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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

**WEB PAGE**

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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)

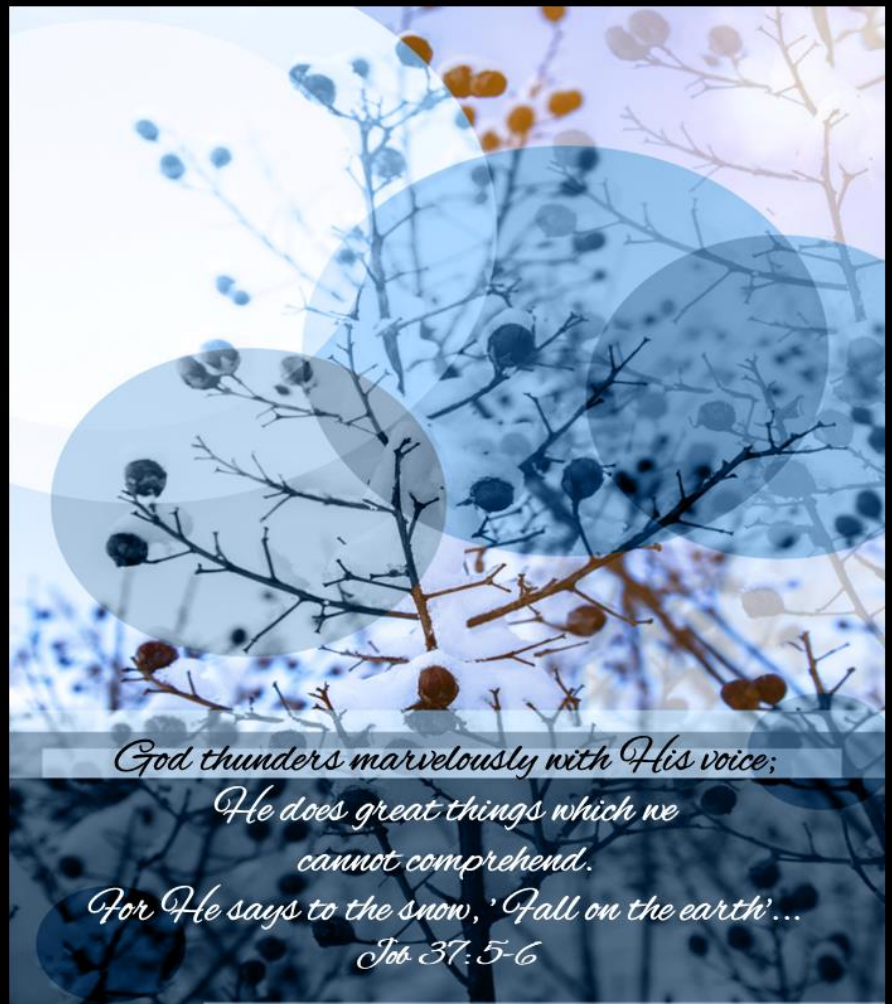
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*God thunders marvelously with His voice;*

*He does great things which we  
cannot comprehend.*

*For He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth'...*

*Job 37:5-6*

**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!

## Eternal Ruin

Many people have tried to get around the Bible's teaching of eternal punishment. I don't know of anyone who likes the doctrine, but God in His infinite understanding and perfect justice has determined the proper punishment for the lost. In His word, He has revealed unending punishment as the destination of the wicked who choose not to avail themselves of His salvation. My personal dislike for a concept must give way to an honest reading of the Scriptures and deference to the all-knowing God.

One of the ways in which the Bible's teaching about eternal hell is denied is by advocating annihilation. For years various religious groups like the Jehovah's Witnesses have argued that "destroy" in Matthew 10:28 means extinction: "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Some teachers in the Lord's church have even resorted to this softening of the Lord's words, which changes the idea from conscious, unending punishment to a brief obliteration in which suffering ends rapidly. However, the Greek word *apollumi* rendered "destroy" in Matthew 10:28 does not neatly equal the concept of annihilate; rather, it often carries the idea of ruin, not annihilation. In Matthew 10:6, a form of the word is translated "lost" in Jesus' instruction to go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. In Jesus' words in Matthew 18:11, it is translated "lost." In the next verse, (verse 12), He equates it with going astray. Again, it is translated "lost" in Luke 15:24, "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." Lost in that passage gives the idea of separation. The woman who had ten pieces of silver, if she would "lose" (from *apollumi*) one coin, was separated from that piece of silver for a time (Luke 15:8). In Luke 15:9, she rejoiced when she found the piece that she had "lost" (from *apollumi*).

Eternal separation from God is the idea expressed in Jesus' teaching on hell. To be finally lost is to be separated from God forever. The wicked will be punished with "everlasting destruction" (2 Thess. 1:9), in the sense that they will be told "depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matthew 25:41). This is the everlasting punishment of the wicked (Matthew 25:46), not a momentary pain that snuffs one out of existence. In Mark 9:41, Jesus speaks of him who shall not "lose" (from *apollumi*) his reward. Jesus then goes on to describe how unlike the worms and fire in the valley of Hinnom (2 Kings 23:10), Gehenna hell is a place where the worm does not die and the fire is not quenched (Mark 9:43-48), a quotation from Isaiah 66:24. This final note in the book of Isaiah ends similarly to the book of Malachi in that two options, two eternal destinies, are placed before the audience.

One who is lost is brought to eternal ruin. Paul used the word *apollumi* in his instructions regarding the weaker brother, saying, "Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died" (Romans 14:15). Obviously eating certain meats or foods would not put a weaker brother out of existence, but it could ruin his faith, sear his conscience, and cause him to be lost.

Hell lasts just as long as heaven: both are eternal (Matthew 25:46). Jesus warned us many times of the severity of hell. What makes the salvation He offers so great is that it saves us from such horrible suffering. Rather than trying to save man's psyche from the fear of hell, let us teach man to fear God and be saved from hell: "But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him" (Luke 12:5).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

## **Scripture Reading:**

*Mason Morris*

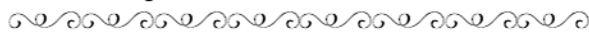
### **Matthew 18:23-30**

23- Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24- And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25- But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26- The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27- Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28- "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29- So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30- And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt.



### **Dates to Remember:**

- Nov 20**– Lads 2 Leaders meeting for anyone interested -12p –annex large classroom
- Nov 20**– Elders/Deacons/Preacher meet-4:30p –annex large classroom
- Dec 3**– Scotts’ pancake breakfast– 8a -annex auditorium– sign-up foyer board
- Dec 3**– Ladies Holiday Party-6p– at Kathy Hall’s home–sign-up/details on foyer board
- Dec 18**– Elders/Deacons/Preacher meet- 4:30p –annex large classroom



### **Attendance & Contribution Goals**

|                      | <u>11/13/22</u> | <u>Goal</u> | <u>11/14/21</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>   | 73              | 90          | 80              |
| <b>AM Worship</b>    | 112             | 130         | 109             |
| <b>PM Worship</b>    | 71              | 90          | 72              |
| <b>Mid Week</b>      | 58              | 90          | 70              |
| <b>Contribution:</b> | \$5371.50       | \$6000.00   | \$7648.00       |

## **Annual Pancake Breakfast**

On Saturday, December 3rd, the Scott family will have their pancake breakfast at 8am in the annex auditorium. Pancakes, meats and goodies are provided. You need only bring your favorite toppings and your drink. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board.

## **Ladies Holiday Party**

On Saturday, December 3rd, at 6pm, all ladies are invited to the home of Kathy Hall for her annual Holiday party. There will be an optional gift passing game. Gift limits are \$10. There is a sign-up sheet on the foyer board. Carpooling is suggested as parking is very limited.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Legg

**PM:** John Gambill

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

**Presiding AM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Greg Conley,  
Chris Legg, George Wallace,  
David Morckel, Jacob Martin,  
Mason Morris, JC Hughes

**Presiding PM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Tanner Adkins  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Mason Morris

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Gabe Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** George Wallace

**DEVOTION:** Jerry Sturgill

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Nathan Parks

**POWER POINT:** Braydon Snell

**BLDG. ATT.:** Nathan Adkins

**COORDINATOR:** Matt Vonderheide

**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



## 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.*