ELDERS

Nathan Adkins 937-798-3267 Greg Conley 923-8238 Greg Hall 325-4255 Mark Parks 831-3081 Chris Scott 356-4368

MINISTER

Mark Day 606-831-1975

DEACONS

J.C. Hughes
Brad Morris
Nathan Parks
Jeremiah Smith
Matthew Vonderheide
Steve Wallace

SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am Morning Worship 10:45 am Evening Worship 6:00 pm Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

WEB PAGE

www.flatwoodschurchofchrist.org

MISSIONS

-Jerry Sturgill Tri-state area -Daniel Goshom Peru, SA -Dustin Bolks Sioux Center, Ia. -Dahn Ramkelawan Suriname, SA -Michael Mayo Thailand, SE Asia -Herman Joseph Guyana, SA - Mohamed Ally Guyana, SA -D.J. Hatfield WVSOP support

-"In Search of the Lord's Way" TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

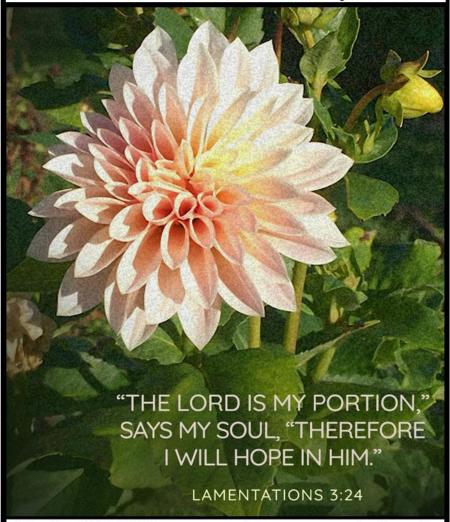
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST

HERALD

PO Box 871, 2100 Argillite Rd, Flatwoods, KY 41139 (606) 836-4207

Vol. 48 No. 38 September 18, 2022



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!

Joy for Those Concerned for Your Soul

With joy the apostle Paul thought of the Christians in Thessalonica. These converts had such good hearts that Paul looked forward to Christ's return, knowing that they would enter on to their reward together: "For what *is* our hope, or joy, or crown of rejoicing? *Is it* not even you in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? For you are our glory and joy" (1 Thess. 2:19-20). Paul is like an Olympic medalist whose king is not present at the event where he wins the gold for his country, so he returns to his home country and gladly presents his trophy to his king. Thus, Paul eagerly awaited the coming of Christ and calls those in Thessalonica his glory and joy. The account of his mission work in this important seaport city in northern Greece is found in Acts 17:1-9. Because of persecution, Paul and his company were sent out of the city, but continued to correspond by letter to the church there; we have the inspired books of 1 and 2 Thessalonians in the Bible as a result. What was it about the hearts of these Christians that caused Paul to have such joy at the thought of them?

Backing up to 1 Thessalonians 2:13 reveals that Paul was thankful for how they received the message he preached, as he wrote, "For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed *it* not *as* the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe." Paul's preaching was not according to man (Gal. 1:11). He preached the commandments of the Lord (1 Cor. 14:37). Many dismiss the words of gospel preachers today as mere opinions. While many in pulpits may give the fashionable opinions of men, faithful gospel preachers proclaim God's words, words with all authority behind them (Titus 2:15). Scripture is inspired—breathed out from the mouth of God (2 Tim. 3:16). These good-hearted Christians in Thessalonica heard God's word and it effectively worked in them because they believed. Scripture should not be downplayed as irrelevant to the specific situations we find ourselves in today. The Thessalonians received the word the way they should have and let it transform their hearts and lives. Do we?

Their willingness to endure suffering for the way of truth was also a commendable characteristic for which Paul was thankful, as he wrote:

"For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they *did* from the Judeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up *the measure of* their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost." (1 Thess. 2:14-16).

In this way, the Thessalonians identified with the Lord Jesus, the prophets of old, fellow Christians in Judea, and even Paul himself. We must not allow pressure from others to cause us to give in, but instead let us stand firm on God's truth and endure suffering for it (2 Tim. 3:12-14).

What about you? Do you have these characteristics that would make your spiritual leaders think of you with joy instead of grief (Heb. 13:17)?

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: What to Do with the

Unruly?

6:00PM: The Center of Our

Attention

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meeting

This group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

All Youth Get-together/ Potluck

Next Sunday following morning worship, all youth and parents are invited to meet in the annex for a potluck luncheon and get-together. Bring your covered dish, desserts and drinks to share.

North Lexington Ladies Day

On October 8th, Bev Conley has volunteered to take all interested ladies to the North Lexington Ladies Day. Details for RSVP will be forthcoming. Please, let Bev know if you plan to ride with her.

Dates to Remember:

<u>Sep 18</u>— elders/deacons/preacher meeting-

4:30p-annex large classroom

<u>Sep 20</u>—Ladies Bible study group at Ceredo church of Christ—6:30p

Sep 24 - Crum, WV, Lectureship-10a-5p

Sep 25 – All Youth get-together – 12p – annex

Sep 30 – Ladies' Luncheon – 11:30a – TBD

Oct 1 – 2022 Mountain Lectureship in Paintsville, KY

Oct 8 – Ladies' Day w/ Becky Blackmon-North Lexington church of Christ–9a- RSVP required- see Bev Conley

Attendance & Contribution Goals			
	09/11/22	Goal	09/12/21
Bible Study	84	90	72
AM Worship	132	130	102
PM Worship	87	90	71
Mid Week	69	90	63
Contribution:	\$6796.00	\$6000.00	\$8095.00

Members Address Change

Steve and Tabitha Wallace and family have moved. Their new address is 6330 Booten Branch Road, Barboursville, WV 25504. Their phone numbers remain unchanged. Please, note this in your member directories. Thank you.

New Member Contact Info

Blake Hern was baptized Aug. 24th. His address is 120 Private Drive 51 Township Road 348, Ironton, OH 45638. His cell number is 740-479-8828. Please, note this in your member directory. Thank you.

New Ladies Bible Study Group

The ladies of the Ceredo congregation would like to invite all of ladies of all ages to a monthly study on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. The start date was changed to this Tuesday, Sept. 20th, due to our Gospel Meeting. The study material will be the late Sister Jane McWhorter's book "Special Delivery". There will be a teaching rotation of Kelly French, Teresa Cleveland, Autumn McBrayer, and Alissa Day. Ceredo has ordered the books and can be picked up at the first study. The cost is \$15 per book. If you plan to attend or have further questions, please contact Alissa Day.



🔊 Today's Servants 🗷

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg
PM: Greg Hall

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Steve Wallace **Assisting:** Brad Morris,

David Morckel, George Wallace, Matt Vonderheide, Jacob Martin, JC Hughes, Mason Morris

Presiding PM: Chris Scott
Assisting: Gabe Scott
*gluten-free bread

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Noah Day

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill PM: Braydon Snell

™Wednesday Servants € 3

WELCOME: Mark Parks
SONG LEADER: Brad Morris
PRAYER: JC Hughes
DEVOTION: Chris Scott

>> Weekly Servants ☞

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace
POWER POINT: Jackson Morris
BLDG. ATT.: Steve Wallace
COORDINATOR: Brad Morris
ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

*** Youth Notes ***

*** Sundays *** Pew Packers

5:45pm

in front of the auditoriumgeared to age 12 and under, but everyone is welcome

*** Sept 25 *** All Youth Get-together

12noon- annex

bring potluck dishes, drinks to share



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.