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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
Tri-state area
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-Michael Mayo
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-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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Rejoicing in hope,
patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly
in prayer.

Romans 12:12

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!

The Last Day

This Lord's day is the last day of the year on our calendar for 2023. What will be the last Sunday in your life and mine? We don't know. I do not know when my last day on earth will be (Ecc. 7:14; 8:6-8; 9:2-10). However, I do know there will be a last day for the earth and all the works in it. There will be a last day of all time. I do not know when it will be, nor do you (Mt. 24:35, 36). I don't know if it will be a Sunday, but I do know it will be the "day of the Lord" and will come unexpectedly "as a thief in the night" (1 Thess. 5:2; 2 Pet. 3:10).

Sometimes in the Bible the day of the Lord refers to a judgment on a particular nation (Isa. 13:6, 9), but looking at the context of the "day of the Lord" in 1 Thessalonians, it becomes apparent that this final day will be the day when the dead in Christ are raised (1 Thess. 4:16). Jesus spoke of resurrection on the last day, "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn. 6:39-40). He further explained that imbibing of His instructions and following them would lead to eternal life including resurrection on the last day: "Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (Jn. 6:54). In the previous chapter Jesus had spoken of giving life and said, "Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation" (Jn. 5:28, 29).

Martha believed her brother Lazarus would rise again in the resurrection on the last day (Jn. 11:24). In reply to Martha, Jesus said just before He raised Lazarus from the grave, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live" (Jn. 11:25). The apostle Paul believed in the resurrection on the final day even after he became a Christian, a truth the Pharisees recognized but the Sadducees rejected (Acts 23:8; Lk. 20:27-40). His upbringing as a Pharisee taught him of the hope of the resurrection of the dead (Acts 23:6; Phil. 3:5). He then met the resurrected Lord Jesus (Acts 9:3-6; 22:6-10; 26:13-23; 1Cor. 9:1; 15:8).

Paul spent the rest of his days looking forward to the victory Christians will have over death on that final day of resurrection (1 Cor. 15). Paul by inspiration expressed his confidence that he will receive a reward in the final judgment on that day when Jesus judges the living and the dead (2 Tim. 4:1, 8). He wrote his epistles preparing people to meet the Lord in judgment on the final day and give an account of the deeds done in their bodies (Rom. 14:8-12; 2 Cor. 5:10). He instructed Corinth to withdraw from the fornicator in their midst so that he would repent and his spirit would be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus (1 Cor. 5:5). He further instructed that "the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power" (1 Cor. 6:13, 14). To the persecuted Thessalonians, he assured them that the Lord Jesus would be revealed from heaven and would repay their persecutors in flaming fire on that final day, the day when the Lord would be glorified and admired among them who believe (2 Thess. 1:6-10). We should likewise live in view of that final day.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: Do Not Boast of Tomorrow

PM: The Behavior of Love

PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:9-13

9- *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

10- *Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

11- not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12- rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

13- distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

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.

Lads to Leaders (March 29-31, 2024)

If you have yet to turn in registration info for L2L 2024, please turn in to Brad Morris as soon as possible.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	12/24/23	Goal	12/25/22
Bible Study	62	90	60
AM Worship	118	130	112
PM Worship	67	90	49
Mid Week	67	90	54
Contribution:	\$9,160.45	\$6000.00	\$5,263.95

Dates to Remember

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

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: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brayden Snell

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: John Gambill,
JC Hughes, Jackson Morris,
Jason Fouts, Ernie Perry,
Luke Wallace, Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Jacob Brown
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jesse Legg

PM: Matt Vonderheide

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Nathan Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Nathan Parks

POWER POINT: Chris Legg

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Adkins

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.