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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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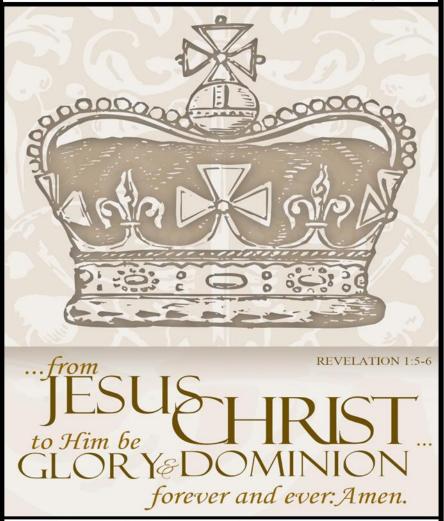
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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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!

#### Weighing the Evidence of Belshazzar

In the fifth chapter of Daniel, the Babylonian king Belshazzar made a great feast and used the vessels taken from the temple in Jerusalem to drink wine from; in his debauchery, he desecrated vessels that had been sanctified for worship of the one, true God. God gave a message to Belshazzar of four words written by a hand on the wall: Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin (Dan. 5:25). *Mene* meant that his kingdom had been numbered and finished (Dan. 5:26). *Tekel* meant he had been weighed on the scales and found wanting (Dan. 5:27). *Parsin* meant that his kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and the Persians (Dan. 5:28). That night, just as God said, Belshazzar was slain, and his kingdom was given to Darius the Mede (Dan. 5:30-31).

God's word, the Bible, is accurate. Until the middle of the nineteenth century, skeptics claimed for years that the existence of king Belshazzar was pure invention, that the Bible was mistaken and Nabonidus was in fact the last king of Babylon; however, archeological discoveries of cuneiform tablets, housed in the British Museum, contain references that Belshazzar was co-regent with his father Nabonidus.¹ Belshazzar's promise to make Daniel "third ruler in the kingdom" (Dan. 5:16, 29) fits with this truth, since Nabonidus and Belshazzar would be the first and second rulers in the kingdom. Belshazzar was ruling when Babylon fell to the Medo-Persian empire, a significant event in world history. Chapters 50 and 51 of Jeremiah describe the fall in detail. A century before Babylon's fall, the prophet showed how a coalition of nations including the Medes would come from the north to take Babylon, that though Babylon had well-supplied storehouses and lofty fortifications her sea, the Euphrates river, would be dried up suddenly during a feast. Diverting the river that flowed under the city's walls was evidently how Babylon was taken.

The Bible also speaks of how each one of us will be subject to the judgment of God (Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27; Rev. 20:11-15). We will be weighed; our lives will be put on one side of the scale and God's holy word will be put on the other side. Certainly, extremely wicked people will not measure up (Rev. 21:8). Yet, even good people that do a lot of great things will not be able to balance the scales by their goodness (Lk. 17:10). Our words and actions will condemn us in light of a perfectly holy God (Hab. 1:13) who has a perfect standard (Ecc. 7:20; Mt. 12:36; Rom. 2:12; 3:23; Gal. 3:10-12). Successful people according to the world's standards will meet a similar end as Belshazzar: their days are numbered, their own accomplishments will find them lacking when weighed on God's balance, and they will die and leave their possessions to be divided by those who shall come after them. However, with Christ there is hope (Rom. 5:1-2). By God's grace, the blood of Jesus provides the means by which the scales are tipped and one can stand justified before God (Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19; Heb. 9:12-14; 1 Jn. 1:5-9; Rev. 1:5; 12:11). Are you washed in the blood and ready to stand before God (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-7)?

-Mark Day

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Raymond Philip Dougherty. Nabonidus and Belshazzar: A Study of the Closing Events of the Neo-Babylonian Empire. (New Haven: Yale University Press, 1929), 13.

## News & Notes

#### Sermons Today

10:45AM: Mark Day- Faith and

Evidence

**6:00PM:** Daniel Goshorn– Our

Compassionate Savior

**Scripture Reading:** Gabe Scott

**Matthew 9:36** But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

#### **Gambill Bridal Shower**

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Toria Gambill on Saturday, March 12, at 1pm in the annex. She is registered several places listed on TheKnot.com/toriaandmatthewsayido. RSVP is requested to (606) 465-6025.

#### Dates to Remember:

Mar 12-Toria Gambill Bridal Shower-1p-anx registered: Amazon; Belk; Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond Mar 18-19—Rome church Men's Retreat,

Ona, WV – see Mark Day for details

Mar 20-Potter Children's Home donation deadline

Mar 26 – Morgan Martin's Baby Shower-annex-1p

**Apr 2**– Saturday seminar with Greg Tidwell

Apr 3-Potluck luncheon-annex-12p

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

**Apr 4-6**– Bible classes with Greg Tidwell–10a

**Apr 10**– Lads to Leaders meeting– annex 12p

**Apr 14-17**— Lads To Leaders convention

Jul 25-29— Vacation Bible School

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

Attendance & Contribution Goals			
	02/20/22	Goal	02/21/21
Bible Study	52	90	58
AM Worship	86	130	84
PM Worship	74	90	55
Mid Week	79	90	52
Contribution:	\$4536.00	\$6000.00	\$5605.95

#### **Potter Children's Home**

The annual Commodities Drive is here. They are asking for the following specific items: beef bouillon cubes, Honey Bunches of Oats cereal, women's deodorant, disinfecting wipes & Band-Aids. They will pick up these items the week of March 20th. If you would like to contribute money to Potter's, please make check payable to the church & mention in memo that it is for Potter's. This will be included with the \$2000 being provided by the congregation

#### **Directory Pictures**

On March 6 following morning worship service and any time that afternoon Daniel Goshorn will be available to update any member photos. Anyone who would like to have their photograph taken on that day can let him know. An additional date will be announced later for anyone unable to have their photo done on the 6th.



You are invited to our

## Gospel Meeting & Seminar with Greg Tidwell

Serving the Fishinger Road congregation in Columbus, Ohio since 1984, Greg is also the editor of Gospel Advocate magazine

#### ovanvanva **April 2 Saturday seminar**

10 Trends Facing Churches of Christ 12pm-3pm (three 45 minute sessions)

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#### April 3-6 Gospel Meeting

Faithful Living in a Faithless Age Sun: 9:45am, 10:45am, 6pm;

M-W: 7pm

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**Apr 4-6 Morning Bible classes** 

End of Life Matters M-W: 10am

## ∞ Today's Servants 🗷

### WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

#### **SONG LEADER:**

AM: Ranie Wohnhas PM: Nathan Adkins

#### FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Steve Wallace PM: Greg Conley

#### LORD'S TABLE\*:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall
Assisting: John Gambill,

George Wallace, Chris Legg

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

\*gluten-free bread

#### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

PM: Gabe Scott

#### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

AM: Jesse Legg PM: Jordan Conley

## > Wednesday Servants &

WELCOME: Chris Scott
SONG LEADER: Mark Day
PRAYER: Greg Hall
DEVOTION: Brad Morris

## **™** Weekly Servants ∽

**LIVE STREAM:** Jerry Sturgill **POWER POINT:** Luke Wallace **BLDG. ATT.**: Nathan Adkins **COORDINATOR:** Brad Morris **ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## \*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*

# \*\*\* Sundays \*\*\* Pew Packers

5:45pm
in the front of the
auditoriumgeared 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 inhome Bible study. Thank you for attending.

We hope to see you often.