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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

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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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"Be of good cheer, I have
**overcome
the world.**"

JOHN 16:33, NKJV

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!

Proofs and Persuasion

Jesus demonstrated His resurrection from the dead by many infallible proofs (Acts 1:3). Christianity rests upon powerful evidence. Many compelling reasons can be offered in favor of following Jesus Christ. From the earliest days of the church, preachers have courageously proclaimed the gospel of Jesus Christ in face of opposition. They did not ask people to just believe what they were saying based on a feeling, but rather marshaled evidence to persuade their audience of the truth.

What about the Jews who claimed to believe the Old Testament but denied that Jesus was the Christ, the promised Messiah? Do we read of Christians in the New Testament telling them to pray for God to give them a good feeling to confirm if Jesus was the Messiah? No, they gave persuasive proofs. Consider Apollos who “vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ” (Acts 18:28). Saul, later called Paul, “confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that this *Jesus* is the Christ” (Acts 9:22). Paul formed a habit of going into synagogues and reasoning from the Scriptures; he would explain and demonstrate by drawing arguments from the text that Jesus was indeed the Messiah who had to suffer, die, and rise again (Acts 17:2, 3). Just because the evidence he presented warranted that conclusion did not mean that all were driven to that conclusion. Not all understood the evidence. Nor was everyone convinced. Acts 17:4 goes on to say that some were persuaded in Thessalonica. In Ephesus, however, though Paul went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the kingdom of God, some were hardened and did not believe (Acts 19:8, 9). Other factors may interfere with one’s response to the gospel. An honest soul can see the reasoning and obey, but a man with ulterior motivations may twist his way out of the necessary conclusions.

We must keep presenting the gospel for it is the power to salvation to all who believe (Romans 1:16). Some may grow angry. They may even resort to violent opposition because they cannot answer the powerful proofs we present. When we present the words the Holy Spirit has given in the Bible, men cannot refute them. Those who disputed with Stephen, who was filled with the Holy Spirit, were not able to resist the wisdom and Spirit by which he spoke (Acts 6:10). Though many mistreated Paul for his words, we find him in the final chapter of the book of Acts still preaching the kingdom of God with all confidence (Acts 28:31). When he appeared before Felix and Agrippa to answer for crimes the Jews accused him of, Paul proved Christianity while those who opposed him could not prove their case (Acts 24:13; 25:7).

Agrippa recognized the persuasiveness of Paul’s words (Acts 26:26-28), yet no record indicates that he ever responded favorably by becoming a Christian. Paul spoke words of truth and soberness, but men in positions of power and opulence are often quick to dismiss the gospel (Acts 26:24; cf. 1 Cor. 1:26). Paul reasoned with Felix of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come to the point that Felix trembled; however, Felix pushed his response off into the future for what he hoped would be a more convenient time, but, again, history provides no such record of that time ever coming (Acts 24:25). The gospel is reasonable and the evidence for it is powerful and persuasive. Some may resist it, but we must keep proclaiming the word of salvation (Acts 13:26).

-Mark Day

News & Notes

PM Scripture Reading: John 12:41-43

41 These things Isaiah said when he saw His glory and spoke of Him.

42 Nevertheless even among the rulers many believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue;

43 for they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

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**2nd Tuesday Ladies Book Study**

All ladies are invited on May 9th to the Ladies Book Study group in the annex large classroom. The group begins at 6:30pm and you are invited to bring snacks.

**Quarters for Peru**

The coin cards to help families in Peru are due today. Just put them on the office desk for safe keeping.

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Dates To Remember

May 9– 2nd Tuesday Ladies Book Study– annex large classroom– 6:30p

May 21– Elders, Deacons & Preacher Meeting annex large classroom- 4:30p

May 26– Ladies Luncheon– Longhorn Steak House 11:30a

Jun 4– Graduate Honor Night– annex-7p

Jul 22– VBS– 9:30a– 2:30p (one-day only)

Sep 15-17– Evangelism seminar with Allen Webster

Oct 13-15– Gospel Meeting with Michael Mayo

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**Attendance & Contribution Goals**

|                      | 04/30/23  | Goal      | 05/01/22  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>   | 70        | 90        | 63        |
| <b>AM Worship</b>    | 108       | 130       | 104       |
| <b>PM Worship</b>    | 74        | 90        | 77        |
| <b>Mid Week</b>      | 63        | 90        | 82        |
| <b>Contribution:</b> | \$6444.62 | \$6000.00 | \$6061.00 |

**Thailand Student Support**

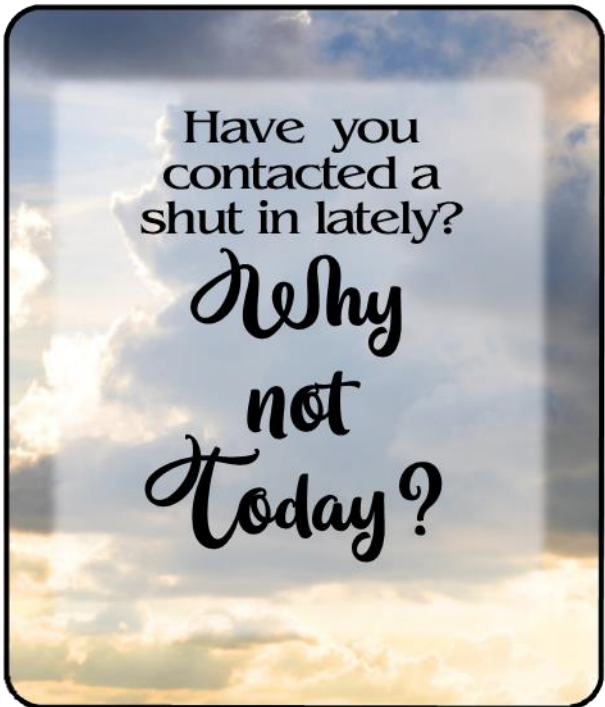
The new school year will begin in Thailand on May 16th. It is time to buy uniforms & school supplies for the next school year. If you continue to support the student you supported last year or new students for this year, please send the money as soon as you can. Michael has asked that you email him directly with the amount of support to:

mayosthailand@gmail.com

Please write your check to the Flatwoods Church of Christ and note in memo line ‘Thailand Student’ (also, if you wish to sponsor same student, please note that).

**There are three (3) levels of support:**

Normal- those who live home and attend local schools. Cost is \$320-350. Dorm- those from the mountain region who live in dorm grades 10-12 (will be 10 of them). Cost is \$575. University- live in dorms and attend university (there are two). Cost is \$600.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### **WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Nathan Adkins

### **SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### **FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** JC Hughes

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

**Presiding AM:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Chris Legg,  
Greg Hall, David Morckel,  
Matt Vonderheide, Jacob Martin,  
Terry Fouts, Tanner Adkins

**Presiding PM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** George Wallace  
\*gluten-free bread

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jesse Legg

**PM:** Blake Hern

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Noah Day

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Ranie Wohnhas

**PRAYER:** Mark Day

**DEVOTION:** Chris Scott

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Jackson Morris

**POWER POINT:** Mason Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Greg Conley

**COORDINATOR:** Brad Morris

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

## \*\*\*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\* Sundays \*\*\*\*

## Pew Packers

### 5:45pm

in front of the auditorium-  
geared to age 12 & under  
but everyone is welcome

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Registration is open for church  
camp. Codes are available on  
the foyer board and in the  
office for the church to pay  
for your camper and one friend.



## 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.*