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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**  
-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)

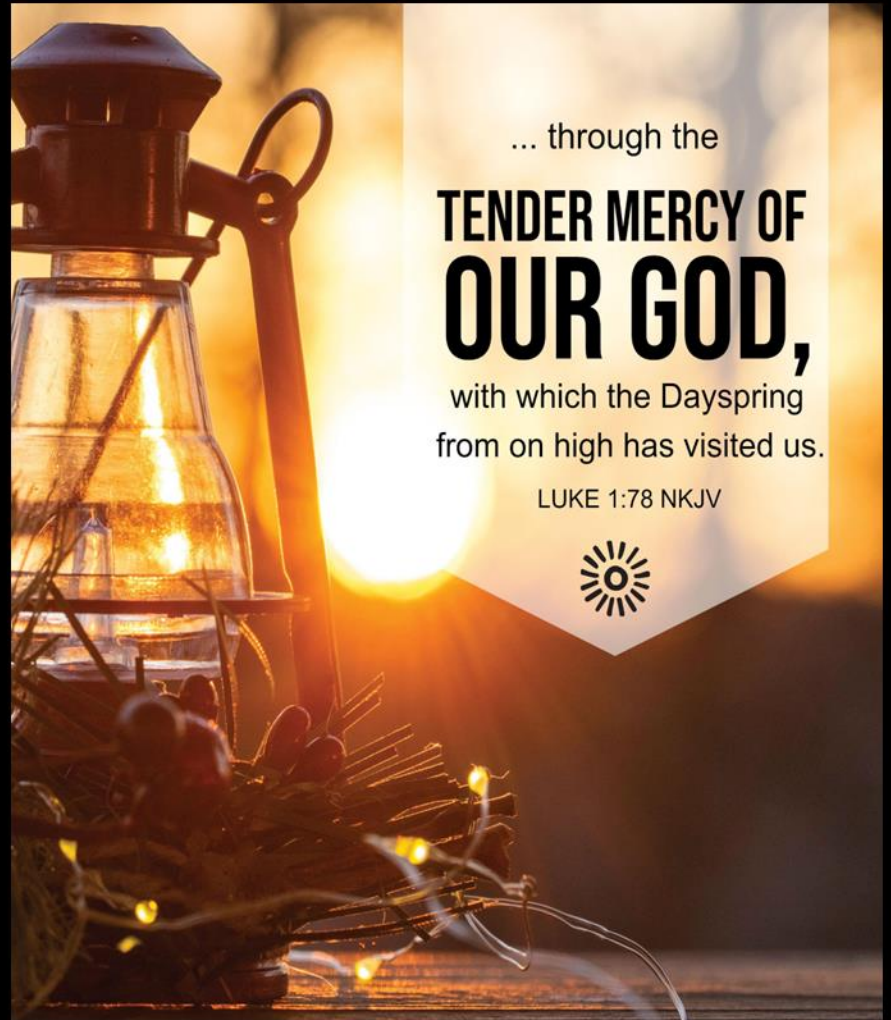
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... through the  
**TENDER MERCY OF  
OUR GOD,**  
with which the Dayspring  
from on high has visited us.

LUKE 1:78 NKJV



**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!

## What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Friendship is a gift from God to help us bear life's burdens (Galatians 6:2). True friends help us become who God wants us to be by telling us what we need to hear even when it is difficult (Proverbs 27:5-6). A good friend can be closer to us than our own flesh and blood (Proverbs 18:24).

Consider how Jesus is the ultimate example of these characteristics of a true friend. Jesus is the ultimate gift from God: "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son," (John 3:16). The Father gave His Son to bear the burden of our sins, a burden we could not bear alone, "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Jesus gave up much to come to earth and live human life for a third of a century (Philippians 2:5-7). He can empathize with our sadness, anger, and fatigue. He knows the heartache of a friend's betrayal. He knows what it is like to be tempted, but He never sinned (Hebrews 4:15); instead, He went to the cross for us. He is the true friend, "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

Jesus has words for us that we need to hear. If we reject His words in this life, we will be judged by them in the last day (John 12:48). However, to those who are willing to listen, Jesus says, "If ye continue in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31, 32). The words of Jesus are not popular. Not all of them will make a person feel comfortable. However, they are the words of eternal life (John 6:68). So, we must choose if we will go with Jesus, or go with the popular majority; our eternal destiny will be drastically different depending on the choice we make (Matthew 7:13, 14).

Jesus can be closer to us than our own family. Jesus said His family members are those who hear the word of God, and do it (Luke 8:21). A man's foes may be those of his own household; division can occur in families when one puts family first and another chooses to love Jesus supremely (Matthew 10:35-37). If only family members loved like Jesus. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her (Ephesians 5:25). Children are to obey their parents, honoring their father and mother (Ephesians 6:1, 2). Jesus always did those things which pleased the Father (John 8:29).

There are few things that are stronger than the love of family, but Jesus' love for us is one of them. Jesus said, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Paul put it this way: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:6-8). We return that love and show that we are friends of Jesus by obeying Him (John 15:14). Since He died for us, we should live for Him (2 Corinthians 5:15). Will you be a friend to Jesus?

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Scripture Reading

*Gabe Scott*

Deuteronomy 3:23-27

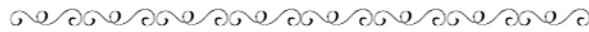
23- "Then I pleaded with the LORD at that time, saying:

24- 'O Lord GOD, You have begun to show Your servant Your greatness and Your mighty hand, for what god is there in heaven or on earth who can do anything like Your works and Your mighty deeds?

25- I pray, let me cross over and see the good land beyond the Jordan, those pleasant mountains, and Lebanon.'

26- "But the LORD was angry with me on your account, and would not listen to me. So the LORD said to me: 'Enough of that! Speak no more to Me of this matter.

27- Go up to the top of Pisgah, and lift your eyes toward the west, the north, the south, and the east; behold it with your eyes, for you shall not cross over this Jordan.



### Dates to Remember:

**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:foyer board

**Dec 18**– Elders/Deacons/Preacher meet- 4:30p– annex large classroom

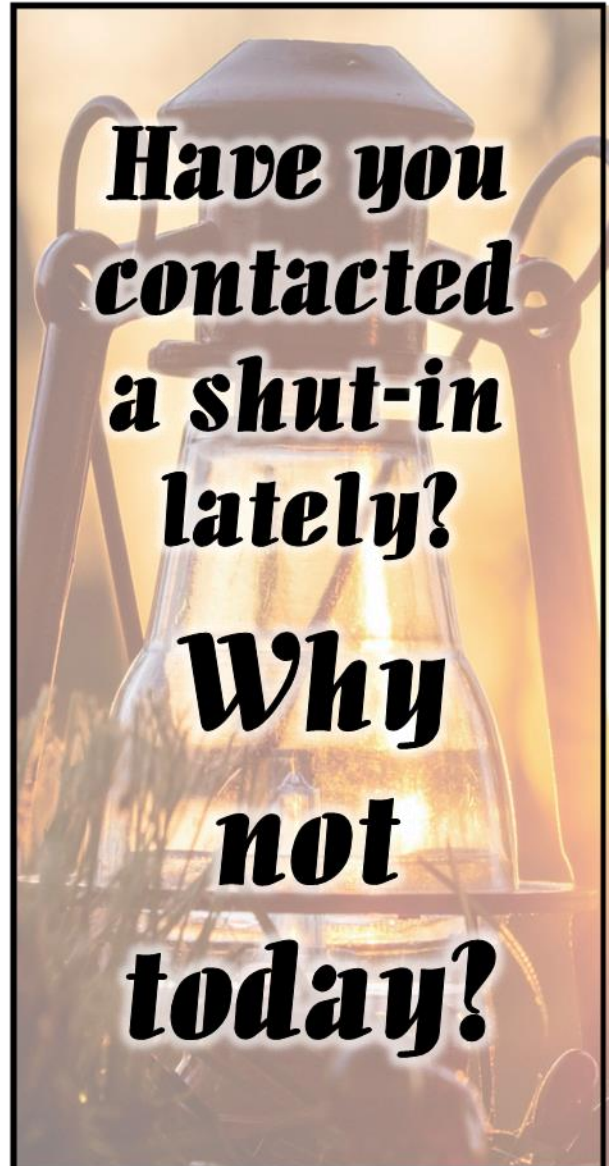


### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	10/30/22	Goal	10/31/21
<b>Bible Study</b>	84	90	67
<b>AM Worship</b>	113	130	99
<b>PM Worship</b>	93	90	77
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	90	74
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5928.00	\$6000.00	\$10676.63

## 2023 Bible Reading Calendars

Each year, Mark Day works on a Daily Bible Reading calendar for this church to publish. This year's calendar is beautiful and carries a good message. Please, remember to pick up your calendars today before you leave. You may take some for your friends also. They are free of charge.



## ☪ Today's Servants ☪

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Legg

**PM:** Jordan Conley

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Jacob Brown,  
David Morckel, Mark Parks,  
Jackson Morris, Jacob Martin,  
Matt Vonderheide, JC Hughes

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Adkins

**Assisting:** John Gambill  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Gabe Scott

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Parks

**PM:** Tanner Adkins

## ☪ Wednesday Servants ☪

**WELCOME:** Brad Morris

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** Chris Scott

**DEVOTION:** Mark Parks

## ☪ Weekly Servants ☪

**LIVE STREAM:** Luke Wallace

**POWER POINT:** Mason Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Day

**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.*