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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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**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!

## Origin of Gender

Considerable discussion has occurred in secular society in the last 50 years concerning gender – from the Feminist Movement of the 1960s to the more recent attention to transgenderism. The Bible speaks very precisely and definitively on the matter of gender. The phenomenon of gender is the result of God’s own divine determination when He created the first human beings on the sixth day of Creation week: “So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; **male and female** He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

When God created gender, He clearly intended to set the stage for all of human history. He sought to convey for all time the interrelationship between men and women. In the New Testament, this interrelationship is discussed in considerable detail in 1 Timothy 2 where Paul explains gender roles as they relate to worship. However, Paul also discussed gender in one of his letters to the church at Corinth. His pronouncements on gender are clearly tied to how men and women in the church are to interact with each other. The respective roles of male and female in the church are affected and informed **by gender**.

Paul’s remarks demonstrate that gender, as it relates to role function in the church, is a matter of Creation – not culture (as some have alleged). He explains the origin of gender as it was instigated by God at Creation:

For man is not **from** woman, but woman **from** man.... Nevertheless, neither is man independent of the woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord. For as the woman was **from** the man, even so the man also is **through** the woman; but all things are from God (1 Corinthians 11:8,11-12).

The bolded words represent prepositions in the original language. The term rendered “from” is the Greek preposition “ek” which means “out of.” The man was not “out of” the woman, but rather, the woman was “out of” the man. He is referring very specifically – and literally – to the origin of the first woman on Earth. Her body was constructed from a portion of the man’s body. Her physical origin was literally dependent on having been taken “out of” the man’s body. No wonder Adam declared: “This is now bone of **my** bones and flesh of **my** flesh; She shall be called Woman, because she was taken **out of** Man” (Genesis 2:23). In Hebrew, the word for man is “ish.” Adam employed a play on words by building on the word for man to indicate a woman: “ish-ah.”

Three verses later, Paul further clarifies gender by stating that though the woman was “from/out of” man, nevertheless, the man is also “through” the woman. Here the Greek preposition is dia meaning “by/through.” Once again, Paul is speaking very literally. All men throughout human history (except for Adam) have come into this world **through** a woman. Women are the designated child bearers. Men have no reason to consider themselves – or their role – to be superior to women. God intends for the male to fulfill very precise responsibilities in and out of the church, and He likewise has created the female to do the same. Their respective roles are, indeed, rooted in the creation of gender by God at the very beginning of time.<sup>1</sup>

-by **Dave Miller** as submitted by Jerry D. Sturgill

<sup>1</sup>For a discussion of gender roles in the church, see Dave Miller (2014), “Male and Female Roles: Gender in the Bible,” Apologetics Press, <http://apologeticspress.orgAPContent.aspxcategory=7&article=5007&topic=389>

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM:** The Origin of the Church

**6:00PM:** Jesus and Forgiveness

**Scripture Reading:** Gabe Scott

**Luke 17:1-4**

1- Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come!

2- It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

3- Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him.

4- And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him."



## 2021 Dates to Remember:

**Sep 10**– first day of Little School

**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

## Gauging Our Faith

	08/29/21	Goal	08/30/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	85	110	60
<b>AM Worship</b>	119	160	110
<b>PM Worship</b>	87	110	69
<b>Mid Week</b>	60	110	nc
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$4620.00	\$6000.00	\$7490.00

## 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.

## Extended: Potter Children's Home Day of Prayer & Giving to the Children

We are supporting this day (8/29/21) with a \$1000 donation from the congregation. \$2000 was sent earlier this year and this additional \$1000 has already been budgeted. If you would like to contribute individually, just make a check out to the Flatwoods church of Christ and in the memo line put Potter Children's Home. Put your check in the wooden box in the foyer. Your donation will be added to the \$1000 check we send this week. Thank you.

**Have you contacted a shut-in lately?**

*Why not today?*



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** John Gambill

**PM:** Jerry Sturgill

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

**Presiding AM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Brad Morris,

Jeremiah Smith, George Wallace

**Presiding PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

\*gluten-free bread

### **Scripture Reading:**

**PM:** Gabe Scott

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Legg

**PM:** Jackson Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** Mark Day

**DEVOTION:** Daniel Goshorn

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Luke Wallace

**LIVE STREAM:** Tanner Adkins

**BLDG. ATT.:** JC Hughes

**COORDINATOR:** Daniel Goshorn

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## ☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

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### **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.