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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
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-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-Herman Joseph
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-Mohamed Ally
Guyana, SA
-D.J. Hatfield
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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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Oh **I** taste and see that the
LORD
is good;
blessed
is the man who
trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8



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!

Unity Based on God's Word

One of the joys of traveling is meeting New Testament Christians in different places. To attend another congregation and to see the "like precious faith" in the lives and worship of others is indeed a blessing to my soul. It reminds me that Jesus Christ is head of the church, King over the kingdom, and that His last will and testament is understandable and can be followed.

Religious division, however, shrouds those truths from many. Paul addressed this when he wrote, "Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). Paul was pleading with those in Corinth to have unity. He had heard from reliable sources that Corinth was divided in following different preachers (1 Cor. 1:11-13) and these fractions had disrupted proper worship (1 Cor. 11:18-20; 14:33).

Paul's pleading was "by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ," in other words by the authority of the Lord. Paul words were the Lord's commandments (1 Cor. 14:37). Some have attempted to contradict this truth by misusing the phrase "But to the rest speak I, not the Lord..." (1 Cor 7:12). But what Paul was saying is that the Lord had addressed the previous principles of 1 Corinthians 7:10-11 with His teaching while on earth (cf. Mt. 5:32; 19:9). Paul was pointing out in verse 12 that he was giving God's inspired instructions regarding matters not explicitly stated by Jesus during His earthly ministry. Jesus indeed had many more instructions to impart that the Holy Spirit would guide the apostle in after Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension (Jn. 16:12, 13). Paul taught the words the Holy Spirit gave (1 Cor. 2:13).

When we stay with the word of God, we will all speak the same thing. Some religious groups try to enforce uniformity in their doctrines, but that is not what Paul means. The Watchtower has its curriculum that each Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses receives and studies so that all are being taught the same exact lesson. Many religious groups follow a liturgical calendar where certain passages and topics are covered on given dates throughout the year. These are not what Paul is referring to. That one can travel to another congregation of Christ's church in another area of the world and hear the pure word of God is a testament to this truth Paul emphasized in 1 Corinthians 1:10. The churches of Christ do not have some earthly headquarters that controls what each congregation studies every single week. There is no human hierarchy to enforce conformity. The headquarters is in heaven with Jesus Christ ruling over His people (Eph. 1:20-23).

We are not only to speak the same things and have no divisions, but also to "be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). As the church, we are a people joined together for a purpose greater than ourselves; the church is greater than the sum of its parts. As Paul explained, "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." (Eph. 2:19-22). Think of the way that different pieces of wood are fitly framed together in mortise and tenon joints. The unity of which we speak then does not mean that we are clones of one another. As Paul later explained to the Corinthians, we each as members of the body have unique attributes that we bring together to serve the whole (1 Cor. 12). Let us be perfectly joined together by God's word.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: Essentials vs. Expedients

PM: Dead to the Law

PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 7:4-6

4- Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

5- For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions which were aroused by the law were at work in our members to bear fruit to death.

6- But now we have been delivered from the law, having died to what we were held by, so that we should serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter.



Pancake Breakfast

Saturday morning, December 2nd, at 8am, the Scott family will host their annual pancake breakfast. Pancakes, meats and coffee will be supplied. You are asked to sign up on the foyer bulletin board for planning purposes. Bring your favorite pancake toppings and any special drinks.

Ladies Holiday Party

Saturday evening, December 2nd, at 6:30pm, Kathy Hall will host her annual Ladies Holiday gathering in her home in Ashland. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for planning purposes if you plan to attend. There will be an optional gift exchange with a \$10 limit. Carpooling is recommended, so meet at the building by 6:05pm to consolidate into as few vehicles as possible due to limited parking at the Hall home.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	11/19/23	Goal	11/20/22
Bible Study	73	90	58
AM Worship	107	130	96
PM Worship	67	90	66
Mid Week	50	90	55
Contribution:	\$5749.59	\$6000.00	\$4105.50

Dates to Remember

Dec 2– Scotts' annual pancake breakfast– 8a

Dec 2– Ladies Holiday Party– 6:30p at

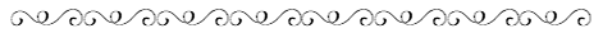
Kathy Hall's home– details to follow

Dec 8– Youth/ Parents (or anyone)- 4:45p

Walk Central Park then annex game night

Dec 17– Elders, Deacons & Preacher meet– 4:30p– annex

Dec 31– New Years Eve watch & snack potluck after PM worship



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. We will meet on the side of the park farthest away from the hospital. 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: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Mark Parks

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: John Gambill,
Nathan Parks, Mark Gullett,
Blake Hern, Jackson Morris,
Terry Fouts, Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: JC Hughes
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: David Morckel

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Mason Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Jeremiah Smith

DEVOTION: Greg Conley

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Luke Wallace

BLDG. ATT.: Chris Scott

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

**** Youth Notes ****

**** Sundays ****

Pew Packers

5:45pm

in front of the auditorium-
geared 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
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.