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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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If you **really** fulfill the royal  
law according to the Scripture,



**you do well**

James 2:8

**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 Idolatry of Selective Obedience

Selective obedience is actually disobedience. Good parents do not allow their children to pick and choose when they will obey. Likewise, God has given commands to men expecting all of them to be followed. He is the one lawgiver who stands behind all of the commands. If we fear God, we cannot treat His words as a buffet, picking only those precepts which we like to keep, “For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one *point*, he is guilty of all” (James 2:10). When it comes to civil offenses, people speak of “breaking the law” in general not “breaking a law” because one does not have to commit every crime to be a criminal. The law has a unity to it which is indivisible.

The above reference in James is in the midst of a discussion about showing partiality. Evidently a problem existed of honoring the rich and snubbing the poor (James 2:1-4). To act this way was to disregard God’s law. “If you really fulfill *the royal law according to the Scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself,’* you do well; but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors” (James 2:8-9). God’s law demands love for all. One may well refrain from breaking one stipulation of God’s law, but to show partiality runs against the whole tenor of the law in loving your neighbor as yourself, referred to here in James as the “royal law” (cf. Lev. 19:18).

By way of illustration, James 2:11 gives an example from the Old Testament law given on Sinai, “For He who said, *‘Do not commit adultery,’* also said, *‘Do not murder.’* Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law.” Prohibitions against adultery and murder are found in the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:13, 14; Deut. 5:17, 18). Both do harm to one’s neighbor (Rom. 13:8-10). The point James is making would be true with any two of the commandments of God. The murderer may be faithful to his wife, but that does not absolve him of taking innocent life.

Selective obedience really is a form of idolatry. The attraction of the idol is to be able to create our own good and evil. Sin occurs when we set ourselves up in the place of God (Gen. 3:5). Thus, the beginning of the Ten Commandments is foundational to what follows. If one is willing to have another god besides the one, true God, then disobedience to God’s commands in other places will follow (Ex. 20:3). If one wishes to fashion a god in the image of the creature rather than following the authoritative Creator, then God’s rightful place has already been supplanted (Ex. 20:4-6; Rom. 1:25). Selective obedience takes God off the throne and puts self on the throne.

Let us not treasure our own opinions or the trends of the world around us above the commands of God by following only those commands that agree with us. Instead, let us reverence God by esteeming all His commandments highly. “Therefore I love thy commandments above gold; yea, above fine gold. Therefore I esteem all *thy precepts concerning all things to be right; and I hate every false way*” (Psa. 119:127, 128).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Scripture Reading:

**Mark 1:16-20**

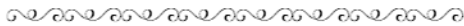
**16-** And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen.

**17-** Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men."

**18-** They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

**19-** When He had gone a little farther from there, He saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending their nets.

**20-** And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after Him.



## Ladies Book Study Group

This Tuesday, the 14th, the 2nd Tuesday Ladies Book Study group will meet in the annex large classroom at 6:30pm. You do not have to have the book to attend. You may bring snacks to share and your own drinks.

## Potter Children's Home Drive

The Potter Home is having their annual commodities drive to be picked up next week, the week of March 19th. They are requesting specific items this year: breakfast bars, Italian dressing, quart zip-lock bags, dill spears, and assorted peanut butter crackers. Mini-lists are on the bulletin board. Donations can be dropped in the sound room hallway. Look for the signs. Thank you for your generosity.

## Attendance & Contribution Goals

	<u>03/05/23</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>03/06/22</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	67	90	78
<b>AM Worship</b>	121	130	115
<b>PM Worship</b>	73	90	77
<b>Mid Week</b>	70	90	69
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6883.03	\$6000.00	\$7672.00

## 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

**Mar 14**– 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Ladies Book study  
6:30p- annex large classroom

**Mar 19**– elders, deacons, preacher meet-  
4:30p– annex large classroom

**Mar 19**– Potter Home donation deadline

**Apr 23-26**– Gospel Meeting with Greg  
Dismuke

**July 22**– one-day VBS– 9:30a– 2:30p

**Sep 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:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

**FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Scott

**PM:** John Gambill

**LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Jacob Brown,  
JC Hughes, George Wallace,  
Jesse Legg, Danny Stone,  
Matt Vonderheide, Blake Hern

**Presiding PM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Gabe Scott  
\*gluten-free bread

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Jackson Morris

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Chris Legg

**PM:** David Morckel

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Braydon Snell

**PRAYER:** George Wallace

**DEVOTION:** Mark Parks

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Mason Morris

**POWER POINT:** Tanner Adkins

**BLDG. ATT.:** Nathan Adkins

**COORDINATOR:** Matt Vonderheide

**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.*