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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
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-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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**FOR I CONSIDER THAT
THE SUFFERINGS
OF THIS PRESENT
TIME ARE NOT
WORTHY TO
BE COMPARED WITH**

*the glory
which shall be
revealed in us.*

ROMANS 8:18

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!

God's Institutes

God established the home at the very beginning when woman was created to deliver man from isolation (Genesis 2:18-24). The joining of a man and woman in marriage brings about the family unit where children can be produced (Gen. 1:28) and reared having both father and mother (Prov. 1:8; 6:20). In addition to instructions and discipline, the home is also a place of wholesome entertainment such as music, merriment, and social humor (Lk. 15:23, 25; Ecc. 3:4). God intends for members of a family to care for the needs of one another first before another institution, such as the church, provides help (1 Tim. 5:3-16).

God established government to curb evil-doing in society (Gen. 9:6; Rom. 13:1-7). Christians must recognize this role of government, as Peter by inspiration wrote, "Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and *for the* praise of those who do good" (1 Pet. 2:13, 14). If human governments stay within the work of punishing evildoers and praising the good, then they are fulfilling this God-given role. God does not intend for a government's mandates to take precedence over His own commands; Peter—when commanded not to teach in the name of Jesus—also stated by inspiration, "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

God established the church in Acts 2 according to His eternal plan (Eph. 3:10, 11). He intends for the church to spread the gospel throughout the world (Mt. 28:18-20; 1 Thess. 1:8). The church may support those who are preaching the gospel (Phil. 4:15-17; 1 Cor. 9:3-12). The church is to uphold the truth (1 Tim. 3:15), building up its members by speaking the truth in love (Eph. 4:11-16; cf. 1 Cor. 14:26; 2 Cor. 12:19). As previously noted, the church also provides charity to those who are destitute, especially to those lacking family (Jas. 1:27; Acts 11:27-30; 2 Cor. 8-9).

Problems occur when any of these institutions established by God go beyond their arena of work and authority to meddle in the affairs of another realm. The devil has attacked the home for generations. The widespread collapse of homes functioning the way God intended has risen alongside increasing involvement of government into the domestic arena in our society. Examples of other governments throughout history show the trouble that comes when the home is supplanted. For example, when a government enters into a family's decision of how many children to have, then bad consequences follow. We should remember that instruction of children is the responsibility of parents (Prov. 22:6; Deut. 6:4-9; Eph. 6:4; Heb. 12:9); if a child is trained by another, it is by the parents' discretion (Gal. 4:2). The government usurping the role of the church in providing spiritual instruction was a tremendous problem throughout the Middle Ages. Likewise, the church should not venture into the realm of entertainment that the home ought to provide. While the church provides spiritual instruction, the elders of a congregation should not usurp the role of parents. They would be out of place setting a bedtime for each child of the congregation and taking all the disciplinary action of the home into their own hands. In the same way, they would be out of place if they usurped the government and punished criminals in society at large. So, let us make sure we fulfill the roles God has given us, respect the place of each institution, and beware of attempts of any institution to go beyond the boundaries God has intended.

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Scripture Reading:

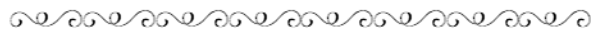
Luke 5:36-39

36- Then He spoke a parable to them: "No one puts a piece from a new garment on an old one; otherwise the new makes a tear, and also the piece that was taken out of the new does not match the old.

37- And no one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined.

38- But new wine must be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved.

39- And no one, having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, 'The old is better.' "



Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meeting

The elders, deacons, preacher will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Potter Children's Home Donations

The Potter Home Donations need to be here by 2pm on the 20th. Any monetary donations should be by check today made out to Flatwoods church of Christ with Potter Home in the memo line.

March Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the luncheon on Friday, the 31st at 11:30am. The group will meet at the Winchester in Ashland.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

| | 03/12/23 | Goal | 03/13/22 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bible Study | 78 | 90 | 65 |
| AM Worship | 116 | 130 | 119 |
| PM Worship | 73 | 90 | 83 |
| Mid Week | 59 | 90 | 87 |
| Contribution: | \$6839.10 | \$6000.00 | \$5100.00 |

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 31– Ladies Luncheon– 11:30a at the Winchester

Apr 02– Devotional deadline for 2024 Bible reading book

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: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: JC Hughes

PM: Matt Vonderheide

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Jacob Brown,
Nathan Parks, George Wallace,
Tanner Adkins, Danny Stone,
Mark Gullett, Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: JC Hughes
*gluten-free bread

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Mason Morris

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Braydon Snell

BLDG. ATT.: Chris Scott

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.