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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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**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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"BE OF  
GOOD CHEER;  
IT IS I;  
**DO NOT  
BE AFRAID."**

**MATTHEW 14:27**

**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!

## Overcoming Fear

When someone is in a new, strange situation and can only see potential threats, fear can easily dominate them. Some people are more prone to fear than others. Think of the apostles who were terrified when they saw Jesus walking on the sea (Mt. 14:22-33). Jesus said to them "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid" (Mt. 14:27). While Peter naturally seemed less fearful than others of taking the initiative and stepping out of the boat, even he began to be afraid when he took his eyes off the Lord and focused on the violent winds around him (Mt. 14:28-30). Jesus diagnosed the problem as little faith (Mt. 14:31). While considering the entire array of factors that bear on a person to make him/her fearful is beyond the scope of this article, all of us, (no matter if we are prone to fear and anxiety or not), can benefit by looking to God and increasing our faith as part of the plan to overcome fear.

God told the father of the faithful, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward" (Gen. 15:1). This command to not be afraid is a frequent message God gives to His people in the Scriptures. If a command, then God expects us to be able to do something to mitigate fear. It is not entirely out of our hands, but by our habits, behavior, and choices there is a refuge from fear to be found. God identifies Himself as our shield; thus, it is in Him and not in ourselves that we find protection from crippling fear.

If we follow the Lord, we will be in the minority (Mt. 7:13-14). Sometimes the mounting opposition to righteousness can cause the follower of God to be dismayed. When God delivered the children of Israel from Egyptian bondage, fear gripped the people as they were caught between Pharaoh's advancing army and the sea; however, Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever" (Ex. 14:13). While Israel had been released from Egypt, the fear of their oppressors still haunted them. God would deliver them through the Red Sea and drown those who were intent on keeping them in bondage. God frees us from the harsh taskmaster of sin in the waters of baptism (Jn. 8:34; Rom. 6:3-7, 17-18). As children of God, we are no longer those who are in the bondage connected to fear (Rom. 8:15).

While Israel was delivered from Egypt, many of them let fear creep in and keep them from the land God had promised them. In Numbers 13, fear ruled the day when the spies came back from the land; Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give them the land and overcome the barriers in their way, but the congregation of Israel listened to the other ten spies who through fear stifled the initiative to do what God had planned. Fear is connected to torment, both in this life and the life to come (1 Jn. 4:18; Rev. 21:8).

The devil's temptations to sin can bring about fear in our lives. When Adam and Eve sinned, they began hiding from God for they were afraid (Gen. 3:10). What a sad state people live in when they continue to choose sin over God, all the while knowing He will judge them (Heb. 10:27). They won't forsake their sins and come to God to be reconciled with Him, but all the while in the back of their minds they are fearful of meeting Him. "The wicked flee when no one pursues, but the righteous are bold as a lion" (Prov. 28:1). While God is to be feared and respected (Deut. 6:2; Prov. 14:26-27; Ecc. 12:13; Rev. 14:7), His love should drive out the shuttering anxiety that sin causes. Instead of fear, God has given the Christian power, love, and a sound mind (2 Tim. 1:7). God has shown ultimate love. There is no fear in love (1 Jn. 4:18). God did not spare His own Son, but through love gave Him for us; no outside threat can separate us from His love (Rom. 8:31-39). When the ungodly majority threatens us, as beloved citizens in His kingdom, we know we will have final victory through faith (Lk. 12:32; 1 Jn. 5:4). Thus, we can boldly say, "The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Psa. 118:6).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Sermons Today



**10:45AM:** The Mind of a Disciple

**6:00PM:** Violence Against Your Brother

**Scripture Reading:** Obadiah 10-15

## Gambill Bridal Shower

All ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Toria Gambill this 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.

## Martin Baby Shower

Everyone is invited to a baby shower for Jacob & Morgan Martin Saturday, March 26, at 1pm in the annex. Registry is at Amazon under Jacob's name.

## Dates to Remember:

**Mar 12**—Toria Gambill Bridal Shower—1p-annx registered: Amazon; Belk; Target; Bed, Bath & Beyond

**Mar 13**— Daylight Savings Time—forward 1 hr.

**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 registered: Amazon under Jacob Martin (due June 22)

**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

**Jul 25-29**— Vacation Bible School

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

## Attendance & Contribution Goals

	02/27/22	Goal	02/28/21
<b>Bible Study</b>	52	90	67
<b>AM Worship</b>	88	130	97
<b>PM Worship</b>	69	90	56
<b>Mid Week</b>	72	90	56
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6116.00	\$6000.00	\$6983.47

## Member Info Change

Violet Carter (91), a shut-in member and widow of the late Bob Carter, will be moving to Magnolia Springs Senior Living Center at 7665 Ewing Blvd., in Florence, KY 41042. She will be closer to one of her sons in Independence, KY.

## Potter Children's Home

The annual Commodities Drive is here. They are asking for specific items: beef bouillon cubes, Honey Bunches of Oats cereal, women's deodorant, disinfecting wipes & Band-Aids. They will be picked up the week of March 20th. If you 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

Today following morning worship service and any time this afternoon Daniel Goshorn will be updating member photos. Another date can be arranged for those unable to do their photo today.



*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:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Steve Wallace

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** Jordan Conley

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Jacob Brown,  
Jackson Morris, Mark Parks

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Adkins

\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Gabe Scott

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** John Gambill

**PM:** Braydon Snell

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PRAYER:** Chris Scott

**DEVOTION:** Steve Wallace

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Luke Wallace

**POWER POINT:** Braydon Snell

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Day

**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.*