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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
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-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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Well Done,
thou good and
faithful servant...
enter thou into
the joy of thy lord.

Matthew 25:21, KJV

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!

Consuming Leaven

In the midst of a chapter discussing the contrasts between Jesus' true identity and the expectations many had of the Messiah, we read, "Then Jesus said to them, 'Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees'" (Mt. 16:6).

Leaven is yeast, a single-celled fungus that is a key ingredient in many baking recipes. The process of leavening bread with yeast begins with the activation of the yeast. This is done by combining the yeast with warm water and a small amount of sugar. The sugar provides the yeast with the energy it needs to begin the process of fermentation. As the yeast consumes the sugar, it produces carbon dioxide gas, which is trapped in the dough and causes it to expand. Once the dough has risen, it is ready to be baked. The heat of the oven causes the carbon dioxide gas to expand further, creating a light and airy texture in the finished product. Leaven is used in the Bible as a metaphor for an unseen pervasive influence, usually evil.

The disciples had their minds on physical bread, worrying that they had not brought any with them on their journey (Mt. 16:5). Perhaps they had forgotten to because of their anxiety regarding the confrontation with the religious leaders prior to their departure. Jesus admonished them for their lack of faith, reminding them of the occasions where He had miraculously multiplied bread (Mt. 16:8-10). Jesus restated His warning (Mt. 16:11), then the disciples understood that the point was not bread, but rather the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees (Mt. 16:12).

The Pharisees were an important Jewish sect in the time of Jesus. They were insistent on an exact observance of the oral traditions which spelled out how to keep the law, but were not very involved in the politics of the day. The Sadducees, on the other hand, were a major force in the politics of Judea during the time of Jesus; Mark's parallel account which has "leaven of Herod" instead of "Sadducees" may speak to this (Mk. 8:15). The Sadducees were the ruling class in control of the Temple and the Sanhedrin. The Sadducees were known for their literal interpretation of the Torah and their rejection of the oral law and the teachings of the Pharisees. While the Pharisees and Sadducees were often at odds, they were united in opposition to Jesus. Together they tested Jesus at the beginning of this chapter (Mt. 16:1).

Jesus went on to speak of establishing His kingdom where what was bound and loosed in heaven would be bound and loosed upon earth (Mt. 16:19). While the Pharisees and Sadducees had many differences—they bound and loosed different rules—their uniting together to resist God's Messiah showed their biases prevented them from seeing what God was clearly communicating right in front of them. Religious traditions and political loyalties are some of the most pervasive and difficult forces to overcome in people being honest with the Word of God and truly following Him. We would not for a minute tolerate poison being laced into our daily food that sustains us physically; however, with our spiritual nourishment—that should sustain our eternal souls to live eternally—far too many consume false religious teaching and political lies to their own ruin. If we are going to enter the narrow gate that leads to life, we must beware of false teachers (Mt. 7:13-15).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

10:45AM: A Tomb or a Temple?

6:00PM: Seventy Sent

Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-3

- 1- After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go.
- 2- Then He said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.
- 3- Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves."

Potter Children's Home Drive

The Potter Home is having their annual commodities drive to be picked up the week of March 19th. They are requesting specific items, as usual, this year. Mini-lists are on the bulletin board. Donations can be dropped in the sound room hallway. Thank you.



Attendance & Contribution Goals

	02/26/23	Goal	02/27/22
Bible Study	57	90	52
AM Worship	105	130	88
PM Worship	61	90	69
Mid Week	87	90	72
Contribution:	\$5968.00	\$6000.00	\$6116.00

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 05**– VBS Meeting-12p– annex
- Mar 12**– Daylight Savings Time begins– set clock forward 1 hr/Sat. bedtime
- Mar 14**– 2nd 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
- Sep 15-17**– Evangelism seminar w/ Allen Webster
- Oct 13-15**– Gospel Meeting w/ Michael Mayo



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

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

Presiding PM: Greg Hall

Assisting: Jackson Morris
*gluten-free bread

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill

PM: Braydon Snell

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Chris Scott

DEVOTION: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Jesse Legg

BLDG. ATT.: Matt Vonderheide

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.