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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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-Dustin Bolks
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Suriname, SA
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Guyana, SA
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-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR MIND
AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS;
AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD,
AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.**

-HEBREWS 8:10

**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!**

Roused from Complacency

For the last several years, Christians in America have, in general, enjoyed material prosperity with the absence of persecution. Good times, however, can have negative spiritual effects. The Lord's disciples can grow soft and lazy while they are "at ease in Zion" (Amos 6:1). Sermons to rouse people from their indifference do not always work; often they fall on deaf ears. Painful circumstances, however, can make people wake up and listen.

The book of Zephaniah is dated during the reign of Josiah (Zeph. 1:1), leading up to his reforms. God promised to bring punishment on those who had grown stagnant in their spiritual service, saying, "And it shall come to pass at that time, *that* I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will he do evil" (Zech. 1:12). The complacent are said to be "settled on their lees," a word picture taken from handling wine. The term *lees* (or dregs) refers to the solid sediment that settles at the bottom of the container over time. If wine is allowed to settle too long, it thickens and is ruined. God said He would visit in punishment the men who were thickening upon their dregs. These men were so complacent that they thought God would be too. In effect, they had made a god in their own image who was indifferent, who will not do good, nor evil. But God assures them He will bring His penalty upon them at a time referred to as "the day of the Lord" (Zeph. 1:7).

We strive to be the church revealed in the New Testament. The book of Acts tells us about the persecutions against the early followers of Jesus. The spiritual dangers that come to Christians when their environment is unfriendly to them are plain. The pages of Scripture and uninspired history are filled with examples of such. However, persecution also causes disciples to bind together and become active and sacrificial in giving to each other. I don't know the future; the Lord alone knows whether a period of persecution is on the horizon for His church and what the particulars of it would be. However, times of persecution do have a way of showing one's true colors. If we'll let it, pain can cause us to get serious about what's really valuable.

Compare what Jesus said about lukewarm Laodicea (Rev. 3:14-22) with persecuted Smyrna (Rev. 2:8-11) and Philadelphia (Rev. 3:7-13). It would not be surprising if Laodicea had a nice, comfortable building in which to meet, but what about their hearts? The persecuted church does not have all the nice material possessions the world offers, but it also does not have members who are disinterested in spiritual activities because they're too busy entertaining, going on vacation, going to ball games, golfing, et cetera. God disciplines His children; pain in the present can cause us to make spiritual reforms and have better priorities in the future (Heb. 12:5-11).

In Zephaniah's day, God could not rouse people from complacency for very long by merely sending someone to speak to them. He had to send foreign people in to take away their goods, their houses, and their lands (Zeph. 1:13). What does He have planned for the complacent today?

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: The Rich Young Ruler

6:00PM: My People

Scripture Reading: Gabe Scott

Hebrews 8:7-12

7- For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

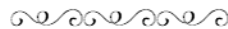
8- Because finding fault with them, He says: "BEHOLD, THE DAYS ARE COMING, SAYS THE LORD, WHEN I WILL MAKE A NEW COVENANT WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AND WITH THE HOUSE OF JUDAH—

9- NOT ACCORDING TO THE COVENANT THAT I MADE WITH THEIR FATHERS IN THE DAY WHEN I TOOK THEM BY THE HAND TO LEAD THEM OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT; BECAUSE THEY DID NOT CONTINUE IN MY COVENANT, AND I DISREGARDED THEM, SAYS THE LORD.

10- FOR THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS IN THEIR MIND AND WRITE THEM ON THEIR HEARTS; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

11- NONE OF THEM SHALL TEACH HIS NEIGHBOR, AND NONE HIS BROTHER, SAYING, 'KNOW THE LORD,' FOR ALL SHALL KNOW ME, FROM THE LEAST OF THEM TO THE GREATEST OF THEM.

12- FOR I WILL BE MERCIFUL TO THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."



Gauging Our Faith

	10/03/21	Goal	10/04/20
Bible Study	71	110	60
AM Worship	115	160	99
PM Worship	70	110	60
Mid Week	73	110	58
Contribution:	\$6467.10	\$6000.00	\$4935.00

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Janet Wheeler and family at the loss of her older brother, Roger Stewart, October 6th. Evans Funeral Home is handling the arrangements with visitation today 6pm to 9pm, and funeral visitation/service Monday 11am to 2pm.



2021 Dates to Remember:

Oct 17— Potluck luncheon— 12 noon— annex

Oct 17-21— our Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

Oct 23— No. Lex. Ladies Day with Cindy Colley— 9a breakfast, 10a program— RSVP to

secretary@northlexingtoncoc.org

Oct 24— elders/deacons/preachers meet—4:30p

Oct 29— Ladies Luncheon—12:30p— at the Winchester Restaurant in the Delta Hotel

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

*Why not
today?*



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Steve Wallace

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jerry Sturgill

PM: Ranie Wohnhas

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Daniel Goshorn

Assisting: Jordan Conley,
Tanner Adkins, John Gambill

Presiding PM: Greg Conley
*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Gabe Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: David Morckel

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Ranie Wohnhas

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Steve Wallace

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

LIVE STREAM: Jerry Sturgill

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Adkins

COORDINATOR: Steve Wallace

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 17-21 ★★★

Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster

*Theme: Some Things You
Need to Know Before
You Leave Planet Earth*
—Invite your friends!!—



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.