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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**

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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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**..First gather together  
the tares and bind them in  
bundles to burn them, but gather  
the wheat into my barn**

**Matthew 13:30**

**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!

## Living As Though There Is No God

*“The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God”, Psalm 14:1*

The above statement is found not only in Psalm 14 but also is found in Psalm 53:1. One who says “there is no God” is a “fool”. The word fool in the above verse, in the original language, means “senseless” (Brown, Driver, Briggs Lexicon). A great many times, the word is used to denote one whose moral thinking is perverted and who has deliberately closed his mind to the reality of God and rejects righteousness and rushes headlong into a life of disobedience and wickedness. I would ask, are there people who make the overt statement “there is no God”? Yes.

**Atheists.** In a 2019 Pew Research Center article, “10 Facts About Atheists” stated “Pew Research Center telephone surveys conducted in 2018 and 2019 show that 4% of American adults say they are atheists when asked about their religious identity, up from 2% in 2009. An additional 5% of Americans call themselves agnostics, up from 3% a decade ago.” (<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2019/12/06/10-facts-about-atheists/>). This is a sad statistic indeed. Notice the fool (atheist) hath said “in his heart”, it is a matter of the heart, not the head. They did not conclude their atheism is correct as a result of following the evidence to its logical conclusion. They simply choose not to believe.

In addition to those who state they believe there is no God, I would like for us to also consider those who “say” there is no God by their actions and not necessarily by their words. Though they may say they believe in God, there are a great many people who go through life and act as if God did not exist or has graciously given mankind His word, The Bible.

**In Life.** Atheists could also be included in this list because often that is the main reason for their atheism. They do not want God, or anyone, telling them their immoral lifestyle is sinful. One may not be a professing atheist however there are many, many people who are living lifestyles as though God nor the Bible exist, in spite of their claim to believe in both. Contrary to God’s Law people will Drink Alcohol (Proverbs 20:1; 1 Peter 4:3-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:22 (ASV), commit Fornication/Adultery (1 Corinthians 6:9-10; Galatians 5:19-20) practice Homosexuality (Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:6-10), Refuse to Work (2 Thessalonians 3:10-11; cf. 1 Thessalonians 4:11) and the list could go on. These workers of wickedness must realize there is a God in heaven Who has given mankind The Standard by which to live, The Gospel.

**In Worship.** Noticing what is practiced by many in the religious world, they act as though there is no God by the fact they do not practice only what God has commanded in His word by either Command, Apostolic Example, or Necessary Inference. The five acts of Christian worship approved by the Scriptures are: Prayer (Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:17); Singing (Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16) [*please note in the New Testament church we find only singing. There is no Biblical Authority for the playing of mechanical instruments of music*], Teaching/Preaching (Acts 2:42, 20:7), partake the Lord’s Supper (Acts 2:42, 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-28) [*the only time we have apostolic example for engaging in the Lord’s Supper is upon the first day of the week. No other time is authorized*] and Giving (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8).

**No Eternity.** People today act as though there is no God and Eternity is not waiting for all people. Friends, death is not the end. The Almighty has clearly told mankind in His word that all who die will pass to the hadean realm where there are only two possible places to be, comfort (aka Abraham’s Bosom) or torment (Hebrews 9:27; Luke 16:19-31). Judgment Day is coming for all living when the Lord Jesus returns (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-10) and an account of one’s life will be given (2 Corinthians 5:10; Revelation 20:11-15) and go into eternity (Matthew 25:46).

All mankind must recognize there is a God in heaven, and not be a fool.

“Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God”, Psalm 90:2.

-Jerry D. Sturgill

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM: Independence**  
**6:00PM: The Parable of the Tares**  
**Scripture Reading: Braydon Snell**  
**Matthew 13:24-30**

24- Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field;  
 25- but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.  
 26- But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared.  
 27- So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'  
 28- He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?'  
 29- But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.  
 30- Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."'"



## 2021 Dates to Remember:

**Jul 9**– fossil hunt– meet 12p @ the Adkins  
**Jul 10**– church picnic– 6p  
**Jul 26-30**- Vacation Bible School  
**Oct 17-21**– our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

## Gauging Our Faith

	06/27/21	Goal	06/28/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	83	110	*ns
<b>AM Worship</b>	131	160	94
<b>PM Worship</b>	76	110	65
<b>Mid Week</b>	71	110	46
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5120.00	\$6000.00	\$5894.50

## Youth & Parent Event

This Friday, July 9th, at noon, Serpell Adkins will host a fossil hunt. Meet at the Adkins and carpool from there to the fossil creek, Lunch will be provided. Please, speak with Serpell if you plan to attend to see what you will need to hunt fossils and for a general count for the lunch. Thank you.

## Church Picnic Planned

This Saturday, July 10th, at 6pm, we will have a church picnic. It will be a bit different this year. The hamburgers, hotdogs and chips will be supplied. You may bring side dishes and desserts to share, which will be served in the annex. You are also asked to bring your own soft drinks for your family, any special dietary requirements, a lawn chair or blanket and games for the children. We will meet in the covered carport and yard area behind the preacher's house. In case of rain or extreme heat, the picnic will move inside the annex auditorium. **There is a sign up sheet** on the foyer board with the number in your party and burger/dog preferences for your family.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** John Gambill

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

**Presiding AM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** John Gambill,

Ranie Wohnhas, David Smith

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

\*gluten-free bread

### **Scripture Reading:**

**PM:** Braydon Snell

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jordan Conley

**PM:** Tanner Adkins

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** David Smith

**DEVOTION:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Jackson Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Greg Conley

**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 9 \*\*\*

### **Fossil Hunt @ the fossil creek with the Adkins**

Meet at the Adkins' home at  
noon to carpool to the creek.

Picnic lunch provided.

See Serpell for what to bring.



## 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.