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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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-Jerry Sturgill
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-Dustin Bolks
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Suriname, SA
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-Herman Joseph
Guyana, SA
-Mohamed Ally
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PEACE

PEACE I leave with you ...
Let not your heart be troubled,
neither let it be afraid.

JOHN 14:27, KJV

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!

Leave These Behind

As followers of Christ, we should adopt His mindset in our approach to every aspect of our lives; this involves discontinuing the sins we previously committed to live for the will of God (1 Pet. 4:1-2). The inspired apostle Peter lists some sins that Christians no longer practice: “For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries” (1 Pet. 4:3). Give some attention to the three items in this list relating to alcohol: drunkenness, revelries, and drinking parties.

Drunkenness is rendered “excess of wine” in the KJV – the excess indicating the nature of the sin in that it involves debauchery. Notice how in 1 Peter 4:4 the KJV mentions “excess of riot” in the way that it phrases these sins. This does not mean that a little bit of riot (debauchery) is all right as long as one does not go to excess. Jesus warned, “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly” (Lk. 21:34). Can one pursue a little bit of carousing and drunkenness as long as one’s heart does not become “weighed down” with such? Certainly this is not the way the Lord intends His words to be applied.

Next, Peter mentioned “revelries” which would indicate the carousing and wild parties where alcohol would be involved in the lack of restraint. The ESV renders this word “orgies” here in 1 Peter 4:3. Perhaps the first two items that Peter listed before “drunkenness,” namely lewdness and lusts, would be pursued at such occasions. Sensuality, self-abandonment, and giving oneself over to base desires go hand in hand with the excess of alcohol consumption.

Then, Peter mentioned “drinking parties.” What is the difference between this and “revelries”? While some overlap may certainly occur in the lists of vices in the New Testament, this word brings out a particular point. The word is in Greek is “potos” (πότος) from which we get the word potable (drinkable). BDAG, the standard Greek lexicon, defines this word as “a social gathering at which wine was served” and then explains, “In the Greco-Roman world it was customary for literati to hold banquets at which topical discussions were featured, with participants well lubricated with wine.”¹ No wonder the KJV renders this term “banquetings” in 1 Peter 4:3. Thus, the social drink at the banquet is one activity followers of Christ have left behind to do the will of God. While many may read “drinking parties” and think of only the wild, noisy, boozing parties, the more refined banquet or toast seems to fit this description well.

Too often those who claim to follow Christ try to fit in with the world; however, followers of Christ must be different from the world (Jn. 15:19; 17:14-16; 1 Jn. 2:15). As Christians, we will stick out. Often those who knew us before we became Christians will be surprised at the difference in our lives (1 Pet. 4:4). Notice that the Christians to whom Peter wrote these inspired words were maligned because they no longer participated in these events (1 Pet. 4:4). Some social events must be a thing of the past for the Christian.

-Mark Day

¹William Arndt et al., *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000), 857.

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: The Beguiling Serpent
PM: Calling On the Name of the Lord
PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 10:12-17

12-For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.

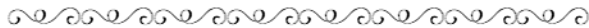
13-For "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

14-How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

15-And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE, WHO BRING GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS!"

16-But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?"

17-So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.



Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is expressed to the families and friends of our sisters Janet Jordan, who passed away December 2nd, and Elaine Faulk, who passed away November 26th.

Ladies Luncheon

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

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	12/10/23	Goal	12/11/22
Bible Study	59	90	78
AM Worship	110	130	118
PM Worship	63	90	72
Mid Week	62	90	63
Contribution:	\$4,836.00	\$6000.00	\$13,971.58

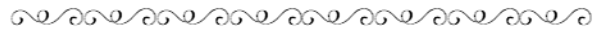
Dates to Remember

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

Dec 17– Annual Spare Time event 8-11p

Dec 29– Ladies lunch at El Colonial– 11:30a

Dec 31– New Years Eve watch & snack pot-luck after PM worship



Elders, Deacons, Preacher Meet

This group will meet today at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

Annual Spare Time Event

The 10th and Vine congregation has invited our young people to Spare Time tonight from 8-11pm for fun and fellowship.

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.



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: George Wallace

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Jacob Brown,
Jessie Legg, Jason Fouts,
Jacob Martin, Ernie Perry,
Nathan Parks, Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Jeremiah Smith

Assisting: Jacob Brown
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg

PM: Mason Morris

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Jackson Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Mason Morris

POWER POINT: Jason Fouts

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Hall

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.