon. In each of these epistles Paul mentions his bonds. Paul asked the brethren at Ephesus to pray for him that he would be bold in his proclamation of the Gospel while he was in bonds (Ephesians 6:19-20). Philippians seems to be the latest of the prison epistles Paul wrote. By the time the words of this letter were penned, Paul's proclamation of the Gospel had penetrated the palace of Caesar and his household. Notice Philippians 1:12-13, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the gospel; So that my bonds in Christ are manifest in all the palace, and in all other *places*." The salutation of Philippians 4:22 gives weight to this fact as well, "All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household." God had evidently opened a door of opportunity in the city that ruled the world. Paul was placed there for a reason: to proclaim the mystery of the Gospel of Christ to the influential personages at Rome.

We may wonder why God has allowed certain things to happen to us. A situation which looks dark to us may hold an opportunity that we never imagined. Often what occurs in our lives is far different from what we have envisioned. One thing that we can count on is God's providential care of us to use us in ways we never imagined and see us through to the very end.

-Mark Day

"Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

- Proverbs 3:5-6

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

10:45AM: Mark Day- Speak of the Devil

6:00PM: Youth speakers- Mason Morris, Tanner Adkins & Jordan Maynard

## 2021 Dates to Remember:

**Jan 31**– Pew Packers returns! Weekly 5:45p

**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

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

Why not today?



## 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

	01/24/21	Goal	01/26/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	54	110	nc
<b>AM Worship</b>	93	160	144
<b>PM Worship</b>	61	110	83
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	110	83
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6145.50	\$6000.00	\$6183.26

## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Braydon Snell/Jackson Morris

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Gabe Scott

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Brandon Foresha

**Presiding PM:** Mark Day  
\*gluten-free bread

### Scripture Reading:

**PM:** Noah Day

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Braydon Snell

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Day

**DEVOTION:** Chris Scott

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**POWER POINT:** Jackson Morris

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Chris Scott

**COORDINATOR:** Jerry Sturgill

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

### ★★★ Sundays ★★★ **Pew Packers is back!**

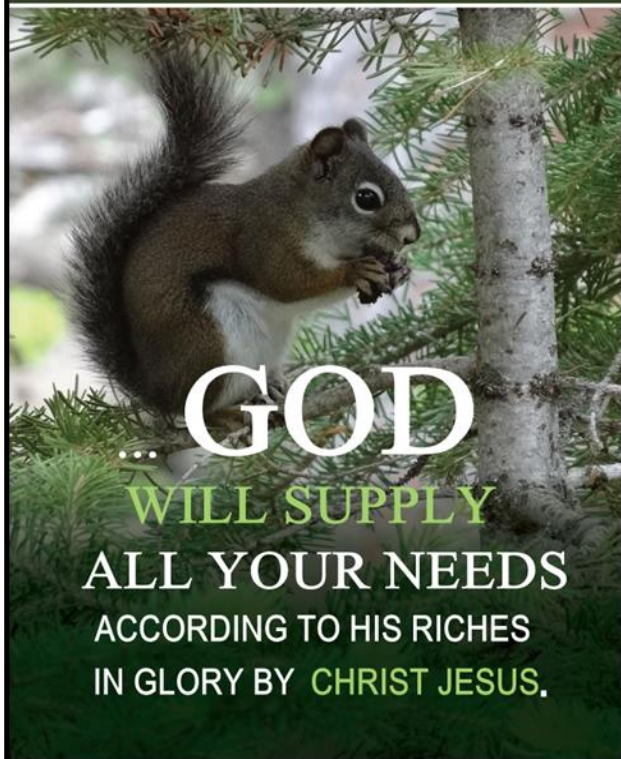
**5:45pm** in the front  
of the auditorium  
geared to age 12 & under,  
but everyone is invited

★ **This Evening** ★  
PM Youth Led service

★ **Lads to Leaders** ★  
2021 Convention Apr. 1-4



PHILIPPIANS 4:19



... **GOD** ...  
**WILL SUPPLY**  
**ALL YOUR NEEDS**  
ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES  
IN GLORY BY **CHRIST JESUS.**