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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**  
www.flatwoodschurch-  
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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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**HERALD**

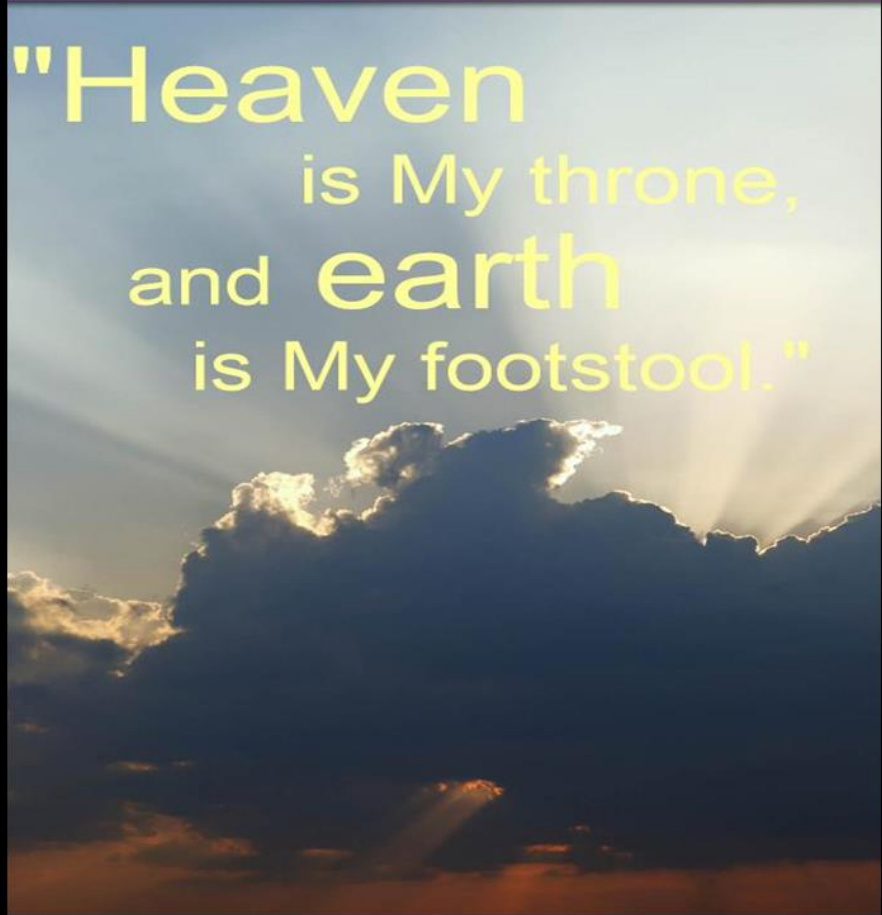
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ISAIAH 66:1



"Heaven  
is My throne,  
and earth  
is My footstool."

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!

## **“Faith” in Romans 14:23**

Romans 14:23 ends with the phrase, “for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.” Sometimes well-meaning brethren may use this phrase to prove that there must be scriptural authority for what one says and does. They use the word “faith” here to refer to the Gospel, the body of truth that God has delivered in His word, as it is used in Jude 3. The Bible certainly teaches that we need to live by what God says (Matthew 4:4); the faithful will not dare take liberties where the scripture is silent (Colossians 3:16-17; Hebrews 7:14). Though the principle is true, Romans 14:23 is not a verse that teaches this.

The context of Romans 14 demands a different meaning for the word “faith” than Gospel truth. Romans 14 is a discussion on matters of conscience and how the strong ought to give up certain liberties in order to avoid causing the weak to sin. This discussion does not terminate at the end of the chapter either. The first seven verses of Romans 15 continue the discussion of the strong bearing the infirmities of the weak. Some of these matters were in regard to eating certain meat (Romans 14:2) or setting aside special days (Romans 14:5). No doubt these matters arose because of the Jewish and Gentile backgrounds from which the members of the church came. One of the major themes of the book of Romans is Jew-Gentile relations in Christ.

Thus, when one comes to the question in Romans 14:22, “Hast thou faith?”, it is evident that “faith” here refers to personal conviction, not the system of truth to which Christians adhere. This is the same meaning of “faith” in verse 23. Reading verses 22 and 23 together makes it abundantly clear, “Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: for whatsoever *is* not of faith is sin.” The lesson is that a man should not engage in anything that goes against his conscience even if it is not wrong in itself. Additionally, the conscience of weaker brethren ought to be respected by the stronger.

Let us resolve to live by what the Bible says instead of taking the silence of the scriptures as God’s consent. Let us be aware of the personal convictions of others, respecting the conscience while patiently instructing. Moreover, let us resolve to use the proper verses for teaching Biblical truths. If we are not careful it is very easy for us to use a verse in a way it was not meant to be used. The point that we may be making is true, but truth is not helped when the scriptures are misused. As we all grow in our knowledge of the scriptures we recognize more fully the meaning of verses and ways we might have misused them in the past. We must continually go back to the Bible to avoid misusing scripture in the future and, when we have the opportunity, kindly show others where they have misused scripture. If we are Christians, we ought to be able to help each other along this line without any hard feelings.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM:** The Faith and Honesty of Habakkuk

**6:00 PM:** Trembling at God's Word  
**PM Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 66:1-5

## Member Information Changes

Connie French has a new phone number. It is (606) 393-3621. Tina Dorsey has a new phone # (619) 430-6555 and has moved to Lexington to be near Celene Dorsey, who is living in Lexington also. Sinclair Dorsey's cell # is (606) 371-8351 and, when not at college, lives with her mother, Brianne Griffin. That address is 1012 Stella Dr., apt 11-G, Ashland, KY 41102. Belinda Henson has moved to 980 - 29th St., apt.3, Ashland, KY 41101. Her new phone # is (740) 744-8117. Please, note these changes in your member directory.

## 2021 Dates to Remember:

**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

**Jul 26-30**– Vacation Bible School

**Oct 17-21**– our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

## Gauging Our Faith

	03/21/21	Goal	03/22/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	72	110	*ns
<b>AM Worship</b>	105	160	*ns
<b>PM Worship</b>	83	110	*ns
<b>Mid Week</b>	73	110	*ns
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6148.40	\$6000.00	\$2085.00

\*ns = no service held due to the pandemic

## 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.

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:** Nathan Adkins

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Nathan Parks

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Brandon Foresha

**Presiding PM:** Mark Parks

\*gluten-free bread

### Scripture Reading:

**PM:** Tanner Adkins

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Greg Conley

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** Mark Day

**DEVOTION:** Daniel Goshorn

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Braydon Snell

**BLDG. ATTENDANT:** Nathan 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.