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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
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-Dustin Bolks
Sioux Center, Ia.
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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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... Lift up your eyes, and look
on the fields; for they are white
already to harvest.

John 4:35



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!

They Left Their Nets

In Matthew 4:18-22, Jesus called some of His first disciples. Two sets of brothers who were fishermen are mentioned in this account. Fishing was not merely their hobby; it was their livelihood. Jesus first saw Simon Peter and his brother Andrew and said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Mt. 4:19). Verse 20 tells us how they immediately left their nets to follow the Lord. They were busied with their nets as their daily toil, but now they would be busy following Jesus and convincing other men to do so as well. Leaving the nets means making a sacrifice to use one's time, talents, and energy in the Lord's work.

The second set of brothers mentioned are the sons of Zebedee—James and John (Mt. 4:21). When called, they immediately left their ship and their father to follow Jesus (Mt. 4:22). While certainly not the extremely wealthy, this family was doing well enough that they had hired servants in their fishing enterprise (Mk. 1:20). James and John were willing to leave their success, the possessions they had, and even family to do the Lord's work.

Faith is required to embark on a new venture. Hebrews 11:8 says, "By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went." God's call in Genesis 12 did not spell out the destination, yet Abraham had faith to follow. While God is not calling us to do the same today, we do need to have the same kind of faith to follow Him even when we don't know the outcome (Heb. 11:6). Engaging the world with the gospel will bring out some reactions unknown to us at present.

What is familiar is comfortable. Fishermen were familiar with being on a ship and handling the nets. Standing boldly before the high priest and the Jewish council in defiance of their orders prohibiting preaching in the name of Jesus as they did in Acts 4 was not something with which uneducated fishermen were familiar. Yet they did it because they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). They knew only through Jesus would people be saved (Acts 4:12).

Are we open to stepping out of our comfort zone in pursuit of lost souls? Discomfort drove Christians from the congregation in Jerusalem to the regions of Judea and Samaria (Acts 8:4). While Paul may have been more accustomed to preaching in Asia Minor, the Lord needed him to step out toward Macedonia (Acts 16:6-10). Perhaps there are some nets in your life you should leave to follow the Lord into an unknown undertaking of evangelism.

-Mark Day

News & Notes

Today's Sermons:

- 9:45am:** Allen Webster– ‘*Let’s Break the Alabaster Box*’
- 10:45am:** Allen Webster– ‘*The Fields Are White - -Even in our Secular Culture*’
- 1:30pm:** Allen Webster– ‘*7 Motivational Quotes, 6 Powerful Verses, 1 Final Question*’
- 6:00pm:** Mark Day– ‘*Hearing and Doing*’
- Scripture Reading:** James 1:22-25

22- But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

23- For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24- For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25- But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

‘Praise Him’ Lectureship

Sept. 23, the **Praise Him lectureship** will be held at the Elm Grove church of Christ, 8155 Chenoweth Fork Road in Piketon, KY from 10:00am to 3:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Our brother Jesse Legg arranged this lectureship focused on songs we offer our Lord. An RSVP is requested for planning purposes either by text to 740-222-5905 or email praisehimsignup@gmail.com.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

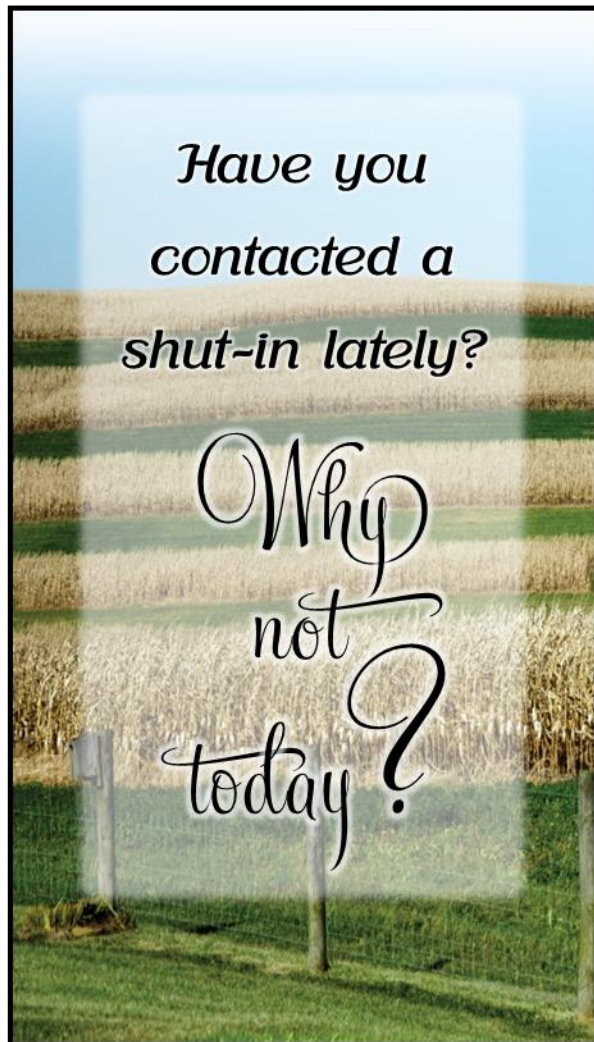
	09/10/23	Goal	09/11/22
Bible Study	67	90	84
AM Worship	96	130	132
PM Worship	70	90	87
Mid Week	62	90	69
Contribution:	\$5901.76	\$6000.00	\$6796.00

Dates to Remember

- Sep 17**– Potluck luncheon– 12p– annex
- Sep 23**– Praise Him lectureship– 10am - 3:30pm– Elm Grove church of Christ
- 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

Have you
contacted a
shut-in lately?

Why
not
today?



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley

PM: George Wallace

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: Chris Legg,

Matt Vonderheide, George Wallace,

Ernie Perry, Jacob Martin,

Gabe Scott, Mason Morris

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Jackson Morris

*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Morckel

PM: Matt Vonderheide

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Greg Hall

DEVOTION: Nathan Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Nathan Parks

POWER POINT: Gabe Scott

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Hall

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.



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.