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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, SA**  
-Michael Mayo  
**Thailand, SE Asia**  
-Herman Joseph  
**Guyana, SA**  
-Mohamed Ally  
**Guyana, SA**  
-*"In Search of the Lord's  
Way"* TV broadcast

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

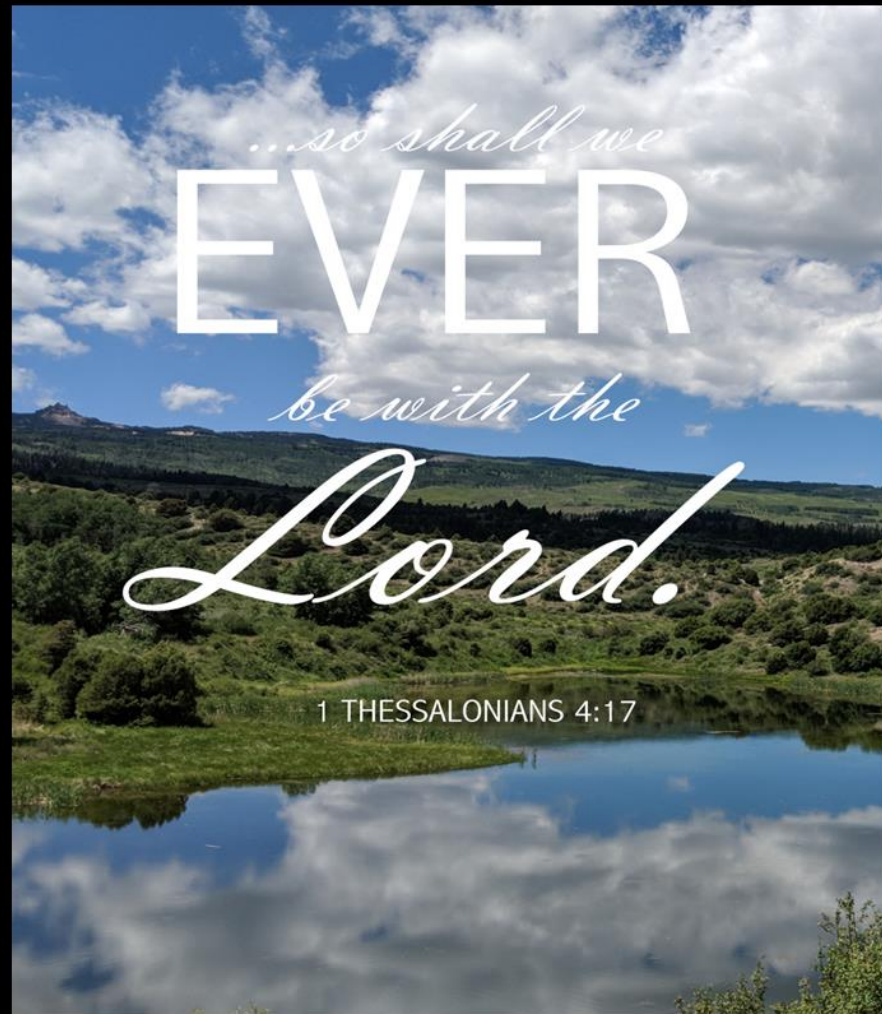
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*...so shall we*  
**EVER**

*be with the*  
**Lord.**

1 THESSALONIANS 4:17

**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!

## MEANINGLESS!

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). This is not a skeptical and pessimistic view of life, but a poignant refutation of materialism. Wealth, power, pleasure and fame are all fleeting. Solomon, generally acknowledged as the author, observed:

“I denied myself of nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labor. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, chasing after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun” (Ecclesiastes 2:10-11).

This is the attitude of one looking at life from a purely materialistic point of view. It portrays the hopelessness of those who trust in wealth, power, pleasure and knowledge. Experience teaches that rich or poor, wise or foolish, great or small, all must die. That being true, our author laments:

“So I hated life, because the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me. All of it is meaningless, a chasing after the wind. I hated all things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me. And who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will have control over all the work into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless” (Ecclesiastes 2:1, 18).

Maybe you’ve felt the same sense of futility. If you have, don’t despair! There is hope. Having tried it all, our author concluded that man’s whole duty was “to fear God and keep his commandments” (Ecclesiastes 12:13). Wisdom, knowledge and happiness come to those who put him first, but to those who do not, life remains meaningless, a chasing after the wind (Ecclesiastes 2:25-26). A man may chase the wind, but he never captures it!

Is there meaning to life? Is there hope? Can man find peace? Yes, but not in material pursuits! There is no lasting satisfaction or joy in a life apart from God. The struggle is futile until God comes into the picture. One may be rich, famous and powerful, but if God is missing, life offers nothing lasting (Luke 12:16-21). Everything is meaningless! Does your life have meaning?

-by Roger Rush (submitted by Jerry Sturgill)

Article found at Gospel Gazette Online:

<https://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2003/feb/page14.htm>

# News & Notes



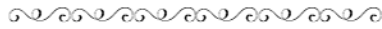
## Sermons Today

10:45AM: Tired of Worship  
6:00PM: Aspire to Lead a Quiet Life

Scripture Reading: Mason Morris-  
1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

11- And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you;

12- That ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing.



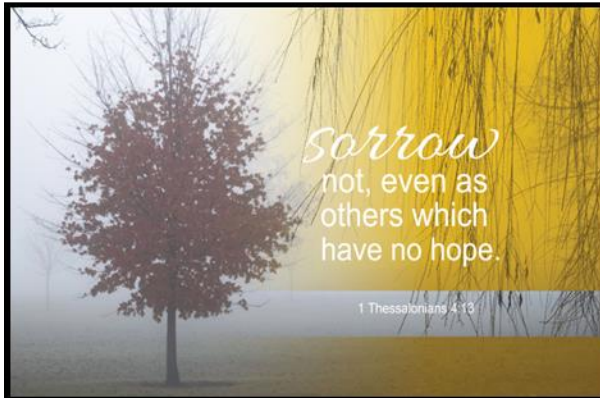
## 2021 Dates to Remember:

Aug 7- Rachel Duke baby shower- 1p- annex

Aug 8- Ice Cream Social- 7p- annex

Sep 3-4- Campout at the Adkins' house- see Nathan or Serpell for details

Oct 17-21- our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster



## Gauging Our Faith

	07/25/21	Goal	07/26/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	78	110	*ns
<b>AM Worship</b>	124	160	104
<b>PM Worship</b>	79	110	nc
<b>Mid Week</b>	107	110	45
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6568.00	\$6000.00	\$5260.80

## Many Thanks

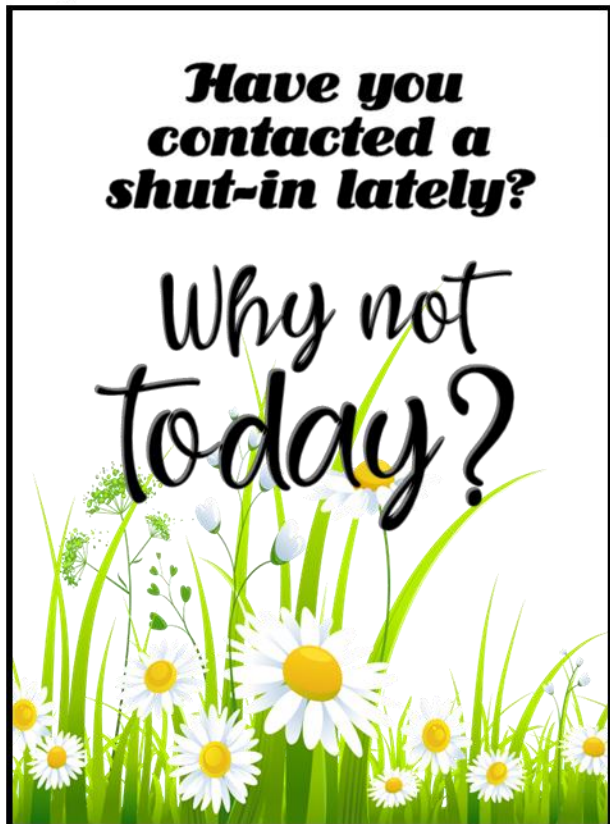
Thanks to everyone who put in so much time and hard work to make VBS a success this year. Thanks to everyone who donated food.

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Rosa Gullett, and her family, at the loss of her step-mother, Ruby Coleman Damron, 94, who passed away July 24th. Please, keep her family in your prayers.

## Baby Shower Invitation

There will be a baby shower for Rachel Conley Duke given by family members on Saturday, Aug. 7th, at 1pm in the annex. Rachel and Chet Duke are registered at babylist.com.





## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jordan Conley

**PM:** Greg Hall

### **LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Nathan Adkins

**Assisting:** Daniel Goshorn,  
Nathan Parks, Chris Legg

**Presiding PM:** Greg Conley

\*gluten-free bread

### **Scripture Reading:**

**PM:** Mason Morris

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** John Gambill

**PM:** Braydon Snell

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Steve Wallace

**PRAYER:** John Gambill

**DEVOTION:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Jackson Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Jerry Sturgill

**COORDINATOR:** J.C. Hughes

**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

★★★ Sept 3-4 ★★★

### **Campout at the Adkins' cabin**

Sign-up on the foyer board.  
See Nathan or Serpell for  
details.



## 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.