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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
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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RECOMPENSE TO NO MAN EVIL FOR EVIL. PROVIDE
THINGS HONEST IN THE SIGHT OF ALL MEN.
-ROMANS 12:17 KJV

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!

Spiritual Blessings from the Father's Promise

The nation of Israel had the privilege of adoption (Romans 9:4). As God's firstborn, the nation was protected and greatly blessed under the former covenant (Exodus 4:22). However, after Israel broke the covenant (Jeremiah 31:32), God in His love sent His only Son to die so that all would have the opportunity to enter a relationship with God the Father (John 3:16-18; 1 John 4:7-10).

One becomes a child of God by being born of God. In Galatians 3, Paul discussed the blessings of sonship and explained, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (vv. 26-27). To be in Christ means I am an heir of God's promise (Galatians 3:29). Even if one is an Israelite, a physical descendant of Abraham, a new birth is still absolutely required to be in Christ's kingdom. To Nicodemus, Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). He further explained, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again'" (John 3:5-7). This is the way that all families of the earth are blessed through Abraham's seed (Genesis 12:3); the Seed is Christ (Galatians 3:16) in whom all spiritual blessings are found (Ephesians 1:3).

When Isaac, Abraham's child of promise, finally came, a great feast was held in celebration (Genesis 21:8). However, Abraham's son Ishmael, who was fourteen years older than Isaac (Genesis 17:24, 25; 21:5), mocked Isaac (Genesis 21:9). Ishmael was soon cast out along with his mother Hagar, an Egyptian slave, because Sarah saw them as rivals (Genesis 21:10-14). While the reader's heart goes out to Hagar and Ishmael, God made a point here about His purpose for blessings and sonship. In response to Judaizing teachers who were trying to bring Christians under the bondage of the law of Moses, Paul appealed to the account of Hagar and Sarah (Galatians 4:21-31). While space forbids exploring much of what is said in this section, the thought of verses 28-31 is interesting:

Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of promise. But, as he who was born according to the flesh then persecuted him who was born according to the Spirit, even so it is now. Nevertheless what does the Scripture say? "Cast out the bondwoman and her son, for the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with the son of the freewoman." So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the free.

God fulfilled His promise to make us free from our sins by His Son Jesus Christ so that we can truly know Him (Jeremiah 31:34). There is a sharp difference between the world and its children (children of the flesh) and God's children (John 1:11, 12; 8:19, 31-47; 1 John 3:1, 10; 4:4-6; 5:1-2, 19, 20). Those of the flesh may still continue to persecute us today as fleshly Israel persecuted spiritual Israel in the first century. It may have taken longer for God's promise to be realized than the quick results of the flesh, but the faith to continue to wait on God always results in far greater blessings than the flesh could ever provide (Romans 4:14-24). The flesh equals bondage, corruption, and being cast away from the Father because of condemnation under His law. The Spirit, however, means freedom, inheritance, and abiding forever in the Father's kingdom because of His promise. Which will you choose to follow, the pull of the flesh or the teachings of the Spirit? -Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Has the Glory Departed?

**6:00PM: An Illustration of
Genuine Christianity**

**Scripture Reading: Tanner Adkins-
Romans 12:9-17**

- 9- Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.
- 10- Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
- 11- not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- 12- rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;
- 13- distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.
- 14- Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.
- 15- Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
- 16- Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
- 17- Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

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## **2021 Dates to Remember:**

**Jul 18**— elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p

**Jul 26-30**- Vacation Bible School

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

**Sep 4-5**— Campout at the Adkins' house— see Nathan or Serpell for details

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

## **Gauging Our Faith**

|                      | 07/11/21  | Goal      | 07/12/20  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>   | 81        | 110       | *ns       |
| <b>AM Worship</b>    | 126       | 160       | nc        |
| <b>PM Worship</b>    | 82        | 110       | 72        |
| <b>Mid Week</b>      | 76        | 110       | 48        |
| <b>Contribution:</b> | \$6357.00 | \$6000.00 | \$6179.75 |

## **Elders/Deacons/Preachers**

This group will meet today, the 18th, at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

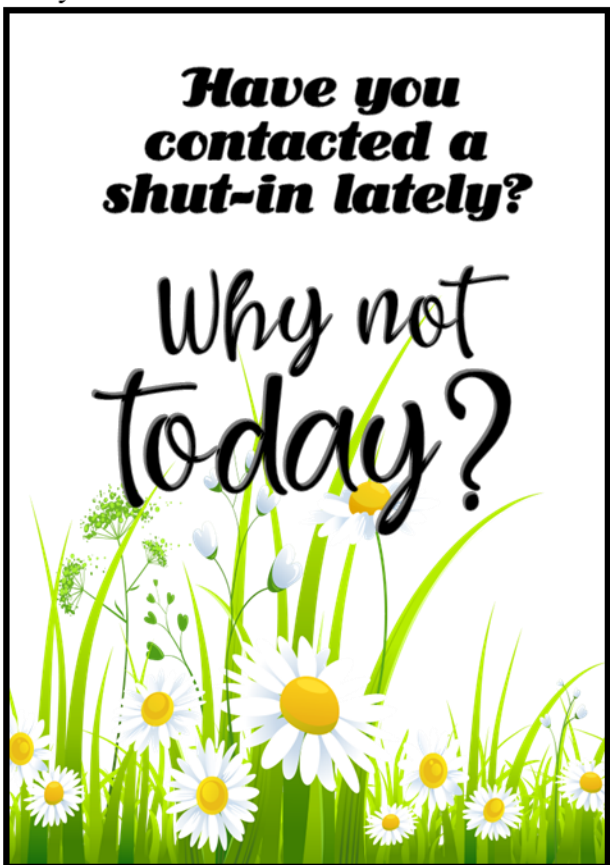
## **Member Information Changes**

—Billy and Lauren Gibson have a new phone number. It is 606-254-7807.

—Betty Ramey also has a new phone number. It is 606-388-2887. Please, note these in your member directories. Thank you.

## **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](http://babylist.com).



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Brad Morris

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Mark Parks

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Daniel Goshorn

**Assisting:** John Gambill, Ranie  
Wohnhas, Matt Vonderheide

**Presiding PM:** Chris Scott

\*gluten-free bread

### Scripture Reading:

**PM:** Tanner Adkins

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Edgar Phillips

**PM:** Mason Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Jeremiah Smith

**PRAYER:** Nathan Parks

**DEVOTION:** Steve Wallace

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Matt Vonderheide

**BLDG. ATT.:** Nathan Adkins

**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  
welcome to attend

☆☆☆ **July 26-30** ☆☆☆

### **Vacation Bible School**

-6:30-8:30pm nightly-  
Invite your friends  
and neighbors!  
Classes for all ages.



## 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.