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

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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*Go ye into all the world, and preach  
the gospel to every creature.*



*Mark 16:15*

**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!

## Joppa

Joppa is a small port town that lies on the Israeli coast of the Mediterranean Sea, and on several occasions this small town makes an appearance in Biblical history as a symbolic departure point for world evangelism. In the Old Testament, Joppa was a place of Gentile *exclusion*. Jonah 1:1-3 depicts for us an instance of God reaching out to the nations with the message of repentance. He determines to send His prophet Jonah to the wicked city of Nineveh, the main city of the mighty nation of Assyria. At this time, Assyria was a dominant political entity, and they were fearsome foes of the nation of Israel. Yet, God demonstrated through Jonah that He is a God for all nations.

At this point in history the Gentiles were welcome to come to redemption, but they had to come to Israel, as the Queen of Sheba did. The evangelistic message of Old Testament Judaism was an invitation to “come and see,” not a command to “go and tell” as we have under the New Testament. However, with Jonah 1 we begin to see a shift, a foreshadowing of sorts, that depicts for us God’s New Testament model for global evangelism. With Jonah, we see the message of God being intentionally carried across geopolitical borders to a pagan nation. However, Jonah was not in agreement with God regarding this model for global evangelism. Jonah was extremely prejudiced against the enemy nation, and as we see in the first chapter of the book of Jonah the prophet attempts to flee his missionary call. From whence does he flee? He travels to Joppa to flee to the other side of the world. Jonah attempts to exclude the Gentiles from the message of God.

In the New Testament, Joppa was a place of Gentile *inclusion*. Nearly 800 years following the events in the book of Jonah, we read in Acts 10 about another resistant missionary to the Gentiles. The apostle Peter receives his vision from the Lord, a missionary call to bring the Gospel to the Gentiles for the first time since the establishment of the church. Again, 800 years later, the prejudice against the “unclean” Gentiles was still present. Peter should have known better considering Jesus himself had already told his followers to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature (Mk 16:15), and this included every nation, not just the Jewish nation (Mt. 28:18-20). By Acts 10 the church had existed for about a decade, but they had yet to truly cross over and evangelize the Gentile world. However, just as with Jonah, God would not be dissuaded from accomplishing His missionary goal. Where is he sent? To the Gentiles in Joppa. This was the first place the New Testament church truly began to spread to include “all nations.”

Chris Anderson writes in *Gospel Meditations for Missions*, “The lack of concern of Jonah for the lost – the utter hatred – is shocking. However, it is no less shocking when we who have been so lavishly forgiven ignore the needs of fellow “Ninevites” around the world...we, like Jonah, are reluctant to share that same message of saving grace outside our own borders.” Let us not be lax in our efforts to reach those around us. Let us not have the attitude of the earliest prejudiced Christians who withheld the Gospel from those they deemed “unclean,” but let us recognize the grace that has been given to us so that we might share it with the world. Let Joppa serve as an example of God’s *inclusionary* Gospel for all creatures.

-Daniel Goshorn

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

**10:45AM:** Mark Day— People of the Cross

**6:00PM:** Daniel Goshorn— Peru Mission Work

**Scripture Reading:** Jackson Morris

~ Matthew 28:18-20 ~

**18** And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

**19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,  
**20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.



## Dates to Remember:

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

**Jan 18**— Primetimers- 10a-annex classroom

**Jan 25**— Primetimers- 10a-annex 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

## Plan Ahead for 2022

(to start your new 2022 planner the right way)

**Apr 3-6**— Gospel Meeting with Greg Tidwell

**Apr 15-17**— Lads To Leaders convention

**Jul 25-29**— Vacation Bible School

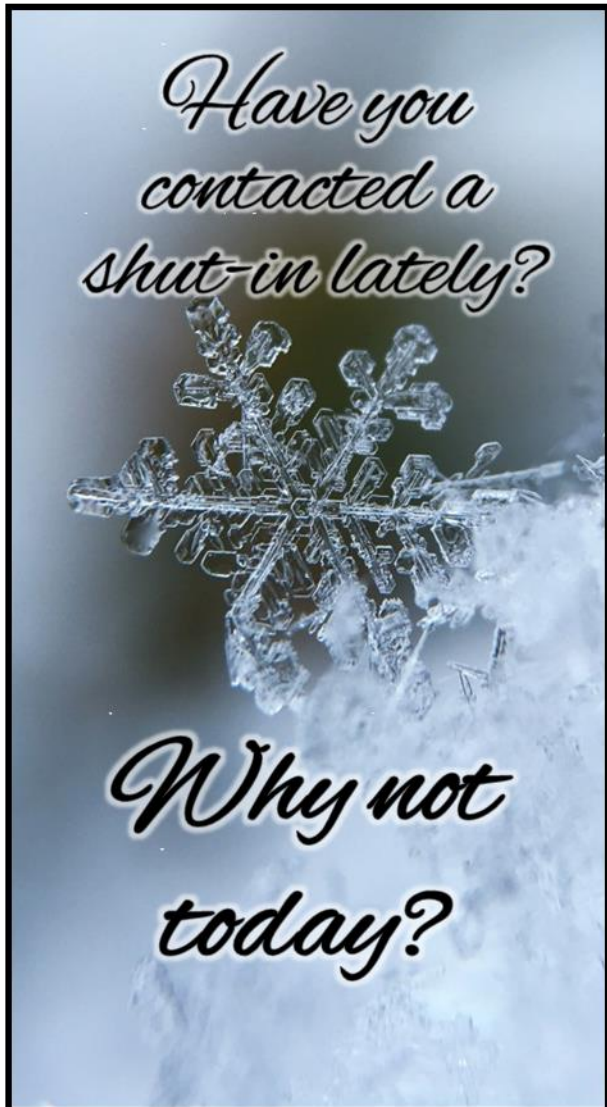
**Sep 11-14**— Gospel Meeting with Josh Allen

### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	01/02/22	Goal	01/03/20
<b>Bible Study</b>	nc	90	47
<b>AM Worship</b>	108	130	64
<b>PM Worship</b>	73	90	47
<b>Mid Week</b>	74	90	45
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5799.00	\$6000.00	\$11593.93

## 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 that it is for "Tomado Relief/Western KY." A check with members' combined contributions will be sent this week.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Brad Morris

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Nathan Parks

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** John Gambill,  
George Wallace, Jordan Conley

**Presiding PM:** Greg Hall

\*gluten-free bread

### **Scripture Reading:**

**PM:** Jackson Morris

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Legg

**PM:** Gabe Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** Brad Morris

**DEVOTION:** Steve Wallace

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**POWER POINT:** Luke Wallace

**LIVE STREAM:** Jesse Legg

**BLDG. ATT.:** Nathan Parks

**COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

**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

\*\*\* 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.*