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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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*You are my hiding place:  
You shall preserve me from trouble:  
You shall surround me with  
songs of deliverance.*  
Psalm 32:7



**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!

## **Worship as the Lord Commanded**

In chapters 8 and 9 of Leviticus, “as the Lord commanded” is a recurring phrase. The priests—Aaron and his sons (Ex. 28:1)—were following the commands God gave regarding tabernacle worship. God had given the specifics of how He was to be approached in worship; thus, all was well when Aaron and his sons did as God commanded.

Leviticus 10, however, is when things go wrong. It provides an important lesson regarding approaching God in worship. “And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not” (Lev. 10:1). Trouble arose when these men did something other than what God had commanded. It was not that the Lord had explicitly said, “Thou shalt not offer another kind of fire.” No, the text says the offering was not accepted by God because the Lord had not commanded them to use that kind of fire. The fire was “strange”—different from God’s commanded fire. Evidently, they had used coals from outside the temple area, something other than what God had specified. The HCSB renders this “unauthorized fire” giving the sense that without God’s command, Nadab and Abihu were not operating under the authority of the Lord.

Was this a big deal? One might say, “Well, they were still offering something to the Lord. Why get all bent out of shape about the particulars if they are still offering worship to God?” But notice the Lord’s response: “And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD” (Lev. 10:2). God made sure at the very outset of tabernacle worship that He was to be sanctified and His laws were to be taken seriously lest Israel develop a flippant approach to the entirety of God’s law. While God on some occasions appeared as a fire in a beneficial way in the Old Testament, He also appeared in judgment as a devouring fire as He does here (cf. Ex. 24:17; Deut. 5:22; Num. 11:1; 16:35; 2 Kgs. 1:10, 12). Let us remember to “serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire” (Heb. 12:28, 29).

Today, we are under the new and better covenant of Jesus Christ (Heb. 8:6; 12:24). Every Christian is a priest to God today (1 Pet. 2:5, 9). Jesus is our great high priest (Heb. 8:1, 2). “By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of *our* lips giving thanks to his name” (Heb. 13:15). The Old Testament was written for our learning (Rom. 15:4). The sins of Israel in the Old Testament provide examples for us of what not to do (1 Cor. 10:6). We must remember that worship to God is holy. Let us not profane it by bringing in worldly elements that we desire which differ from what God has commanded. What I bring to God in worship matters. If I bring in elements that have no authorization from Him in His word, then I commit the same sin Nadab and Abihu committed. Remember, worship is not ultimately about what I want, but rather is about honoring God the way He has commanded us to pay homage to Him. -Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Sermons Today**

**10:45 AM:** Determined to Evangelize

**6:00 PM:** "Why Should I?"

## **PM Scripture Reading:**

**2 Chronicles 32:6-8**

6- Then he set military captains over the people, gathered them together to him in the open square of the city gate, and gave them encouragement, saying,

7- "Be strong and courageous; do not be afraid nor dismayed before the king of Assyria, nor before all the multitude that is with him; for there are more with us than with him.

8- With him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the LORD our God, to help us and to fight our battles." And the people were strengthened by the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.



## **Dates to Remember**

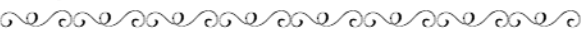
**Aug 8**– Ladies book study– annex- 6:30p

**Aug 20**– Elders, Deacons & Preacher meeting– annex large classroom- 4:30p

**Aug 25**– Ladies luncheon– 11:30a– TBD

**Sep 15-17**– Evangelism seminar with Allen Webster

**Oct 13-15**– Gospel Meeting w/ Michael Mayo

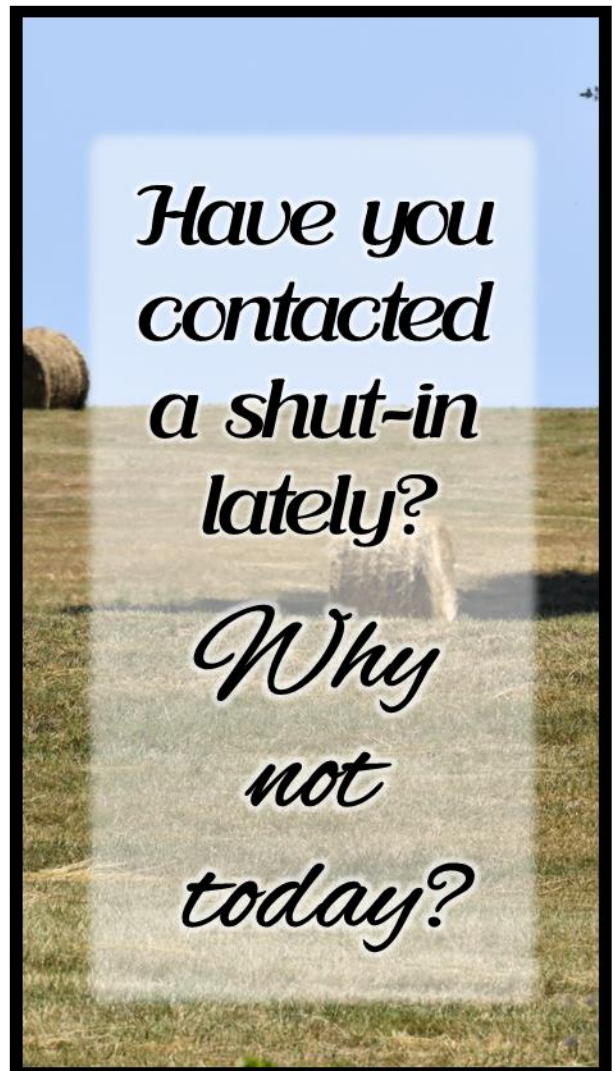


## **Attendance & Contribution Goals**

	<u>07/23/23</u>	<u>Goal</u>	<u>07/24/22</u>
<b>Bible Study</b>	77	90	nc
<b>AM Worship</b>	118	130	98
<b>PM Worship</b>	73	90	88
<b>Mid Week</b>	nc	90	89
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$5383.25	\$6000.00	\$5958.48

## **New Brother & Sisters in Christ**

On Friday, July 21st, Mike and Janet Edwards were baptized by Nathan Adkins. Their address is 605 High Street, Russell, KY 41169. Mike's cell number is 740-442-1113 and Janet's is 606-331-7054. On Sunday, Phyre Sheared was restored to the church. Her contact information will be given later. On Monday, Amelia Day, Mark and Alissa Day's daughter, was baptized by Mark Day. Please, welcome them warmly.



## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

**WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**PM:** Brad Morris

**FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Chris Scott

**LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** David Morckel,  
Jacob Brown, Jackson Morris,  
Blake Hem, George Wallace,  
Tanner Adkins, Jesse Legg

**Presiding PM:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** JC Hughes  
\*gluten-free bread

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Matt Vonderheide

**PM:** Gabe Scott

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Noah Day

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** Chris Scott

**DEVOTION:** Mark Day

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**LIVE STREAM:** Jesse Legg

**POWER POINT:** Mason Morris

**BLDG. ATT.:** Nathan Adkins

**COORDINATOR:** Matt Vonderheide

**ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

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

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

**Pew Packers**

**5:45pm**

**in front of the  
auditorium-  
geared to age  
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 plate 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.