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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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-Michael Mayo
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-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

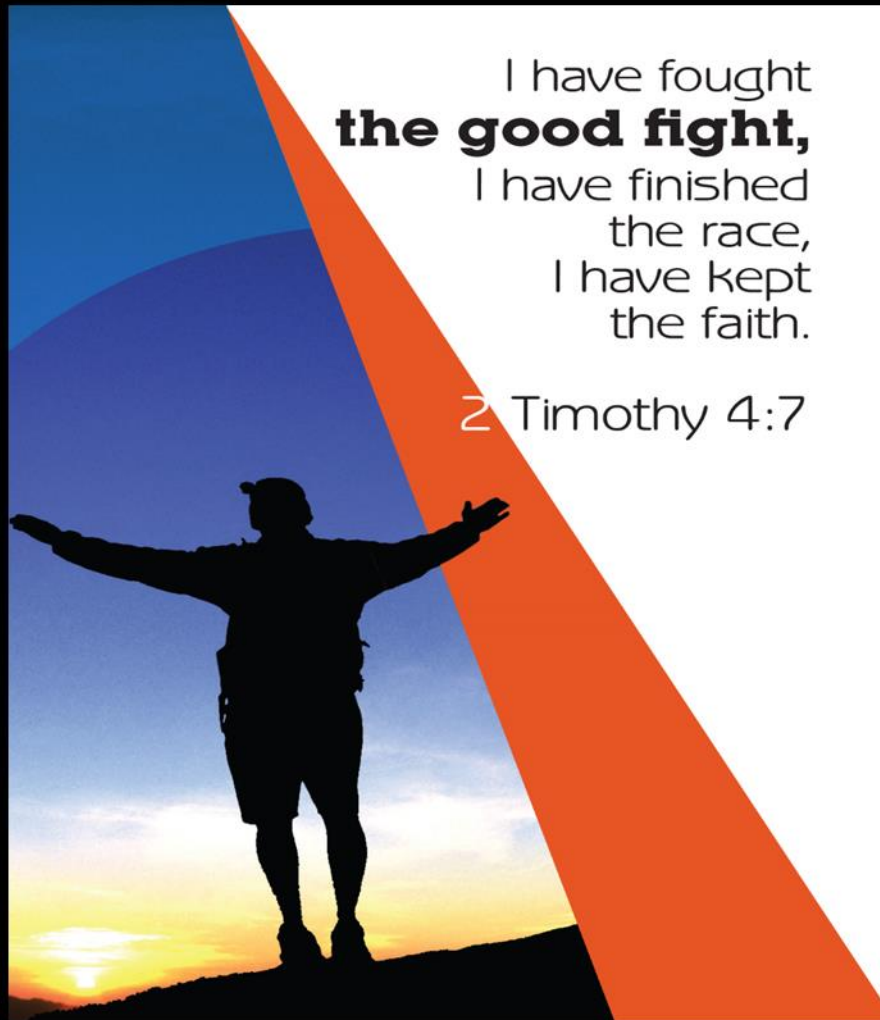
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I have fought
the good fight,
I have finished
the race,
I have kept
the faith.

2 Timothy 4:7

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 Christian Life Is A Struggle

Many in the world would agree that life is a struggle. Usually, what people mean by that is suffering and difficult times are part of life. However, when the apostle Paul described the Christian life as a struggle, he meant something other than the fact that life can be hard. The inspired apostle wrote:

Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain *it*. And everyone who competes *for the prize* is temperate in all things. Now they *do it* to obtain a perishable crown, but we *for* an imperishable *crown*. Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus, I fight: not as *one who* beats the air. But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

As Christians, we struggle against sin. We discipline ourselves in order to obtain the imperishable crown of glory. Athletes train, eat right, and get enough sleep in order to qualify for the Olympics and win the gold medal. Similarly, Christians exercise self-control in their road to heavenly glory. There is a natural desire a person has to eat a sugary dessert, but the disciplined athlete abstains in order to win the prize. When friends invite them to a late-night party, they may decline in order to get enough rest. Likewise, as Christians we must forgo sinful activities and deny certain desires. We cannot take the easy course and be self-centered if we wish to grow spiritually and go to heaven.

Each time Christians take the easy way out by sin, they forfeit an opportunity to grow and instead become more self-centered. It is sad to see those who were baptized years ago, but instead of remaining true to their commitment to die to self and live as Christ, they have grown smaller of soul, less able to empathize with others, and unwilling to sacrifice their own comforts. You may have attended worship services of the church for years, but that does not necessarily mean you have grown to be more like Christ during that time.

The context of 1 Corinthians 9 is the instruction of giving up one's rights in order to further the gospel. Paul goes on in 1 Corinthians 10:1-22 to speak of Israelites who were baptized into Moses at the Red Sea but through unfaithfulness died in the wilderness instead of inheriting the promised land. However, he resumes giving up lawful things that are not helpful in 1 Corinthians 10:23. Paul's athlete comparison is sandwiched between these two subjects. The struggle of the Christian life not only involves abstaining from sin (1 Corinthians 10), but also sacrificing one's own preferences for the good of others (1 Corinthians 9). We may make decisions that are not sinful per se, but they certainly are not helpful to other Christians.

Let us resolve to go through some growing pains and be bigger people. Let us become mature Christians like the apostle Paul and be willing to "endure all things lest we hinder the gospel of Christ" (1 Corinthians 9:12). We should follow Paul as he followed Christ, the ultimate example of sacrificial love for the good of others (1 Corinthians 11:1).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: A Mother's Faith

6:00PM: Graduates of Life

Scripture Reading: Jesse Legg

2 Timothy 4: 6-8

6- For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand.

7- I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

8- Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2021 Dates to Remember:

May 14– Little School graduation– 7p

May 16- Dwane Casteel, Northern States Representative of Churches of Christ

Disaster Relief Effort, Inc.- 9:45a & 10:45a

May 16– Youth Devo & Technology Service-noon (with lunch)- meet in annex

May 16- Elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p

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

	05/02/21	Goal	05/03/20
Bible Study	45	110	*ns
AM Worship	101	160	*ns
PM Worship	89	110	*ns
Mid Week	79	110	*ns
Contribution:	\$7217.37	\$6000.00	\$6607.00

*ns= no service held due to the pandemic

Little School Graduation

Friday, May 14th at 7pm, our Little School students will have their graduation ceremony. Everyone is encourage to attend. There will be no reception following this year's graduation.

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.

Class Teachers Needed

We are in need of Bible Class teachers. If you are willing to teach (in particular the cradle roll and younger students), please, let Brad Morris know.

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: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Chris Scott

PM: Daniel Goshorn

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

Assisting: JC Hughes,
Nathan Parks, Greg Conley

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Jesse Legg

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: Ranie Wohnhas

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTION: Chris Scott

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

BLDG. ATT.: Jerry Sturgill

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

☆☆☆May 16☆☆☆

**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?

