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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 Guvana, SA - Mohamed Ally Guyana, SA -D.J. Hatfield WVSOP support -"In Search of the Lord's

Way" TV broadcast SEARCH TV

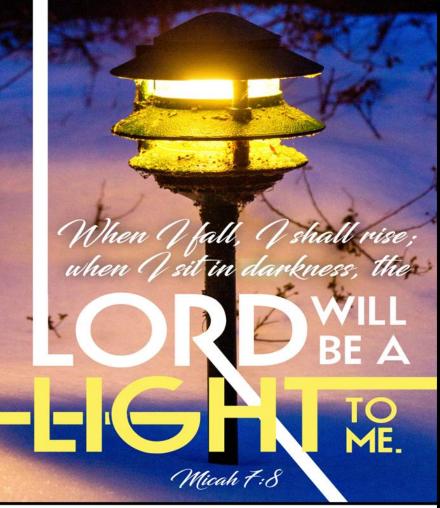
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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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 Payment Plan

Micah was a prophet of God from 740-700 BC who had a message of destruction for both the northern and southern kingdoms of God's people. Population centers of both kingdoms would be destroyed and become places of desolation. The capital of Israel in the north was Samaria. Micah foretold that it would become a heap of ruins in a field (Micah 1:6). In 722 BC, the city was destroyed by the Assyrians. The capital of the southern kingdom of Judah was Jerusalem. Micah 3:12 predicted that this city where the temple stood would be plowed like a field, become a heap of ruins, and look like high places of a forest. Micah 4:10 forewarned of the deportation of its inhabitants to faraway Babylon. This was an amazing projection of future events in light of the fact that Assyria was the world power when this was uttered; Babylon was still a vassal state in Micah's day.

God had been long-suffering to His people, but justice demanded the penalty be paid for their sins. While idolatry and host of other sins drove the nation toward captivity, Micah particularly focused on injustices done to the poor. God's message through Micah was aimed at corrupt rulers and judges who took advantage of the poor while accepting bribes from the rich (3:1-3, 9-10; 7:2-3), crooked businessmen who cheated others out of their property (2:2; 6:10-12), and religious leaders (priests and false prophets) with mercenary motives (3:5-7, 11).

Seventy years of captivity in a foreign land was the result of their stubborn refusal to repent of their sins. Nations today need to learn lessons from Micah, including our nation. When those in power get rich at the expense of people in lower economic classes, God's justice demands punishment. Rich and powerful people may be able to evade the law of man, but not God's law. Read James 5:1-6 and consider God's response to the wicked rich who abuse the righteous poor.

Everything of value in Jerusalem was taken away into Babylon as a result of these sins. Yet, God gave a glimmer of hope. In Micah 4:10, He said, "Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and thou shalt dwell in the field, and thou shalt go *even* to Babylon; there shalt thou be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies." God would redeem them—buy them back to be His own people again. He would rescue them from captivity and return them to their previous place.

Today, Christians have been redeemed from the bondage of sin (Rom. 3:24; Eph. 1:7). The blood of Christ shed on the cross is the price paid for our redemption; it is far more valuable than any corruptible currency like silver or gold (1 Pet. 1:18-19). Just as Israel of old should have been grateful for God's unfailing love that brought them back from captivity, so we also today must be ever grateful for the ultimate declaration of God's love in Christ who paid the penalty of our sins to save us from the punishment we deserved.

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Sermons Today

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10:45 AM: Nathan Adkins– *The Good Samaritan*

6:00 PM: Jeremiah Smith–*How to Handle Figurative Language in the Bible*

Scripture Reading: John 6:50-58

- 50- This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.
- 51- I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."
- 52-The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this Man give us His flesh to eat?"
- 53- Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.
- 54- Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.
- 55- For My flesh is food indeed, and My blood is drink indeed.
- 56- He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.
- 57- As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.
- 58- This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

Attendance & Contribution Goal			
	08/13/23	Goal	08/14/22
Bible Study	68	90	82
AM Worship	123	130	105
PM Worship	82	90	70
Mid Week	81	90	nc
Contribution:	\$6304.12	\$6000.00	\$6433.00

Youth Devo/ Game Night

There will be a youth devotional and game night on Saturday, August 26 in the annex from 5-8 pm. Devotional will be from 5-5:30 with food and games to follow. The youth are encouraged to bring any games they want to play. Anyone who wants to help with food or to help chaperone can see Jeremiah Smith.

Dates to Remember

<u>Aug 20</u>– Elders, Deacons & Preacher meeting– annex large classroom- 4:30p

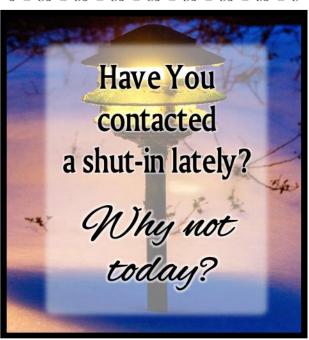
Aug 26— Youth Devotional & Game

Night - Annex – 5p-8p

Aug 25 – Ladies luncheon – 11:30a – Cheddars

Sep 15-17 – Evangelism seminar with Allen Webster

Sep 17- Potluck luncheon- 12p- annex 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:** Terry Fouts,

Mark Gullett, Nathan Parks, Tanner Adkins, Blake Hern,

Matt Vonderheide, Bobby Edmonds

Presiding PM: Greg Hall
Assisting: John Gambill
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg PM: Jacob Brown

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Tanner Adkins

WELCOME: Chris Scott **SONG LEADER:** Mason Morris

PRAYER: JC Hughes **DEVOTION**: Greg Hall

80 Weekly Servants **63**

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg
POWER POINT: Jackson Morris
BLDG. ATT.: Mark Parks

COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Smith **ATTENDANCE:** John Gambill

**** Youth Notes ****

**** Sundays ****

Pew Packers

5:45pm in front of the auditoriumgeared to age 12 & under but everyone is welcome.

**** August 26 ****

Youth Devo & Game Night

5-8pm- annex -see page 3 for details-



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.