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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

[www.flatwoodschurch-  
ofchrist.org](http://www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org)

### MISSIONS

-Jerry Sturgill  
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-Mohamed Ally  
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-D.J. Hatfield  
WVSOP support  
-“In Search of the Lord’s  
Way” TV broadcast

### SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

# FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST HERALD

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**After this manner therefore pray ye:**

*Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.*

*Thy kingdom come.*

*Thy will be done in earth,  
as it is in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread.*

*And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.*

*And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil:*

*For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory, for ever.*

*Amen.*



**Matthew 6:9-13**

**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!

## Like a Shepherd, Lead Us

Shepherding was a chief industry of the Hebrew people in ancient times. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were all shepherds. When Abraham sent his servant to find a wife for Isaac, the servant mentioned the fact that the Lord had given Abraham's family flocks and herds as evidence of his honored status (Gen. 24:35). Isaac's possession of many flocks and herds caused the Philistines to envy him (Gen. 26:14). Later, Jacob would manage Laban's flocks (Gen. 30).

In the Ancient Near East, kings and other leaders were styled as shepherds of their people. When God sent Samuel to anoint the next king of Israel after Saul, he went to Jesse's house, but the youngest son was not present. David was out keeping the sheep (1 Sam. 16:11). He knew that God would be with him in a battle against Goliath for the Lord had already delivered him from bears and lions in his defense of the flock (1 Sam. 17:34-36). Later, when the tribes of Israel gathered at Hebron to make David king, they said, "Also, in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel out and brought them in; and the LORD said to you, 'You shall shepherd My people Israel, and be ruler over Israel' " (2 Sam. 5:2). It is no surprise that God is often referred to as a shepherd (Psa. 28:9; 80:1; Isa. 40:11; Ezek. 34:15). David famously wrote, "The LORD *is* my shepherd" (Psa. 23:1).

We might not like to think of people as sheep, but the figure is fitting. God's children cannot be appropriately represented by the metaphor of dogs, lions, or tigers. Predators, who are dangerous to all other living things, are not characteristics of God's people. The helplessness of the sheep is the chief characteristic that causes them to represent God's people so well. A deer's quickness can allow him to escape danger. An animal with fangs and powerful claws, like a lion, allow him to stand up against any beast of the jungle. However, a flock of sheep run together until they are killed. Such a defenseless type of animal is used to describe us. We are defenseless on our own and need the Lord to protect us. The shepherd stayed by the sheep day and night to protect them from predators or robbers. We need God to stay by our side, to guide us, protect us, and provide for us.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd" (John 10:11). Jesus shepherds our souls (1 Pet. 2:25). Elders in the church watch out for our souls (1 Pet. 5:1-3). They operate under Jesus, the chief shepherd (1 Pet. 5:4). The Lord wants His flock fed and protected from spiritual harm (Jn. 21:15-17; Acts 20:28, 29). If a shepherd finds one sheep is missing, he leaves ninety-nine to go looking for the missing one (Mt. 18:12-14; Lk. 15:4-7). Stay close to the Lord our Shepherd and His flock. Spiritual dangers and death lurk if you should wander off alone.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Scripture Reading:

Gabe Scott

### Psalm 23:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Psalm of David. The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup>He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup>He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. <sup>4</sup>Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. <sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. <sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.

### Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meet

Today, this group is scheduled to meet at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

### Baby Shower Invitation

Rachel Conley Duke and Bev Conley will be hosting a baby shower for Kaitlyn Conley Patterson on Saturday, January 28th at 1:00pm. The shower will be held at the Venue at the Edge, 1100 Our Lady's Way, Suite 200, Ashland, KY 41101. Please, RSVP by January 14th to (606) 923-7073. Kaitlyn's registry: [www.babylist.com/Kpattersonbaby](http://www.babylist.com/Kpattersonbaby)

### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	01/08/23	Goal	01/09/22
<b>Bible Study</b>	42	90	76
<b>AM Worship</b>	90	130	97
<b>PM Worship</b>	51	90	76
<b>Mid Week</b>	65	90	80
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$3820.00	\$6000.00	\$14515.25

## 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.

*Have you  
contacted  
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lately?  
  
Why  
not  
today?*

## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Mark Parks

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Brad Morris

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jordan Conley

**PM:** Greg Conley

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

**Presiding AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**Assisting:** Chris Legg,  
JC Hughes, Jesse Legg,  
Blake Hern, Jacob Martin,  
Tanner Adkins, Matt Vonderheide

**Presiding PM:** Ranie Wohnhas

**Assisting:** Braydon Snell  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Gabe Scott

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** David Morckel

**PM:** John Gambill

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Jeremiah Smith

**PRAYER:** George Wallace

**DEVOTION:** Mark Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**LIVE STREAM:** Luke Wallace

**POWER POINT:** Jackson Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Chris Scott

**COORDINATOR:** Brad Morris

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## ★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

### ★★★Sundays★★★

# Pew Packers

## 5:45pm

in front of the  
auditorium-

geared to 12 & 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.*