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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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-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!

## **The House of God**

God gave the commands to Israel regarding Tabernacle construction (Exodus 25-40). This was the place where the ark of the covenant was housed; above the mercy seat, between the cherubim atop the ark is where God met with His people (Ex. 25:22; 30:6). Wherever they travelled in the wilderness, the tabernacle was erected at the camp and priests would enter it to perform the religious services to God. Many years later—when Israel had long dwelt in Canaan—David bemoaned the fact that he dwelt in a fine palace of cedar, but the ark of the Lord continued to dwell in a tent (2 Sam. 7:2). The Tabernacle's existence suggested a people still not fully settled in the promised land. Yet, God would not allow David to build the permanent structure of the Temple, but instead commissioned David's son to do so (2 Sam. 7:3-13).

The arrangement of Tabernacle (and later the Temple) had meaning (Heb. 9:1-7). Each piece of furniture was a shadow of heavenly things (Heb. 8:5). Jesus is the substance of those shadows by functioning now as our High Priest in heaven itself (Heb. 8:1, 2; 9:24). Jesus fulfilled the law of Moses, rendering the temple in Jerusalem obsolete by the sacrifice He made with His own body (Mt. 5:17; Jn. 2:19-22; Heb. 10:8-10).

The church of Christ is God's place of service and worship today. Yet, the church is not made of material things; instead, it is the people God has saved (Acts 2:47). God's kingdom is in the hearts of those who follow Him (Lk. 17:20, 21). The Lord's church must be arranged as He has directed (Col. 3:17). However, we should not confuse the church God has established with the building where His people meet. Jesus told the woman at the well that soon the geographical location of worship, which was so important under the Old Testament, would no longer be of consequence (John 4:21-24).

The New Testament does not command us to have a church building. It commands assembling (Heb. 10:24-25; cf. James 2:2; Acts 20:7); therefore, as an expedient, a building is often the best way for us to come together in one place to worship (1 Cor. 11:18, 33,34; 14:23). Some who have imbibed of the surrounding religious culture and are ignorant of the New Testament teaching on the church may regard the physical structure where Christians meet as holy. They may try to make a parallel between selling religious material on church property and the moneychangers at the temple (John 2:13-17). They may make a law forbidding eating on church property based on an erroneous application of 1 Corinthians 11:22.

Certainly, the assembly should be focused on worship and devotion to God, rather than distractions of business transactions or satisfying one's hunger. I'm not advocating that just anything should be done in a church building or on church property; however, I am asking if the New Testament does not require (much less mention) the church having a building or owning property, then how important are rules people make regarding what activities may take place on that property? Remember, today it is God's people, Christians, who are His holy temple, not a physical place or building (1 Cor. 3:16, 17; Eph. 2:21).

Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Scripture Reading:

Mason Morris

### Ezekiel 33:30-33

- 30 "As for you, son of man, the children of your people are talking about you beside the walls and in the doors of the houses; and they speak to one another, everyone saying to his brother, 'Please come and hear what the word is that comes from the LORD.'
- 31 So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.
- 32 Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them.
- 33 And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then they will know that a prophet has been among them."

*Have you contacted a  
shut in lately?*

*Why not today?*

## Attendance & Contribution Goals

	01/15/23	Goal	01/16/22
<b>Bible Study</b>	69	90	66
<b>AM Worship</b>	114	130	81
<b>PM Worship</b>	81	90	40
<b>Mid Week</b>	66	90	67
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6480.12	\$6000.00	\$4087.00

## Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to Buck Wheeler and his family on the loss of his sister, Delores Huffman, on January 15th.

Our deepest sympathy also goes to Lauren Gibson and family at the loss of her brother, Jonathon Doke on January 11th in Tennessee.

Sympathy also goes to Janet Jordan on the loss of her cousin, Shawn Daley, on January 13th and to Terry Fouts and family on the loss of their family friend, Jack Kidd, on the 17th. Please, keep these families in your prayers.

## 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. RSVP to (606) 923-7073. Registry: [www.babylist.com/Kpattersonbaby](http://www.babylist.com/Kpattersonbaby)

## 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.

*The LORD is nigh unto them that are  
of a broken heart; and saveth such  
as be of a contrite spirit.*

Psalm 34:18

## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Mark Parks

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

**Presiding AM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** John Gambill,  
Jacob Brown, Ranie Wohnhas,  
Blake Hem, Jackson Morris,  
Terry Fouts, Ernie Perry

**Presiding PM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** JC Hughes  
\*gluten-free bread

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Mason Morris

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** George Wallace

**PM:** Tanner Adkins

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** Ranie Wohnhas

**DEVOTION:** Jeremiah Smith

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**LIVE STREAM:** Luke Wallace

**POWER POINT:** Jesse Legg

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Parks

**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**

★★★Feb 24-26★★★

**CYC**

**in Pigeon Forge, TN**



## 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.***