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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

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MISSIONS

-Dustin Bolks
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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast
-Rod Goddard
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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!

Who Is My Neighbor?

An expert in the law of Moses who questioned Jesus about eternal life knew the command of Leviticus 19:18, “you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” However, he thought he had a way around the obligation to carry out this command in his dealings with all people for Luke 10:29 reads, “But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’” He was satisfied in not loving those different from him in terms of race, status, gender, education, etc. by redefining the word *neighbor* to mean only those predominantly like him. Jesus answered his question with the story of the Good Samaritan to show that even this mixed race—with the bitter hatred that often existed between them and Jewish people in the first century—were included in God’s command to love neighbors (Luke 10:30-37). We should be on guard against narrowing the application of God’s word by redefining the terms, lest we fail to do what God has commanded. We tend to evade our responsibility to follow God’s commands by limiting the scope of application so that it excludes our situation. In regard to the primacy of this command even for us today under the New Testament, the inspired apostle Paul wrote, “For the commandments, ‘*You shall not commit adultery,*’ ‘*You shall not murder,*’ ‘*You shall not steal,*’ ‘*You shall not bear false witness,*’ ‘*You shall not covet,*’ and if *there is any other commandment,* are *all* summed up in this saying, namely, ‘*You shall love your neighbor as yourself*’” (Rom. 13:9).

Consider the command, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor” (Ex. 20:16). Does “bearing witness” imply only a judicial application—that I may lie if I am not in a courtroom setting? No. Consider passages like Ephesians 4:25 and Colossians 3:9-10 among many others. False charges and insinuations made in private conversations still harm others. Slander robs a man of his good name, which is more valuable than great riches of silver and gold (Prov. 22:1). The cowardly spread falsehoods in private about an individual they don’t like, but will never confront the individual nor make the same accusations in public under judicial oath. Yet, God clearly condemns such cowardly liars (Rev. 21:8).

Does the word *neighbor* imply that I may lie to enemies (since I don’t consider them neighbors)? Some propose it does. Frame wrote, “The requirement to tell the truth is conditioned on a relationship, that of ‘neighbor.’”¹ However, *neighbor* is not intended to give us license to lie to certain people, but rather to show the most hateful example—in harming the person next to you—in the whole category of the sin. God did this with the positive command, “Honor your father and your mother” (Ex. 20:12) in that it is a situation of respect that is easiest for us to accept. That command does not mean we don’t respect other rightful delegated authority in our lives (such as civil government). The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that *is* your neighbor’s” (Exodus 20:17). Would it be all right to covet your *enemy’s* house or wife since you don’t consider him a “neighbor”? Certainly not. Just as Jesus rightly extended the application of “neighbor” in Leviticus 19:18 to one whom the Jewish lawyer would consider his enemy, so we must do with these moral commands from God.

Let us be on guard against attempts to sidestep the application of God’s word to our own hearts and lives when it becomes difficult. Some commands of God may be qualified, but that is a discussion for another time. For now, let us resolve to do—rather than dodge—God’s commands.

-Mark Day

¹John M. Frame, *The Doctrine of the Christian Life: A Theology of Lordship* (Phillipsburg, NJ: P&R, 2008), 839.

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Dwane Casteel, Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.

6:00PM: What About Gambling?

Scripture Reading: Gabe Scott-
Proverbs 28:15-22

15- Like a roaring lion and a charging bear is a wicked ruler over poor people.

16- A ruler who lacks understanding is a great oppressor, But he who hates covetousness will prolong his days.

17- A man burdened with bloodshed will flee into a pit; Let no one help him.

18- Whoever walks blamelessly will be saved, But he who is perverse in his ways will suddenly fall.

19- He who tills his land will have plenty of bread, But he who follows frivolity will have poverty enough!

20- A faithful man will abound with blessings, But he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished.

21- To show partiality is not good, Because for a piece of bread a man will transgress.

22- A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, And does not consider that poverty will come upon him.

2021 Dates to Remember:

May 30- Graduate Honor night– annex– 7p

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

	05/09/21	Goal	05/10/20
Bible Study	50	110	*ns
AM Worship	157	160	nc
PM Worship	95	110	*ns
Mid Week	83	110	*ns
Contribution:	\$5367.00	\$6000.00	\$10137.00

Member Information Change

Howard Gardner's new address is 980 29th Street, Ashland, KY 41101. His cell phone is (606) 471-0530.

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meet

Today at 4:30pm, this group will meet in the annex large classroom.

Graduate Honor Night 2020 & '21

On Sunday, May 30th, following evening worship, we will acknowledge and celebrate our graduates from last year and this year. Cupcakes and coffee will be served. Speak with Nathan Adkins for details.

Thank You

To all who came out to support our Little School during their graduation ceremony, many thanks. By your presence you have given a good Christian influence to those families not in our congregation.

Volunteers Needed

You will find a sign-up sheet on the foyer board for van driver volunteers. Please, speak with Greg Conley with questions.

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 will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection box or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to 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. We hope to see you often.

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Ranie Wohnhas

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: David Smith

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: John Gambill,
JC Hughes, Nathan Parks

Presiding PM: Nathan Adkins
*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Gabe Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Jackson Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Mark Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATT.: David Smith

COORDINATOR: David Smith

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

☆☆☆Sundays☆☆☆

Pew Packers

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

☆☆☆today☆☆☆

**Devo & Technology
Service (w/ lunch)**

12 noon- meet in the annex

☆☆☆May 30☆☆☆

Graduate Honor Night
in the annex-7pm



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

Why not
today?

