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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

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MISSIONS

-Jerry Sturgill
Tri-state area
-Daniel Goshom
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-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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JOHN 3:7

You must
be born
again

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!

Faithful Endurance Like Abraham

The book of Hebrews shows how the Old Testament pointed to Christ. The author of the book declared of God, "he is faithful that promised" (Hebrews 10:23). God's faithfulness to His promises encourages those who read His word to continue to hold fast to Him in faith (Hebrews 13:22). Even though Hebrews shows how Christ is far better than the Old Testament system He replaced, there is still benefit in learning from the Old Testament. Comfort and encouragement come to us from those scriptures (Romans 15:4). We want to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit God's promises (Hebrews 6:12), such as Abraham who patiently endured and obtained the promise (Hebrews 6:15).

The New Testament opens with establishing the fact that Jesus Christ is a descendant of Abraham (Matthew 1:1). God had made a promise to Abraham that in him all nations would be blessed (Genesis 12:3). Though Abraham was childless at the time, God promised great things would come through his progeny. Abraham waited a quarter of a century from God's initial promise to the actual birth of Isaac (Genesis 12:4; 21:5). Abraham was not sinless, but he was faithful; God regarded him as righteous based on this (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:3; James 2:20-24). The blessing of Abraham comes to us through Jesus Christ so that we might receive the promise (Galatians 3:14). Those who walk in faith like Abraham, receive the righteousness that comes by faith (Romans 4:12-13). When one is baptized into Christ, one becomes a child of God by faith (Galatians 3:26-27). One then belongs to Christ, becomes part of Abraham's seed, and an heir of the promise (Galatians 3:29).

Abraham obeyed God, keeping His commandments, charges, and laws (Genesis 26:5). To be of the seed of Abraham, one must do the same. Jesus said if one follows his own desires rather than following God, then one is a child of the devil, even if one's physical lineage could be traced back to Abraham (John 8:39-41, 44). Descendants of Abraham had to bring forth the fruits of repentance from sin (Matthew 3:8-10). Even though Abraham died in peace, his descendants were servants in Egypt for over 400 years (Genesis 15:13-15). However, sin is an even harsher taskmaster (John 8:24; Romans 6:19-21). Sin leads to death and torment (Romans 6:23; James 1:15; Revelation 20:10; 21:8). The descendants of Abraham hoped in death to be at rest, comforted alongside Abraham (Luke 16:22-25). However, Jesus is the only way of truth that sets one free from sin (John 8:31-32; 14:6). He offers rest to all who follow Him (Matthew 11:28).

We realize God's promise of rest remains for us (Hebrews 4:1). Some of the descendants of Abraham fell short of receiving rest because they lacked faith, giving in to various sins (Hebrews 3:16-18; 1 Corinthians 10:1-14). Therefore, we do not turn away from God in unbelief, but rather "hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end" (Hebrews 3:6). Considering the faith of men like Abraham (Hebrews 11:8-10) should spur us on to continue in obedience and faithful endurance to the end of our race, focusing our attention on Christ, the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2).

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Scripture Reading:

Nolan Clarkson

Isaiah 6:1-4

1- In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.

2- Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.

3- And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

4- And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke.

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

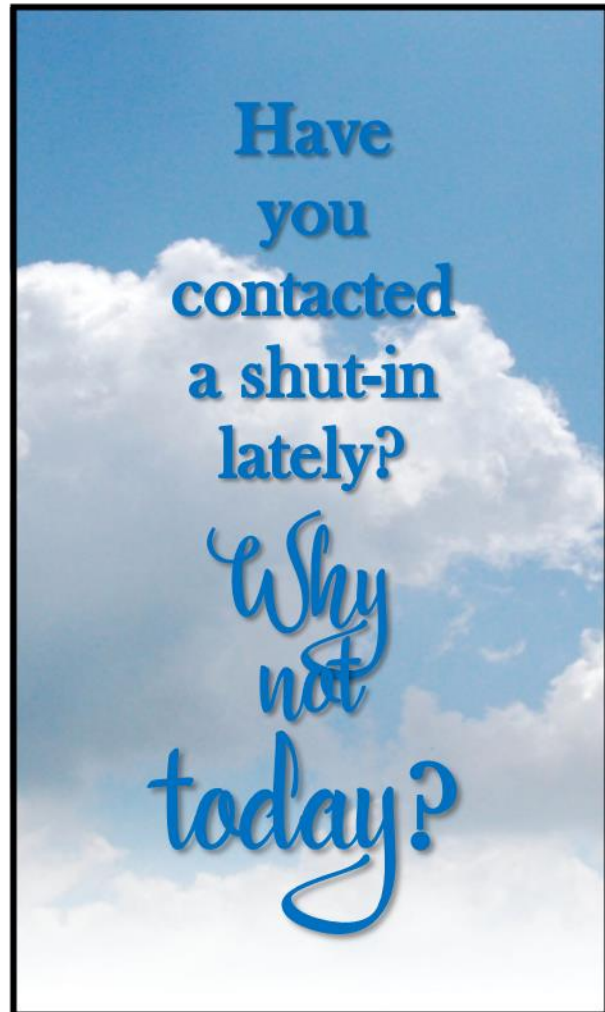
	<u>12/11/22</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>12/12/21</u>
Bible Study	78	90	84
AM Worship	118	130	120
PM Worship	72	90	75
Mid Week	63	90	60
Contribution:	\$13971.58	\$6000.00	\$6840.00

Dates to Remember:

Dec 18– Spare-time –10th & Vine St.
invitation– 8p-11p (free admission)

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 Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Ranie Wohnhas

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: George Wallace

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Jacob Brown,
Jesse Legg, David Morckel,
Blake Hem, Emie Perry,
Nathan Parks, Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: JC Hughes
*gluten-free bread

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Nolan Clarkson

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg

PM: Mason Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: Mark Parks

DEVOTION: Ranie Wohnhas

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Gabe Scott

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Conley

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

*** Youth Notes ***

*** Sundays ***

Pew Packers

5:45pm

In front of the auditorium-
geared to 12 & under
but everyone is welcome

*** Tonight ***

Spare-Time

8pm-11pm

free admission- bring \$\$ for snacks



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.