

## ☞ Today's Servants ☜

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** JC Hughes

**PM:** Mark Parks

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** Greg Conley,  
Greg Hall, Nathan Adkins,  
Luke Wallace, Bobby Edmonds,  
Matt Vonderheide, Mason Morris

**Presiding PM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Gabe Scott  
\*gluten-free bread

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** George Wallace

**PM:** Mark Gullett

### SCRIPTURE READING:

**PM:** Mason Morris

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

**WELCOME:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:** Brad Morris

**PRAYER:** Greg Hall

**DEVOTION:** Jeremiah Smith

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☜

**LIVE STREAM:** Jesse Legg

**POWER POINT:** Mark Gullett

**BLDG. ATT.:** Greg Conley

**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.

### ELDERS

Nathan Adkins  
937-798-3267  
Greg Conley 923-8238  
Greg Hall 571-1977  
Mark Parks 831-3081  
Chris Scott 356-4368

### MINISTER

Mark Day  
606-831-1975

### DEACONS

J.C. Hughes  
Brad Morris  
Nathan Parks  
Jeremiah Smith  
Matthew Vonderheide

### SERVICES

Sunday Bible Study 9:45am  
Morning Worship 10:45 am  
Evening Worship 6:00 pm  
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

### WEB PAGE

[www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org](http://www.flatwoodschurch-ofchrist.org)

### MISSIONS

-Jerry Sturgill  
Tri-state area  
-Daniel Goshorn  
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-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)

FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST

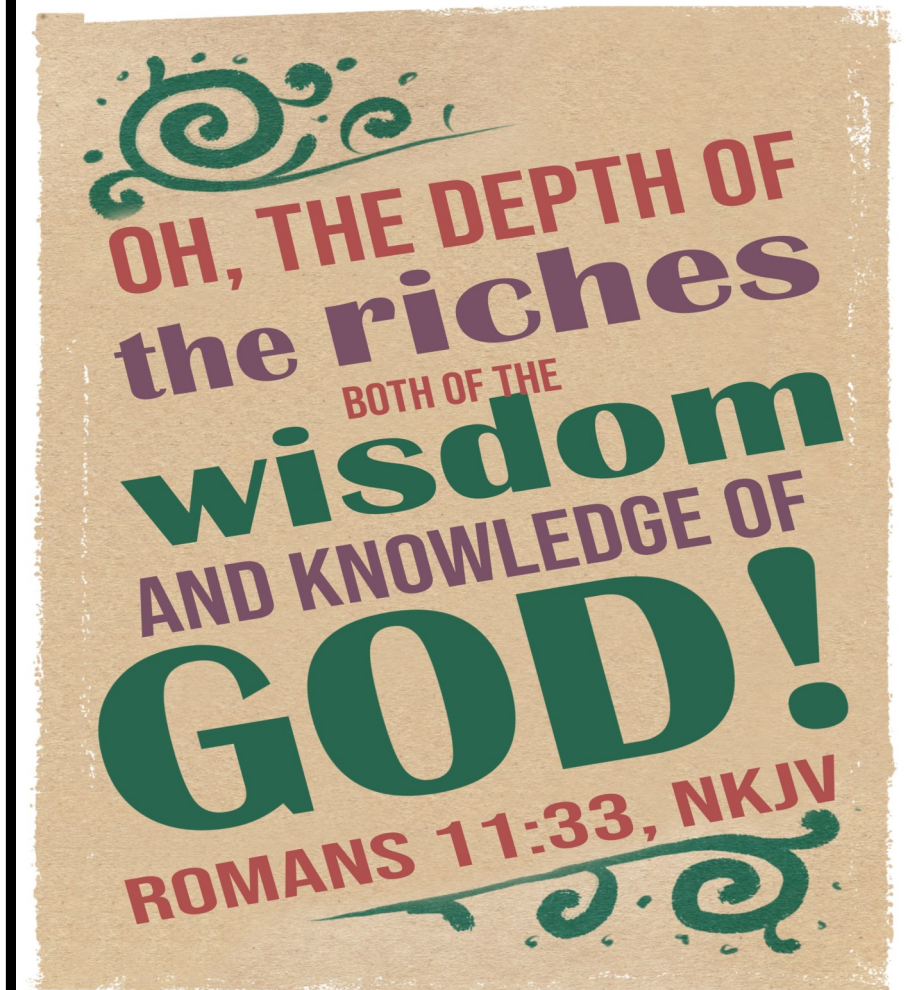
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

## Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Jesus is the eternal Word; He was in the beginning and created all things (Jn. 1:1-3; Col. 1:16). He came to earth in the likeness of men (Phil. 2:7). He became flesh to dwell among men to declare the glory of God (Jn. 1:14). Those who saw Him and His miracles in this sense saw the Father (Jn. 14:8-11).

A virgin, named Mary, who was betrothed to Joseph gave birth to Him. She was told, “*The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God*” (Lk. 1:35). He was named Jesus, meaning savior, for He came to earth to save His people from their sins (Mt. 1:21). Matthew by inspiration goes on to explain, “So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: *‘Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’* which is translated, ‘God with us’” (Mt. 1:22, 23). For a third of a century while He “dwelt among us” (Jn. 1:14), Jesus was God in the flesh. He fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.” Joseph followed the command from the angel of the Lord and took Mary as his wife, but he “did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS” (Mt. 1:25).

The birth of Jesus also fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 9:6, “For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Jesus came to earth to establish the kingdom. He preached of the kingdom’s imminent establishment (Mt. 4:17; Mk. 9:1). While all people are born of flesh, Jesus explained that to be part of the kingdom of God, one must be born again, a new birth of water and Spirit (Jn. 3:3-5). In water baptism, one is regenerated, born anew to become part of the kingdom (Titus 3:5; Col. 1:13, 14; 2:11-13). Jesus refused to be forced into man’s ideals regarding kingship (Jn. 6:15). This kingdom of His is spiritual, not earthly (Jn. 18:36, 37); it is within the hearts of those who follow Him (Lk. 17:20, 21).

Jesus came to earth to drink of the cup of God’s wrath for man’s sin (Mt. 26:39, 42; Lk. 22:42; Jn. 12:27) to taste death for everyone (Heb. 2:9). He came to experience temptation but never succumb so that He could be the only payment for sin (Heb. 2:14-18). He came and lived on earth to die on the cross (Phil. 2:8). Then He arose and sat down as king in heaven at the right hand of the Father (Acts 2:23-33; Eph. 1:20-22; Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus is the eternal God who came in the flesh, “who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,” (Heb. 1:3).

Are you a part of His kingdom? Have you been born again and had your sins purged? Is Jesus the king of your life? Or has all of this had no effect in changing your life?

-Mark Day

## News & Notes



### Today’s Sermons

**AM:** Those With Whom God Is Pleased

**PM:** God’s Olive Tree

### PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 11:33-36

33- Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and His ways past finding out!

34- "FOR WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD? OR WHO HAS BECOME HIS COUNSELOR?"

35- "OR WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM AND IT SHALL BE REPAID TO HIM?"

36 - For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

### Ladies Luncheon

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

### Holiday Baskets

If you know of someone who needs a holiday basket, please speak with JC Hughes regarding recipients, guidelines, purchase, and reimbursement for our records.

### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	12/17/23	Goal	12/18/22
<b>Bible Study</b>	77	90	61
<b>AM Worship</b>	100	130	96
<b>PM Worship</b>	65	90	62
<b>Mid Week</b>	62	90	69
<b>Contribution:</b>	\$6,883.05	\$6000.00	\$4,659.50

### Dates to Remember

**Dec 27**– L2L info due to Brad Morris

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

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

### Lads to Leaders (March 29-31, 2024)

All those participating in L2L 2024 need to have information for registration to Brad Morris no later than December 27th.

### New Years Eve Watch

Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

