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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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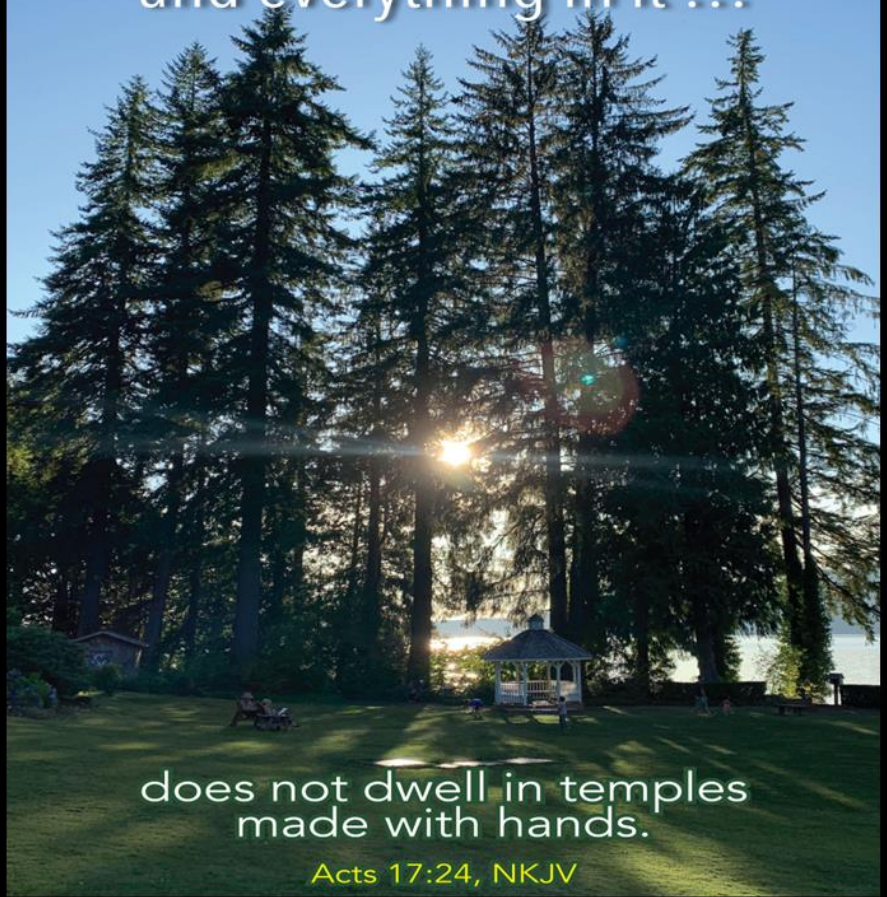
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**God,** who made the world  
and everything in it ...



does not dwell in temples  
made with hands.

**Acts 17:24, NKJV**

**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!

## **Facts that All Should Acknowledge**

Paul declared that the Gospel is God's power to salvation to those who believe whether Jew or Gentile (Romans 1:16). To Gentiles, those who were unfamiliar with the Hebrew Scriptures, Paul presented the Gospel without explicitly quoting from the Old Testament. While the Gospel does not change, the audience to whom it is presented may change. Gentiles in Lystra (Acts 14) and Athens (Acts 17) were different from Jews and God-fearing proselytes in the synagogue at Antioch (Acts 13). So, what facts did the apostle Paul present to audiences unfamiliar with the Scriptures?

First, Paul began by emphasizing God as Creator who gives life. Those in Lystra worshipped idols and wanted to make Paul and Barnabas into gods (Acts 14:11-13). Paul urged them to, "turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them" (Acts 14:15). Athens was a city entirely given over to idols (Acts 17:16). They even had an altar to the unknown god (Acts 17:23). Paul introduced them to the true God: "God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things" (Acts 17:24, 25). In both places, Paul emphasized that humans can know God from His creation. At Lystra he said of God, "Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness" (Acts 14:17). At Athens, Paul pointed to the purpose of God creating man, declaring, "He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their preappointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:26, 27). The Old Testament regularly declared God as the Creator to Whom all things belong (Gen. 1-2; 1 Ki. 8:27; Isa. 42:5; 66:1, 2; Psa. 50:9-12; et al.) This is a truth those at Lystra and Athens could see without proof from the Scriptures (cf. Rom. 1:20).

Second, Paul told both Lystra and Athens that while God has in the past tolerated nations who in ignorance have worshipped idols (Acts 14:16; 17:30), He now requires repentance by all (Acts 14:15; 17:30). Since the true God is Creator, worshipping idols that are made by men's hands is foolish. The Old Testament regularly made this argument (Deut. 4:28; Isa. 40:18-20; 44:9-20), but by reason alone one can come to this conclusion. Repentance by all is necessary for the true God who created all things "will judge the world in righteousness" one day (Acts 17:31). While this is an expression found in the OT Scriptures (Ps. 9:8; 96:13; 98:9), there lies in every heart a sense of justice/fairness that expects wrongs to be made right. We can reason with people to acknowledge this truth of universal righteous judgment.

Today these facts must be pressed upon the many who hold no regard for the Scriptures. We must tell unbelievers of God creating all things rather than man creating God. We must encourage them to repent and warn of a coming universal judgment by Jesus who is risen from the dead. Just like it was when Paul preached in Lystra and Athens, some may reject these truths and mock us, but the world needs to hear it anyway. We can start with some truths that one can arrive at by reason alone to lay the groundwork for accepting the message of the Scriptures.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM:** The Forgotten Beatitude

**6:00PM:** Tomorrow We Die

**Scripture Reading:** Noah Day

~ ~ ~ **Isaiah 22: 9-14** ~ ~ ~

**9-** You also saw the damage to the city of David, That it was great; And you gathered together the waters of the lower pool.

**10-** You numbered the houses of Jerusalem, And the houses you broke down To fortify the wall.

**11-** You also made a reservoir between the two walls For the water of the old pool. But you did not look to its Maker, Nor did you have respect for Him who fashioned it long ago.

**12-** And in that day the Lord GOD of hosts Called for weeping and for mourning, For baldness and for girding with sackcloth.

**13-** But instead, joy and gladness, Slaying oxen and killing sheep, Eating meat and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die!"

**14-** Then it was revealed in my hearing by the LORD of hosts, "Surely for this iniquity there will be no atonement for you, Even to your death," says the Lord GOD of hosts.



## 2021 Dates to Remember:

**Sep 19**– elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p

**Oct 9**– Singing/Potluck-Chris Scott's home-6p

**Oct 17**– elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p

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

**Oct 31**– Potluck– annex-noon

## Gauging Our Faith

	09/12/21	Goal	09/13/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	72	110	62
<b>AM Worship</b>	102	160	95
<b>PM Worship</b>	71	110	64
<b>Mid Week</b>	63	110	73
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$8095.00	\$6000.00	\$5648.85

## Congratulations

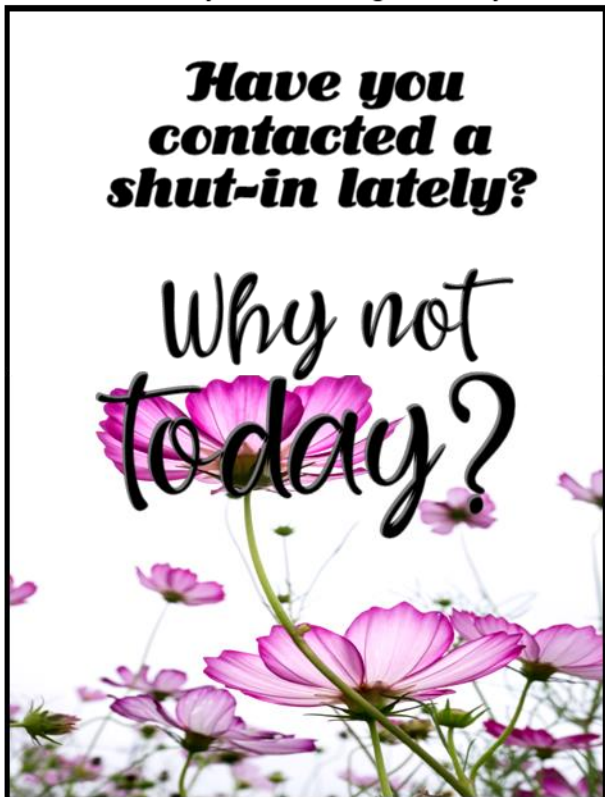
Elaine Faulk has a new great-grandson, Jack Bennett Wiktorowski, born Sept. 5th in Jacksonville, Fl. The parents, John and Holly, and baby Jack are all healthy and well.

## Elders, Deacons & Preachers

Today, September 19th, the elders, deacons, and preachers are scheduled to meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

## The Scott's Singing Night

Chris & Amanda Scott are inviting everyone to their home at 6pm on Saturday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, for an evening of singing and a potluck of side dishes and desserts. Meats will be provided. Please, sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend including the side dish or dessert you will bring. Thank you.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** Jerry Sturgill

**PM:** Greg Conley

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Steve Wallace

**Assisting:** Brad Morris,

Jeremiah Smith, George Wallace

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Adkins

\*gluten-free bread

### Scripture Reading:

**PM:** Noah Day

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Jesse Legg

**PM:** John Gambill

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** Mark Parks

**DEVOTION:** Greg Conley

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Luke Wallace

**LIVE STREAM:** Jesse Legg

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Day

**COORDINATOR:** Daniel Goshorn

**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**

★★★ Oct 9 ★★★

**Singing/Potluck at the  
Scotts' home- 6p**

**Sign-up on the foyer board.  
-Chris & Amanda are providing  
the meats, you bring sides  
and/or dessert**



## 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.