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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

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them" Ecclesiastes 12:1



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!

A Remembrance of the Suffering Savior for All Time

God gave a covenant to Israel when He had delivered them from Egyptian bondage, but through their unfaithfulness they broke the covenant (Jer. 31:32). However, God in His mercy and forbearance made a new covenant (Heb. 8:6-12 cf. Jer. 31:31). Though sins were remembered every year in the Levitical sacrifices of the old covenant (Heb. 10:3), under the new covenant God no more remembers sins (Jer. 31:34; Heb. 8:12; 10:17). What is remembered now is Christ's death. This remembrance is made by means of the Lord's Supper every week (Mt. 26:26; 1 Cor. 11:24, 25). Here are some reasons that this death, which brought our deliverance, should be remembered as a focal point in the entire history of God's dealings with man:

The blood of Christ shed on the cross cleanses the conscience in a complete way that could not be achieved merely through old covenant rituals (Heb. 9:9, 14). The sacrifices under the old covenant were an illustration of the cost of sin that pointed toward the perfect sacrifice of Christ for the remission of sins (Heb. 9:22, 23). The blood of Christ not only cleanses us today who live after His death, but also covered those who lived before His death. Hebrews 9:15 speaks of Jesus as the Mediator of the new covenant; however, it also acknowledges His death was for "the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant." In the mind of God—Who sees all human history at once—forgiveness and salvation could be extended in every age based upon the death of Christ. Even though Jesus lived and died in a particular historical moment that occurred after centuries of human history had already transpired, Jesus is the one "whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed" (Rom. 3:25). While the particulars of obedience varied from the old covenant to the new, God's grace—extended through Christ's death on the cross to those who would respond in faith and obedience—has always been the means of salvation.

Not only should the cross be a focal point of human existence collectively, it also should be the focal point of the life of each individual. Life is often tragic. Suffering comes our way. If we are not prepared for it in our mindset, then we can really be thrown off course. Peter was a witness of the sufferings of Christ (1 Pet. 5:1); moreover, he was with the Lord when the Supper was established. Consider the inspired reminders the apostle Peter had for those who are suffering. Christ suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow in His steps (1 Pet. 2:21). Christ suffered for our sins; He suffered even though He is just and we are unjust. Why? To bring us to God (1 Pet. 3:18). Remember this when you are suffering. And when you are tempted to sin, remember since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, we should arm ourselves with the same mind and cease from sinning (1 Pet. 4:1). Remembering Christ's suffering gives meaning to my life, helps me to be grateful, and deters me from sin. This is why I should continually remember Christ's death on the cross.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: Attitude Toward the Erring

PM: Awaiting Glory

PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 8:13-18

13-For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14-For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15-For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16-The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17-and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

18-For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meet

This group will meet Sunday, the 17th at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Ladies Luncheon

All ladies are invited to the monthly ladies luncheon on December 29th at 11:30am at El Colonial Restaurant (beside Kroger's).

New Years Eve Watch

Sunday, December 31st at 7pm, everyone is invited to bring the New Year in with songs, a devotion, games and good Christian fellowship. You may bring snacks and drinks to share as well as your favorite games. The event will be in the annex auditorium.

Attendance & Contribution Goals			
	11/26/23	Goal	11/27/22
Bible Study	68	90	68
AM Worship	108	130	127
PM Worship	62	90	64
Mid Week	61	90	53
Contribution:	\$5948.00	\$6000.00	\$8859.25

Dates to Remember

<u>Dec 8</u>— Youth/ Parents (or anyone)- 4:45p Walk Central Park then annex game night

<u>Dec 9</u>– Faulk Memorial service-10-11a, main auditorium

<u>Dec 17</u>-Elders, Deacons & Preacher meet-4:30p-annex

<u>Dec 29</u> – Ladies lunch at El Colonial – 11:30a
 <u>Dec 31</u> – New Years Eve watch & snack pot-luck after PM worship

Faulk Memorial Service

On Saturday, December 9 at 10:00 AM a memorial service will be held to honor the life of Elaine Faulk. The service will be at the Flatwoods church of Christ in the main auditorium and will be officiated by Mark Day.

Member Contact Information

Kaitlin Wilhere was baptized 11/15 and placed membership. Her address is 304 Bluebird Dr., Russell, KY 41169. Her phone number is (606) 922-1554. Please, note this in your directories.

Christmas Lights & Game Night

On Friday, December 8 at 4:45 PM, the youth will have a get-together to walk around Ashland Park to look at the lights then have food, games, and hot cocoa in the annex. While this is being planned as a youth event, anyone who wants to come to any or all parts of the event is welcome. See Jeremiah Smith for details or with questions.



🔊 Today's Servants 🗷

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins PM: Brad Morris FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Greg Conley PM: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Nathan Parks **Assisting:** Nathan Adkins,

George Wallace, Jordan Conley,

Jesse Legg, Ernie Perry,

Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Chris Scott
Assisting: John Gambill
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: John Gambill PM: JC Hughes

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Noah Day

™Wednesday Servants € 3

WELCOME: Mark Parks
SONG LEADER: Brad Morris
PRAYER: Chris Scott
DEVOTION: Jerry Sturgill

80 Weekly Servants **63**

LIVE STREAM: Nathan Parks
POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATT.: Brad Morris

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.

*** Dec 8 ****

Christmas Lights (Central Park) & Game Night (annex) 4:45pm

Meet at far end of park-see pg.3- then back to the annex for games, hot cocoa & food!



Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our quest 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.