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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
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-Michael Mayo
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Guyana, SA
-Mohamed Ally
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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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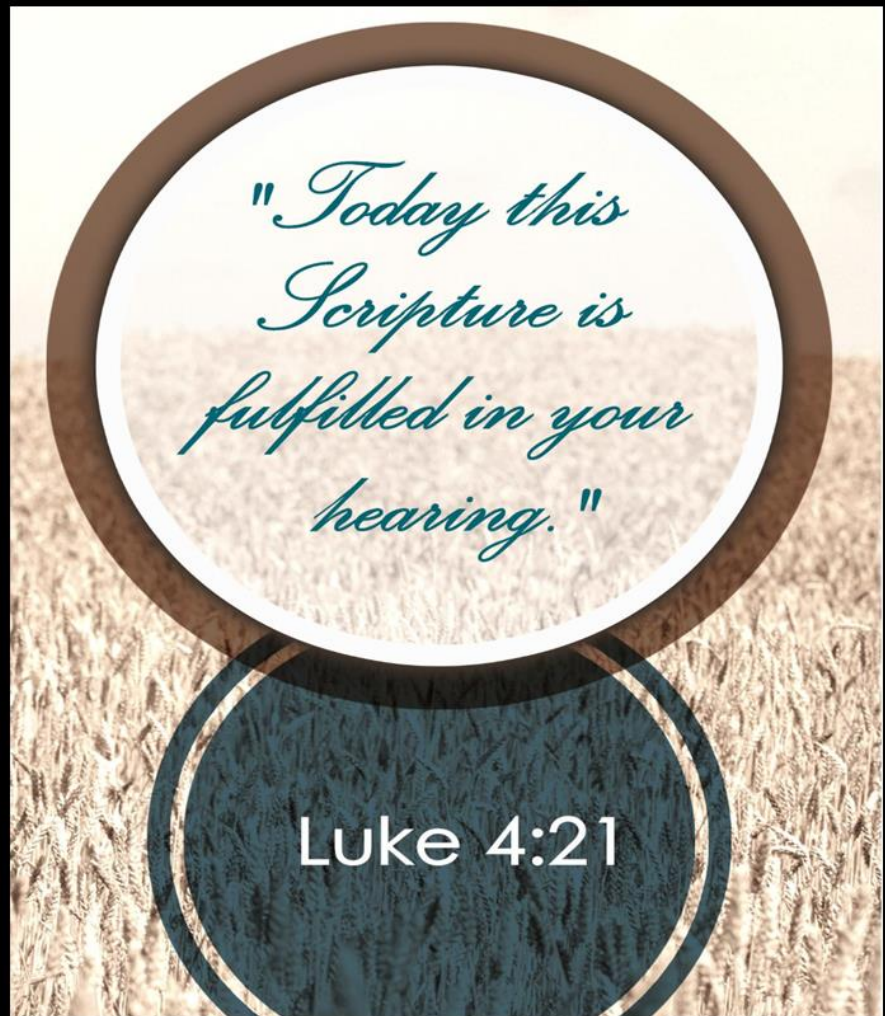
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

The Lost

In Luke 15 Jesus is speaking to a crowd of tax collectors and sinners. The hypocritical religious elites were also present, and they were complaining saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." (Luke 15:2b) The scribes and Pharisees were disgusted that Jesus would associate Himself with people who were so lowly and ungodly in their eyes.

In response to this condescending attitude, Jesus gives us three parables about lost things. In Luke 15:4-7 we are told of the "lost sheep". In verses 8-10 and verses 11-32 we are told about the "lost coin" and the "lost son" respectively. All three of these parables describe a situation in which an individual has something very precious that is lost, and this loss brings tremendous distress to the individual. With the lost sheep and the lost coin, we see situations in which the individual actively works to reclaim that precious thing that was lost. In the story of the lost son (or prodigal son as we often call it) we see a situation in which the son who was lost must decide to return himself.

All three of these parables depict a person who is a child of God, a Christian in the fold of God who wanders away and becomes lost in the world. We can draw much comfort from these parables in the reality that God seeks out the lost sinner. That is why Jesus came to this earth, to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). He works providentially to draw His children back to Himself and reconcile our relationship with Him (2 Cor 5:18-19). In all three instances we can see that God views the lost as precious beyond measure, and He demonstrates His love in His desire to see the lost return to Him and be restored to His house. There is joy and celebration in heaven over one sinner who repents and returns to the fold of God (15:7). It is comforting to know that no matter how far we may stray, no matter how caught up we become in the *far country* of sin, God desires us to be restored to His possession. We need only turn back to Him and walk in His ways once more.

While we may draw great comfort from these parables, we should also draw some warning. At the opening of the chapter the scribes and Pharisees complain about Jesus' association with sinners, prompting the parables. The scribes and Pharisees viewed themselves as superior to these sinners because they thought they were much more righteous in their obedience to God. However, they were mistaken. They had grown legalistic and proud, and in doing so they themselves became as those lost things. Being Jews of the highest order was not enough to save them because they forsook the weightier matters of the law (Matthew 23:23). We should take heed lest we too grow proud in our own obedience and forget the weightier matters of the Gospel. We should never grow condescending of those outside of Christ, because we too were once foolish, disobedient sinners before the grace of our Lord gave us hope of eternal life (Titus 3:3-7). Rather we should humbly seek out the lost and show them the love of Christ through the Gospel.

-Daniel Goshorn

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Love Like God Loves

6:00PM: In His Own Country

Scripture Reading: Noah Day

~ Luke 4:16-21 ~

16- So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17- And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

18- "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE HAS ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR; HE HAS SENT ME TO HEAL THE BROKEN-HEARTED, TO PROCLAIM LIBERTY TO THE CAPTIVES AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET AT LIBERTY THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED;

19- TO PROCLAIM THE ACCEPTABLE YEAR OF THE LORD."

20- Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him.

21- And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."



Dates to Remember:

Dec 15- Lads to Leaders deadline for applications for convention in April

Dec 17- Ladies Ornament Exchange Party- 6p at Charolette Scott's home (sign on board)

Dec 19- Elders, Deacons & Preacher meeting - 4:30p, annex large classroom

Dec 19- Spare-time event with the Ironton congregation 8p-11p (free admission)

Jan 11- Primetimers group resumes- 10a-annex large classroom

Jan 28-29- Fishinger & Kenny Winter Lectures- adults & teens (see Mark Day if attending re: transport & lodging) speakers: David Shannon & Justin Rogers- Columbus, OH

Lads 2 Leaders 2022

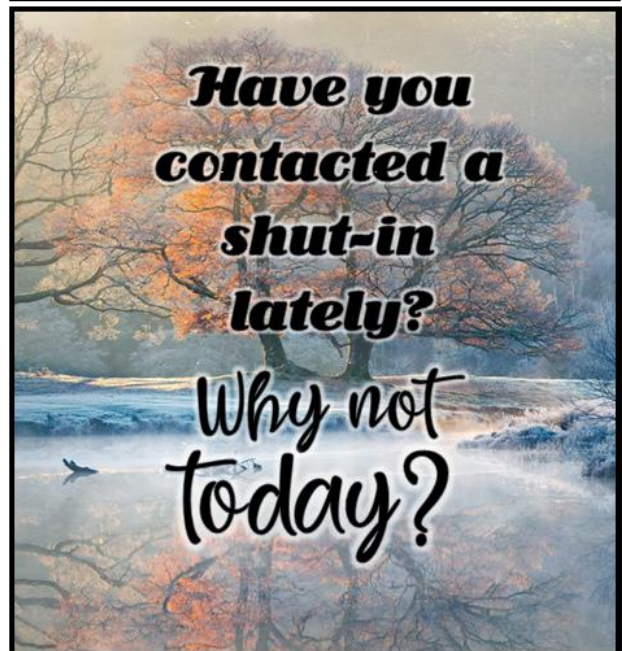
Lads to Leaders 2022 is April 14-17 in Louisville. All students and adults interested in attending or participating need to turn in registration forms no later than December 15, 2021. Registration forms are on the foyer table. Please see Mark Day or Brad Morris for further details.

Ladies Party Invitation

On Friday, the 17th, Charolette Scott is inviting all the ladies to her home at 411 Kenwood Drive, Russell, Ky, at 6pm for an ornament exchange party. This can be handmade or purchased. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board with details. Please, sign up on the foyer board for planning purposes. Thank you.

Gauging Our Faith

	12/05/21	Goal	12/06/20
Bible Study	67	110	33
AM Worship	95	160	68
PM Worship	85	110	55
Mid Week	82	110	46
Contribution:	\$5074.00	\$6000.00	\$5321.00



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER:

AM: Steve Wallace

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Daniel Goshorn

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: John Gambill,
Tanner Adkins, Nathan Parks

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Noah Day

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Morckel

PM: Braydon Snell

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTION: Brad Morris

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Jackson Morris

LIVE STREAM: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Adkins

COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Smith

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

☆☆☆ Youth Notes ☆☆☆

☆☆☆ Sundays ☆☆☆

Pew Packers

5:45pm

**in the front of the
auditorium- geared to age 12
& under, but everyone is
welcome to attend**

☆☆☆ Dec 15 ☆☆☆

**Lads to Leaders deadline to
register for the convention**

☆☆☆ Dec 19 ☆☆☆

**Spare-time (free admission)
w/ Ironton congregation 8-11p**



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.