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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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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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1 Peter 1:3

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!

As You Have Heard

“Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming” (1 John 2:18a). If one only considered this part of this verse from the NKJV, the conclusion one might draw is the Bible teaches the “Antichrist” is a great adversary of Christ that is coming just before the end of the world. The capitalization of “Antichrist” in the NKJV could perhaps further this idea that there is only one such figure. However, the Bible has more to say on this subject. A careful examination of the possible meaning of these terms and phrases in 1 John 2:18 must be weighed, the rest of the verse should be read, and other statements by the same writer about this subject in his letters should be considered. Proper study involves considering all that the Bible has to say on a subject before drawing a conclusion. While space forbids consideration of other passages which may be tied to this subject, let’s consider the statements John explicitly makes about antichrist to round out our understanding.

Notice the last part of 1 John 2:18, “even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.” Thus, John goes on to say in the rest of the sentence that many antichrists had already come even in his day. Later in the same epistle, John identifies every spirit that does not confess Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is antichrist, that his audience had heard would come and now already was in the world (1 John 4:3). In 2 John 7, many such deniers of Christ coming in the flesh had already gone out as deceivers into the world. Closer to the initial statement in this article is 1 John 2:22, which identifies liars who denied the Father and the Son as antichrist (this is singular with the article in the Greek, as some put it “this is the antichrist”).

These individuals John called antichrists in 1 John 2 were evidently part of a secession from true Christianity. They went out from God’s people; in this particular instance, the apostates were showing their true colors, manifesting a hidden problem that was already there (1 John 2:19). Thus, individuals who had withdrawn and now denied the Lord and opposed His church were called antichrists.

Consider a couple of phrases and terms in 1 John 2:18 that may mean something other than what one reads on the surface of one Bible version. First, taking “the last hour” in 1 John 2:18 as a reference to the time very near the end of the world seems difficult to harmonize with how many years have transpired since John lived. But the expression in the original language can mean “a critical hour.” Such an opposition and apostasy would be a critical period for God’s people. Moreover, the word translated “hour” can mean “time” (“it is the last time” KJV). The Christian age is the last of the three dispensations of history. The reference may be to time/hour in the present age of the world’s existence.¹

Second, whether the term “antichrist” should be translated with the English article “the” in front of it may involve more consideration than one might think. The KJV, ASV, NASB, and ESV all translate 1 John 2:18a as, you “heard that antichrist” is coming (notice without the article “the”). There is good reason in weighing the Greek manuscripts to favor those copies that do not contain the article; beyond that, even if the article is present in the Greek, abstract nouns have an article before them in the Greek, but no article should be used in the English translation (e. g. “salvation” in John 4:22). Thus, if John is speaking of a general disposition of unbelief or opposition to Christ, not a specific person, then he would be using the term *antichrist* as an abstract noun. In this case an article would be present in the Greek, but should not be carried over into the English.

All of this is to say that hearing a popular religious idea and a snippet of a verse that seems to teach it is not good enough in finding what God’s word teaches on a subject. Some digging and investigation are required to have a well-rounded and nuanced understanding of what God really says. Homework: use this article as a starting point, and consider other passages in the Bible about movements of apostasy and what first-century Christians were told about God’s timing in regard to these. -Mark Day

¹ William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 1103.

News & Notes

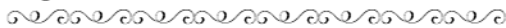


Sermons Today

10:45AM: Jonah's Anger
6:00PM: The Old Man Renewed
Scripture Reading: Noah Day

~~~~~ **Ephesians 4:20-24** ~~~~~

- 20- But you have not so learned Christ,
- 21- if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus:
- 22- that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,
- 23- and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,
- 24- and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.



## Dates to Remember:

- Apr 2**– Saturday seminar-Greg Tidwell-12-3p
- 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
- Apr 24**– elders/deacons/preachers meet-4:30p
- Apr 29**– Ladies Lunch- Tx Roadhouse 12:30p
- May 22**– Layne & Houston Williams  
 Wedding Reception at the Adkins home in Ohio- details upcoming
- Jul 25-29**– Vacation Bible School
- Sep 11-14**– Gospel Meeting with Josh Allen

## Attendance & Contribution Goals

|                      | 03/20/22  | Goal      | 03/21/21  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>   | 74        | 90        | 72        |
| <b>AM Worship</b>    | 114       | 130       | 105       |
| <b>PM Worship</b>    | 73        | 90        | 83        |
| <b>Mid Week</b>      | 75        | 90        | 73        |
| <b>Contribution:</b> | \$7431.00 | \$6000.00 | \$6148.40 |

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to David Castle and family on the passing of his step-mother, Sharon Castle, on March 18th. Her funeral was in Paintsville on March 21st. Please, keep Dave and family in your prayers.

## Directory Pictures

Daniel Goshorn is updating member photos. Please, arrange a date with Daniel to take or retake your pictures for the directory and the foyer picture board. Thank you. This is a great help to new members and visitors.

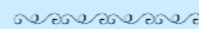
### From the Cover:

1Pet.1:3-Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a **living hope** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

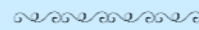


*You are invited to our*  
**Gospel Meeting & Seminar**  
 with Greg Tidwell

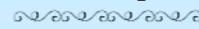
Serving the Fishinger Road congregation in Columbus, Ohio since 1984, Greg is also the editor of Gospel Advocate magazine



**April 2 Saturday seminar**  
*10 Trends Facing Churches of Christ*  
 12pm-3pm  
 (three 45 minute sessions)



**April 3-6 Gospel Meeting**  
*Faithful Living in a Faithless Age*  
 Sun: 9:45am, 10:45am, 6pm;  
 M-W: 7pm



**Apr 4-6 Morning Bible classes**  
*End of Life Matters*  
 M-W: 10am

## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Steve Wallace

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Greg Conley

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

**Presiding AM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Jacob Brown,  
Jordan Conley, Nathan Parks

**Presiding PM:** Mark Parks

\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Noah Day

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Jacob Brown

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** Steve Wallace

**DEVOTION:** Mark Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**LIVE STREAM:** Jackson Morris

**POWER POINT:** Luke Wallace

**BLDG. ATT.:** JC Hughes

**COORDINATOR:** JC Hughes

**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.*