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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
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!

The Spiritual Battlefield

Modern skeptics dismiss the accounts of demon possession in the Bible as ancient mistaken beliefs due to a lack of modern medical knowledge. However, the New Testament accounts make a distinction between those who were merely diseased and those who were possessed by demons (Mk. 1:32). No doubt the New Testament also describes physical and mental effects demon possession had on the possessed (Mt. 9:32; 12:22; 17:15; Mk 9:18; Lk. 8:27; 9:39; et. al), but this was more than mere sickness.

Demons recognized the identity of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mk. 1:24; Lk. 4:34). He commanded them to leave the possessed person (Mt. 8:16), keep quiet (Mk. 1:34), and flee where He allowed (Mt. 8:31-32; Mk. 5:13-14). They did this not out of loving obedience, but out of fearful, shuddering recognition of His authority (James 2:19). This showed Jesus as Lord of the spiritual realm. He could keep even the worst forms of evil in check. Jesus stated the purpose of His casting out demons thusly: "But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace. But when a stronger than he comes upon him and overcomes him, he takes from him all his armor in which he trusted, and divides his spoils." (Lk. 11:20-22.)

Mark 5:2-4 presents the record of a demon-possessed man who could not be bound, not even with shackles and chains for he broke them in pieces. All human effort to restrain him proved futile, but Jesus cured him. Modern skeptics also reject the notion that there is a spiritual, evil personality called the devil. The Bible, however, clearly warns: "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Pet. 5:8). Modern people may devise all sorts of techniques and programs to advance human goodness, but unless the tempter who entices men to sin is acknowledged and dealt with, then all these efforts will prove as effective as the chains on the man in Mark 5 before He met Jesus.

Jesus came to earth to destroy the power of the devil (Heb. 2:14). Victory over sin and death has been accomplished by Jesus' substitutionary death and resurrection from the grave (Rom. 4:25; 1 Cor. 15:3-5, 57; 1 Pet. 2:24). What Jesus provides—and what we so desperately need—is freedom from spiritual slavery to sin (Jn. 8:34-36; Rom. 6:5-14). Falling out with sin to serve the Lord Jesus is our only hope to overcome evil. Sin may be a joke to many, but the awful reality is it leads to death (Rom. 6:23; James 1:15). God does not allow the devil to override your free will nor displace your autonomy; instead, temptations are placed before you with a way to escape (1 Cor. 10:13). We must choose the way of escape rather than succumbing to the temptation.

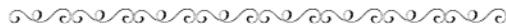
Do not confine your line of thinking to only physical, emotional, and social considerations. Too often people dismiss the spiritual aspect of mankind and the warnings of the Bible as unworthy of consideration. Be awake spiritually and recognize that fleshly lusts war against your soul (1 Pet. 2:11).
-Mark Day

News & Notes

Scripture Reading:

Romans 15:2-6

- 2 Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, leading to edification.
- 3 For even Christ did not please Himself; but as it is written, "THE REPROACHES OF THOSE WHO REPROACHED YOU FELL ON ME."
- 4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.
- 5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,
- 6 that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Ice Cream Social

Tonight, following evening worship service, there will be an ice cream social in the annex. Bring your favorite ice cream and favorite toppings and join the fun.

Mountain Lectureship

Sept. 9th, the Mountain Lectureship will be held at the Paintsville church of Christ from 9am-4pm. Five lessons will be presented. Lunch will be provided. See Mark Day for details.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	08/20/23	Goal	08/21/22
Bible Study	66	90	85
AM Worship	101	130	129
PM Worship	72	90	89
Mid Week	55	90	63
Contribution:	\$9497.01	\$6000.00	\$7393.64

Dates to Remember

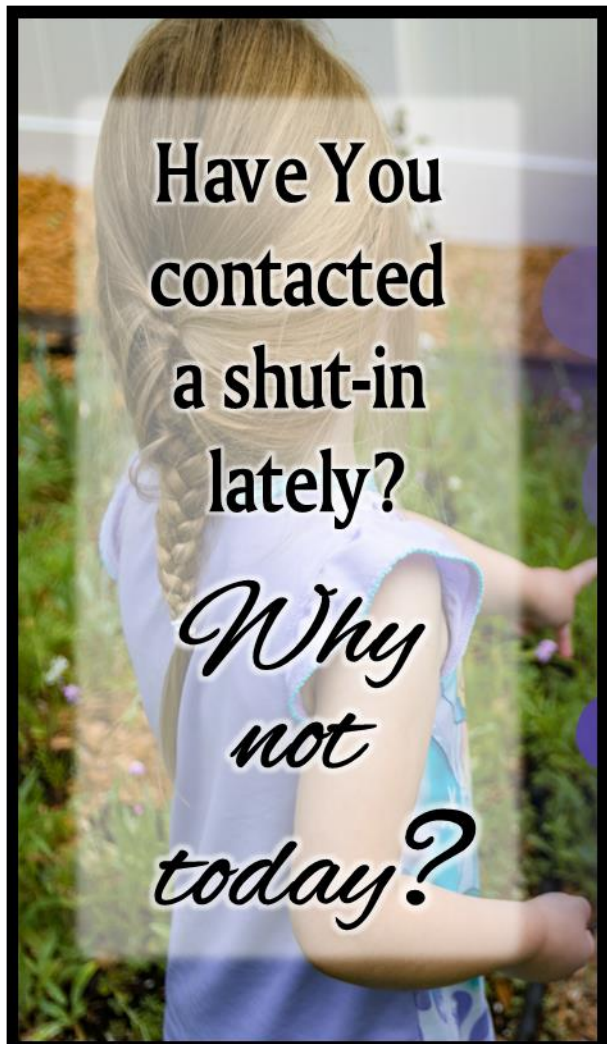
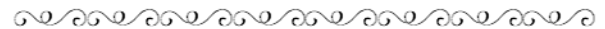
Sep 15-17– Evangelism seminar with Allen Webster

Sep 17– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex

Sep 24– elders, deacons & preacher meet -4:30p– annex large classroom

Sep 29– Ladies Lunch– 11:30am– TBD

Oct 13-15– Gospel Meeting w/ Michael Mayo



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: John Gambill,
JC Hughes, David Morckel,
Jason Fouts, Jacob Brown,
Luke Wallace, Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Blake Hern
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: Jackson Morris

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Brad Morris

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Davis Brown

BLDG. ATT.: Brad Morris

COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Smith

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.