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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**  
-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)

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**SHINE AS LIGHTS**

**IN THE WORLD**

**Philippians 2:15**

**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!

## Chosen Priests Cut Off

The wickedness of the sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas (1 Sam. 1:3; 2:34), who were priests in Israel, is described in 1 Samuel 2:12-17. While the Lord had allocated certain portions of the sacrificed animals to the priests (Lev. 7:28-36; Deut. 18:3), these wicked men intimidated worshippers and took other portions of meat to which they were not entitled. They also committed fornication with the women at the tabernacle (1 Sam. 2:22; cf. Ex. 38:8). While Phinehas' earlier namesake, the son of Eleazar and grandson of Aaron, was commended because he forcibly stopped fornication in Israel (Num. 25:6-18), this later Phinehas, son of Eli, descendant of Aaron, would be punished because he engaged in fornication. Eli questioned his sons and told them not to do these evils (1 Sam. 2:22-24). However, God asked Eli why do you, "honor your sons more than Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people?" (1 Sam. 2:29). God knows the difference between that which is mere talk and what is truly in one's heart. Eli said "no" to his sons, but evidently was made fat from their stolen portions of meat.

The Levitical priests were chosen by God (Ex. 28:1). God asked this rhetorical question to Eli regarding the descendants of Aaron, "Did I not choose him out of all the tribes of Israel *to be* My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod before Me?" (1 Sam. 2:28). But God's election of them did not mean that God would not revoke their status and punish them if they fell away into wickedness. The text goes on to say: "Therefore the LORD God of Israel says: 'I said indeed *that* your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the LORD says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days are coming that I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your house.'" (1 Sam. 2:30, 31).

Today as Christians, we are a chosen generation and a royal priesthood (1 Pet. 2:9). We are "elect according to the foreknowledge of God" (1 Pet. 1:2). Many in the religious world view election as guaranteed salvation, but the Bible does not teach such. This religious error comes from John Calvin who taught unconditional election. Regarding *elect* in 1 Peter 1:2, Calvin stated, "Hence, when Peter calls them elect according to the precognition of God, he intimates that the cause of it depends on nothing else but on God alone, for he of his own free will has chosen us."<sup>1</sup> Ephesians 1:4 says that God chose us before the foundation of the world. Calvin's comments on being chosen are thus: "...all our holiness and purity of life flow from the election of God. How comes it then that some men are religious, and live in the fear of God, while others give themselves up without reserve to all manner of wickedness? If Paul may be believed, the only reason is, that the latter retain their natural disposition, and the former have been chosen to holiness."<sup>2</sup> Calvin's false teaching is that men have nothing to do with their salvation, God's choosing/election does everything; men really have no choice whether they are wicked or holy.

However, almost every page of the Bible has a lesson for us to choose to stay faithful and several passages in the Bible show that election cannot mean guaranteed salvation regardless of one's behavior. Let us not silence passages like 1 Samuel 2:27-36 from informing us of the nature of God's choosing/election. Since we, as Christians, are all priests to God today, then we must live holy lives (1 Pet. 1:15, 16; 2:9) to make our calling and election sure (2 Pet. 1:10). We must continue in God's goodness, otherwise we will be cut off (Rom. 11:22). -Mark Day

<sup>1</sup> John Calvin and John Owen, *Commentaries on the Catholic Epistles* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2010), 24-25.

<sup>2</sup> John Calvin and William Pringle, *Commentaries on the Epistles of Paul to the Galatians and Ephesians* (Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software, 2010), 199.

# News & Notes



## Sermons Today

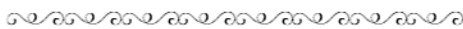
**AM:** Mark Day- Moses in the Wilderness

**PM:** Young Men Will Lead Service

**Scripture Reading:** Philippians 2

## Annual Bring A Friend Day

Next Sunday, Nov. 6th, will be the day to bring your friends to service. There are printed invitations on the foyer table. We will have our 2023 Daily Bible Reading Calendars available for everyone. After morning service, we will have a potluck luncheon in the annex. Bring your dish and/or dessert and drink to share.



## Dates to Remember:

**Oct 30**– PM Youth Led Service

**Nov 6**– Daylight Savings Time ends

**Nov 6**– Bring A Friend Day

**Nov 6**– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex

**Nov 20**– Elders/Deacons/Preacher meet-4:30p

**Dec 3**– Scotts’ pancake breakfast– 8a- annex

**Dec 3**– Ladies Holiday Party-6p– at Kathy Hall’s

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS  
SUNDAY MORNING, NOV. 6<sup>TH</sup>**



**Saturday night, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>,  
at bedtime set your  
clocks back one hour!!!**

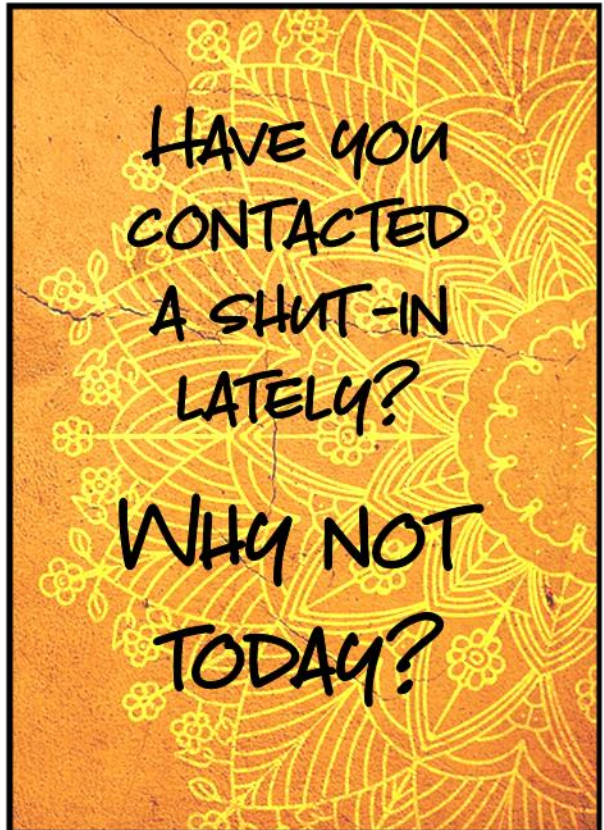
## Attendance & Contribution Goals

	<u>10/23/22</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>10/24/21</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	66	90	64
<b>AM Worship</b>	105	130	99
<b>PM Worship</b>	70	90	69
<b>Mid Week</b>	64	90	60
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5635.50	\$6000.00	\$9297.00

## Philippians 2:12-18

**‘Shine As Lights In The World’**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup>for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure. <sup>14</sup>Do all things without complaining and disputing, <sup>15</sup>that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain. <sup>17</sup>Yes, and if I am being poured out as a drink offering on the sacrifice and service of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. <sup>18</sup>For the same reason you also be glad and rejoice with me.



## ☪ Today's Servants ☪

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Braydon Snell/Mason Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Gabe Scott

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** John Gambill,  
Jesse Legg, George Wallace,  
Mark Gullett, Emie Perry,  
Jackson Morris, Dan Stone

**Presiding PM:** Blake Herd

**Assisting:** Jackson Morris  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Noah Day

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Luke Wallace

## ☪ Wednesday Servants ☪

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PRAYER:** Greg Conley

**DEVOTION:** Greg Hall

## ☪ Weekly Servants ☪

**LIVE STREAM:** Tanner Adkins

**POWER POINT:** Braydon Snell

**BLDG. ATT.:** JC Hughes

**COORDINATOR:** JC Hughes

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★★★ Sundays ★★★

# Pew Packers

5:45pm

in front of the auditorium-  
geared to age 12  
and under, but  
everyone is welcome

★★★ October 30 ★★★  
Youth Led PM service



## 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.*