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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
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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♦ sins, the just for the ♦

For Christ also hath once suffered for



unjust, that He might bring us to God...

♦ 1 Peter 3:18 ♦

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!

Rights, Righteousness, and Rightfulness

Romans 1:18-32 is a passage which describes the downward spiral into which men plunge when they remove God from His rightful place. Though God has given enough proof of His existence, divinity, and eternal power by the material world He has created, some are bent on suppressing this evidence to pursue their own concepts of freedom. Though these individuals profess to be wise, in reality they become foolish. Their hearts are bent on fulfilling their twisted lusts. They applaud and approve of any lifestyle that shakes a defiant fist at Almighty God. Paul was describing the Gentile world in his time, but doesn't Romans 1:18-32 sound like a fitting description of some aspects of today's society?

What else should we expect when we remove the eternal God from our educational systems and the values that shape public policy? Not every atheist is immoral, but society in general becomes debased when people no longer feel accountable to God, no longer have eternal purposes in their lives, and live primarily for present pleasure. People talk about their rights, but give no undergirding reason for those rights. Unlike the founders of this nation who cited our Creator as the basis for our right to life and liberty, often today rights are assumed to belong to people based on what those in power deem to be equitable. This rationale has proved to be deadly many times in many nations throughout history.

However, Christians living in ungodly societies is nothing new. The Bible has very applicable instructions for how we should behave righteously when the world around revels in wickedness. Peter wrote, "Beloved, I beg *you* as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by *your* good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet. 2:11, 12). Christians have escaped the corruption that is in the world because of sinful lusts and have become partakers of God's nature (2 Pet. 1:4). We continue to give considerable effort to add righteous qualities to our lives such as faith, moral excellence, knowledge of God's word, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly affection and love (2 Pet. 1:5-7). We give considerable effort to add these and make our calling sure lest we become blind and fall into our former ways. We do not want to become entangled again in the defilements of the world that pose such a serious threat to our eternal souls, knowing that if we did, we would be worse off than before our initial escape/salvation (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

When the world becomes darker in wickedness and sin, then the Lord becomes more noticeable as the light of the world (John 8:12; 1 John 1:5); and those who follow Him stand out and shine all the brighter in reflecting God's glory (Mt. 5:14-16; Eph. 5:8; Phil. 2:15). Our ultimate goal is not to arrive at utopia by political success here on earth, but to point people to the treasure in heaven (Mt. 6:19-21) where our premier citizenship is (Phil. 3:20).
-Mark Day

News & Notes

Scripture Readings:

1 Peter 3:13-17

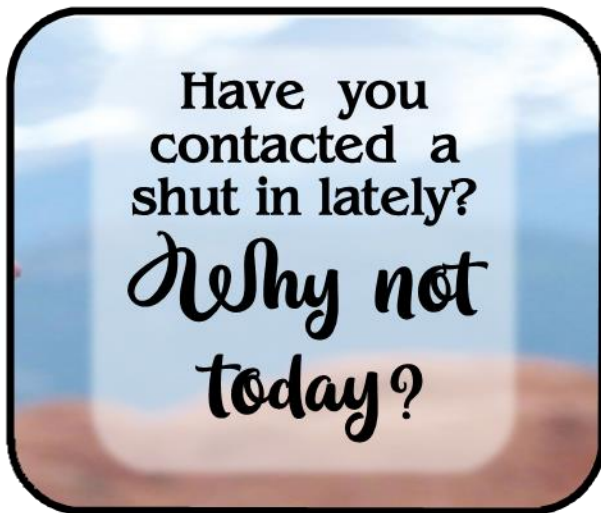
13- And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

14- But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled;

15- But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

16- Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

17- For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.



Attendance & Contribution Goals

	<u>03/26/23</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>03/27/22</u>
Bible Study	57	90	62
AM Worship	104	130	103
PM Worship	71	90	84
Mid Week	63	90	72
Contribution:	\$5136.25	\$6000.00	\$6075.01

Quarters for Peru

There are coin cards in the foyer beneath the tract rack to fill to help families in Peru. When your cards are filled, put them on the office desk for safe keeping by May 7th and the money will be sent to Daniel and Audrey Goshorn, our missionaries in Peru.

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.



Dates To Remember

Apr 02– Devotional deadline for 2024 Bible reading book

Apr 11– Ladies Book Study– annex large classroom– 6:30p

Apr 16– Elders, Deacons, & Preacher meeting– annex– 4:30p

Apr 23– Potluck luncheon– annex– 12p

Apr 23-26– Gospel Meeting with Greg Dismuke

Apr 28– Ladies Luncheon– place TBD- 11:30a

July 22– one-day VBS– 9:30a– 2:30p

Sept 15-17– Evangelism seminar w/ Allen Webster

Oct 13-15– Gospel Meeting w/ Michael Mayo

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Ranie Wohnhas

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Chris Scott

PM: JC Hughes

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: George Wallace,
Jacob Brown, Nathan Parks,
Tanner Adkins, Matt Vonderheide,
Dan Stone, Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Jackson Morris
*gluten-free bread

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Mason Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Morckel

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Ranie Wohnhas

PRAYER: Chris Scott

DEVOTION: Mark Day

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Jesse Legg

BLDG. ATT.: Mark Parks

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



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.