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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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**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!

## When To Speak?

Among the various aspects of life that have their own appropriate “time,” Ecclesiastes 3:7 gives, “a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.” Judging between the two requires great wisdom. The conscientious will likely grapple with nuances between the two their entire lives (Prov. 15:28). The book of Proverbs is filled with instructions on the use of words and the caution against speaking too much.

My words may also drastically alter another’s reputation. False charges and insinuations made in private conversations harm others (Prov. 11:9). Slander robs a man of his good name, which is more valuable than great riches of silver and gold (Prov. 22:1). The Bible forbids gossip (Rom. 1:29; 2 Cor. 12:20; 1 Tim. 5:13). “He that goeth about as a tale-bearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter” (Prov. 11:13). Words reveal the character of the one who speaks them (Matt. 12:34; Luke 6:45).

One does not have to reveal secrets when communicating with a wicked person. Silence is one possible response to wickedness (2 Kgs. 18:36; Matt. 26:62, 63; Mark 14:60, 61). One avoids saying things that will be misused. It may not be appropriate for a man to respond to certain evil things said about him. The wise Solomon wrote, “Also take not heed unto all words that are spoken, lest thou hear thy servant curse thee; for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others” (Eccles. 7:21, 22). Contrariwise, where the Lord’s cause may suffer due to a poor reputation based on false charges, a response to gossip or rumors is required. While Jesus was silent to some inquiries, He also responded to false charges on occasion (John 8:48, 49). Paul was motivated to salvage his reputation in Philippi (Acts 16:37). So sometimes it is necessary to respond to slander.

Take Colossians 4:5-6 as a general rule: “Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.” Wisdom should be employed to make the best use of all the opportunities life presents. In the context of the passage, Paul was concerned about saying what he ought to say to further the message of Christ. What one says must be gracious to attract people to the truth. Beyond the ethical test of making sure words are truthful (Eph. 4:25), the question of whether words are needed or beneficial remains. One should speak when the words will be beneficial.

In fulfilling Isaiah 53:9, Jesus is the perfect ethical example of suffering without sinning with His lips, “For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously” (1 Pet. 2:21-23). Aside from silence or ignoring a question for a while (John 8:6-7), Jesus responded in many other ways to people. Jesus often cited Scriptures when someone asked Him a question (Matt. 12:1-7; 15:1-9; 19:3-5; 22:23-40). He sometimes answered questions with a question of His own (Matt. 21:24-25; Luke 10:26). He sometimes refused to take sides and would lift the question to a matter of higher importance (Luke 12:13-15; 13:1-5). He knew when to gently correct (Luke 10:40-42; John 4:20-24) and when to return critics’ reasoning back on them (John 7:20-24), sharply rebuke (Matt. 23), and use godly sarcasm (Matt. 23:24). Of course, Christians are never going to be perfect in their responses as Jesus was, but He is the ultimate ethical example in speech.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Scripture Reading:

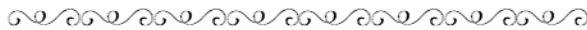
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### Ephesians 4:14-16

*14-* that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

*15-* but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

*16-* from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.



## Devotional Book

Mark Day is planning on assembling a devotional book to be distributed with an included Bible-reading plan for 2024. We need as many members as possible to write a devotional (or a few devotionals) of 300-500 words in length. These are to be on biblical topics that help encourage us in our Christian walk. Feel free to use personal experiences that help illustrate the lessons you are relating from God's word. This will be a way to get to know one another better and build one another up as members of God's family here at Flatwoods. Please send these to Mark Day in a digital format (preferably in Word) by April 2, 2023. Thank you.

### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	12/04/22	Goal	12/05/21
<b>Bible Study</b>	78	90	67
<b>AM Worship</b>	115	130	95
<b>PM Worship</b>	60	90	85
<b>Mid Week</b>	49	90	82
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5786.00	\$6000.00	\$5074.00

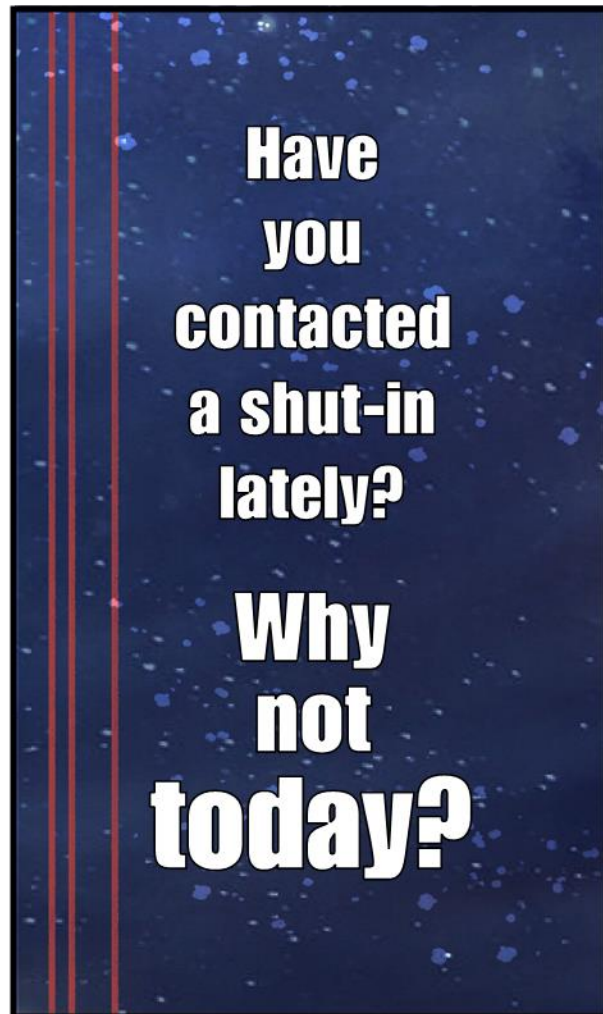
## Dates to Remember:

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



## 2023 Bible Reading Calendars

Please, distribute the remainder of these calendars to your family, friends and during outings or doctors appointments. We have several boxes of calendars that still need homes. Thank you.





## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Conley

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Scott

**PM:** Mark Parks

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

**Presiding AM:** Chris Legg

**Assisting:** David Morckel,  
Jesse Legg, Jordan Conley,  
Blake Hem, Ernie Perry,  
Matt Vonderheide, Tanner Adkins

**Presiding PM:** Jeremiah Smith

**Assisting:** Jacob Brown  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Noah Day

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Dan Stone

**PM:** Jackson Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** Greg Conley

**DEVOTION:** Chris Scott

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Nathan Parks

**POWER POINT:** Mason Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Greg Hall

**COORDINATOR:** Nathan Parks

**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.*