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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

-Jerry Sturgill
Tri-state area
-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, SA
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-Herman Joseph
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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For the earth
will be full of the
knowledge of the
LORD as the waters
cover the sea.

Isaiah 11:9



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!

Refining a Remnant

In the days of the prophets leading up to the exile, God's people were steeped in idolatry. God did all that He could to plead with His people to worship Him alone. Figuratively speaking, He rose up early to send prophets to the people, but they would not hear (Jer. 7:13, 25; 11:7; 26:5). As an adulteress leaves her loving husband to pursue her illicit affairs, so Israel and Judah were unfaithful to their God (Ezek. 16:8-63; 23:1-49; Hos. 1:2; 3:1-5). God would have to put them away. They would be exiled for seventy years (Jer. 25:11, 12; 29:10).

Rather than completely destroying His people, God spared some of them (Isa. 48:9); God referred to their time of punishment as a furnace of affliction (Isa. 48:10). Just as a refining pot makes hard metals molten, when people suffer they can be brought to their knees, soften their hearts and pray to God. However, the furnace of affliction can be a kiln to further harden their hearts if they are not receptive. The minority who would not be destroyed by their punishment but rather purified to come back from captivity are often called the remnant (Isa. 10:20-23; 11:11-16; 28:5; 37:4, 31, 32; 46:3; cf. 6:13; 7:3*).

In Isaiah 40-66, God instructed His people about His plans for them. He identified two anointed servants—a conquering servant and a suffering servant—who would bring hope back to His people. God's conquering servant was the Persian king Cyrus, who was used by God to bring an end to Babylonian captivity and allow Judah to return to their homeland (Isa. 41:25; 44:24-28; 45:1-7; cf. Ezra 1:1-4). The suffering servant was Jesus Christ who descended from the remnant of Judah and came into this world to bear the stripes for our sins (Isa. 52:13-53:12). This shoot from the stem of Jesse rules the remnant (Isa. 11:1-16).

Daniel and his friends, who were of the king's royal seed (Dan. 1:3), had to endure captivity in a foreign land. They continued to make the one true God known. God used them to interpret dreams, reveal the future, and miraculously endure death sentences. Instead of giving up, Daniel faithfully served God (as his first priority) and also ministered to foreign kings until he saw the reign of Cyrus (Dan. 6:28; 10:1). He told Nebuchadnezzar about Christ's church, the kingdom of God that would never be destroyed (Dan. 2:44-45). As Christians, we are children of God who belong to Christ; thus, we are part of the royal seed (Gal. 3:26-29). We must continue to stand for Christ's church, the eternal kingdom, even when the world around us makes us feel as if we are in a faraway land. Genuine faith gleams in a dark world, and it might surprise us who takes notice (Mt. 5:16; Phil. 2:14-15; 1 Pet. 1:7). If we allow suffering to refine us and remain faithful to the end, we will see the Lord's salvation (Mt. 7:13-14; 10:22; Rev. 2:10; 3:10-12).

-Mark Day

*The name "Shear-Jashub" in 7:3 means 'a remnant will return.'

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: Jesus Arrested

6:00PM: Who Is Lord?

Scripture Reading: Gabe Scott

~ ~ ~ Isaiah 44:24-28 ~ ~ ~

24- Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, And He who formed you from the womb: "I am the LORD, who makes all things, Who stretches out the heavens all alone, Who spreads abroad the earth by Myself;

25- Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness;

26- Who confirms the word of His servant, And performs the counsel of His messengers; Who says to Jerusalem, 'You shall be inhabited,' To the cities of Judah, 'You shall be built,' And I will raise up her waste places;

27- Who says to the deep, 'Be dry! And I will dry up your rivers';

28- Who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd, And he shall perform all My pleasure, Saying to Jerusalem, "You shall be built," And to the temple, "Your foundation shall be laid." '



Dates to Remember:

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)

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	<u>12/12/21</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>12/13/20</u>
Bible Study	84	90	34
AM Worship	120	130	60
PM Worship	75	90	53
Mid Week	60	90	40
Contribution:	\$6840.00	\$6000.00	\$7543.00

Tornado Relief Assistance

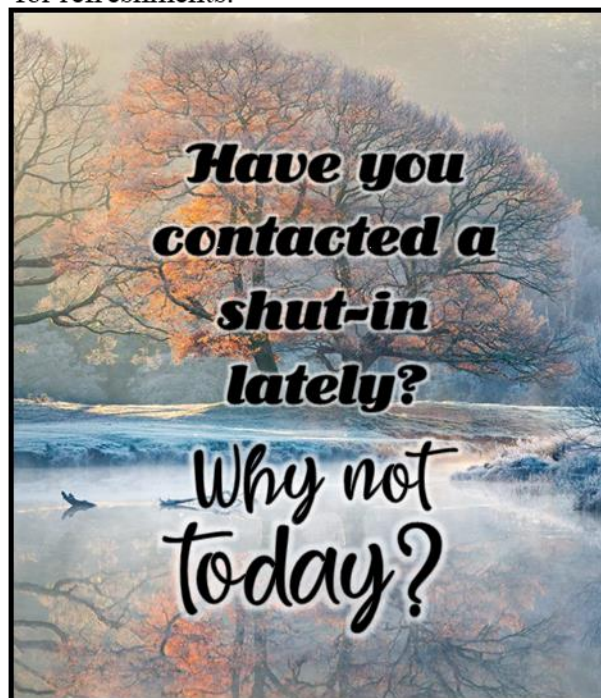
On Dec. 14th, our congregation sent \$5000 for tornado relief to Bread of Life Humanitarian Effort with focus on the Northside Church of Christ in Mayfield, Ky. We invite members who would like to contribute personally to make a check payable to the Flatwoods church of Christ with a note in memo line: "Tornado Relief/Western KY." Another check with our combined contributions will be sent later.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet

This afternoon at 4:30pm, the elders, deacons & preachers will meet in the annex large classroom.

Spare-time Invitation

Tonight, our congregation has been invited to Spare-time event with the 10th and Vine Street Ironton congregation from 8p-11p. Admission is free, but money will be needed for refreshments.



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Steve Wallace

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: John Gambill,

Tanner Adkins, Jesse Legg

Presiding PM: Steve Wallace

*gluten-free bread

Scripture Reading:

PM: Gabe Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: JC Hughes

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Braydon Snell

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Greg Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

LIVE STREAM: Jackson Morris

BLDG. ATT.: Steve Wallace

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 19 ★★★

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

★★★ Apr 14-17 ★★★

**Lads to Leaders convention
Louisville, KY**



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.