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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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BEHOLD,
I stand at the door and *knock*.
If anyone *hears My* voice
and *opens* the door,
I will *come* in and *dine* with him,
and *he* with *Me*.

R e v e l a t i o n 3 : 2 0

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!

Genuine Readiness of the Gentiles to Obey the Gospel of Christ

As we have been studying the life of Paul in the book of Acts, I hope you have noticed one of the reoccurring themes; the Gentiles were receptive of the Gospel message. After Cornelius and his household were baptized into Christ (Acts 10:34-48), Gentile people became a focus of Paul's missionary journeys. Paul traveled to idolatrous cities; such as Athens, Corinth, and Ephesus who were Gentile dominant locations (Acts 17:16-23; 18:1-17; 19:1-10). At Athens Paul delivered a powerful message to a Greek audience. Two individuals, whose names were clearly Greek, believed and obeyed Christ (Acts 17:34). At Corinth the Jews refused the message, but the Gentiles were eager to put on Christ (Acts 18:4-8). In the city of Ephesus, everyone heard about Paul's miracles and both Jews and Greeks believed (Acts 19:11-18). The Gentiles showed their complete repentance of paganism and magic by bringing these books and burning them (Acts 19:19-20). Why were the Gentiles more receptive to the Gospel compared to the Jews, who knew God and His word?

The Gentiles worshiped their idols because they feared the repercussions if they did not. In Greek mythology, the gods were portrayed as cruel towards mankind; the slightest mistake or offense could result in harsh punishments. This is precisely why the Athenians made an altar to the unknown deity; just in case they overlooked one (Acts 17:22-23). The Canaanite people believed their idols would not answer their prayers unless extreme measures like blood-letting or children being sacrificed were taken (1 Kgs. 18:28; Deut. 12:29-32). When Gentiles heard that God came in the flesh and died for their sins, they must have been perplexed because in their minds gods did not die for man; that was just foolishness to them (1 Cor. 1:22-24)! To learn that the Son of God willingly died for sinners and the unjust would have been incomprehensible (Rom. 5:6-11). In Isaiah, God prophesied that kings and nations would be startled, or amazed, when they heard the report of Christ bearing their sins (Is. 52:13-53:12). The salvation God provides, the righteous living He demands, and the self-sacrificial love that Christ extended to all people was something they could never obtain outside of Jesus (Titus 2:11-14).

Another factor for the Gentiles eagerly obeying the Gospel was the special relationship available to them through God's Son (Eph. 3:1-7). Throughout the Roman empire, a person's ethnicity and citizenship status had a lot of weight on how they were treated by others (Acts 16:35-38). Non-Romans were viewed as beneath the privileged few and not important. Though God had a special relationship with Israel in the Old Testament, that does not mean He abandoned the Gentiles. Melchizedek was a Gentile king and priest to God, Ruth was a Moabite who followed the Lord, and Jonah preached to Gentiles in Nineveh. All of these examples show that God cared for the Gentiles, but there were differences (Ex. 19:5-6). The coming of Christ and His death extended the special relationship with God to all mankind (Gal. 3:26-29). Whether a person was the lowliest slave or the wealthiest master, all were God's children (Eph. 6:5-9).

God provided the sacrifice that was necessary to forgive the entire world's sins, (1 Jn. 2:1-2), but each individual must decide if they will accept God's salvation (Rev. 3:20-22). God's sacrificial love and desire to have a special relationship with all has not changed, nor will it ever. The blood was shed and the price paid in full when Jesus died on the cross; the only thing missing is your humility and obedience to God's plan of salvation. -Brandon Foresha

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Let Us Make a Name for Ourselves
6:00 PM: Brandon Foresha- The Knock at the Door We Must Answer
PM Scripture Reading: Rev. 3:20-22

2021 Dates to Remember:

Mar 21– elders, deacons, preachers meet-4:30p
Mar 31– Ft. Hill camp apps. targeted deadline
Apr 1-4– Lads 2 Leaders
April 10– Youth & Parent nature hike– 1pm meet at the building
Apr 10– Pine Grove, WV **virtual** Ladies Day- ‘How the Christian Deals w/ Depression’ -10a –details on the foyer board
Jun 20-26– Ft. Hill Youth Camp week

Volunteers Needed

You will find sign-up sheets on the foyer bulletin board for van drivers and lawn maintenance volunteers to work in teams this year. There are specific qualification for van drivers such as age, etc. Please, speak with Greg Conley with questions.

April Youth Event

On Saturday, April 10th, Brandon Foresha is planning a youth and parent nature hike. The event will start at 1pm at the building and if the weather is good they will go on a hiking trail at 4pm. See Brandon for more details or with questions.

Have you contacted
a shut-in lately?
Why not today?

Gauging Our Faith

	03/14/21	Goal	03/15/20
Bible Study	64	110	79
AM Worship	104	160	119
PM Worship	66	110	67
Mid Week	65	110	*ns
Contribution:	\$5520.50	\$6000.00	\$8169.50

*ns = no service held due to the pandemic

Plan to attend our

Gospel Meeting

with
Phil Sanders
April 11-14

Sun 9:45AM: Why Are We Doing This?
 Sun 10:45AM: Be Faithful unto Death
 Sun 6:00PM: Dot the I's & Cross the T's
 Mon 7:00PM: If I Were the Devil
 Tues 7:00PM: A New Heart
 Weds 7:00PM: That Day

Mon–Weds 10:00AM Bible Class:
 Mon: Tradition: From God or Man?
 Tues: The Clarity of Scripture
 Weds: The Indestructible Word of God

Invite your friends!

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steven Wallace

PM: Ranie Wohnhas

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: JC Hughes

PM: Jerry Sturgill

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Presiding PM: Brandon Foresha
*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Jesse Legg

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: Mason Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTION: Brandon Foresha

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Luke Wallace

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Mark Parks

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Sundays ★★★

Pew Packers

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

★ March ★

Ft Hill Youth Camp sign-up

Admission cost will be provided.

Camp week is June 20-26th.

See Jeremiah Smith to register

★ Apr. 1-4 ★

Lads to Leaders Convention

★ Apr. 10 ★

Nature Hike- meet at the bldg.
at 1pm/ hike starts at 4pm



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have
you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with
us, please, fill out a 'visitor card'
that you find on the table in the
foyer. Please, put it in the wooden
collection box on that same table in
the foyer as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the
foyer with **free tracts and literature**.
We offer **free Bible correspondence
courses** you can receive by mail at no
cost to you. Let our preacher know
if you would like to set up an **in-
home Bible study**. Thank you for
attending.