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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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WVSOP support
-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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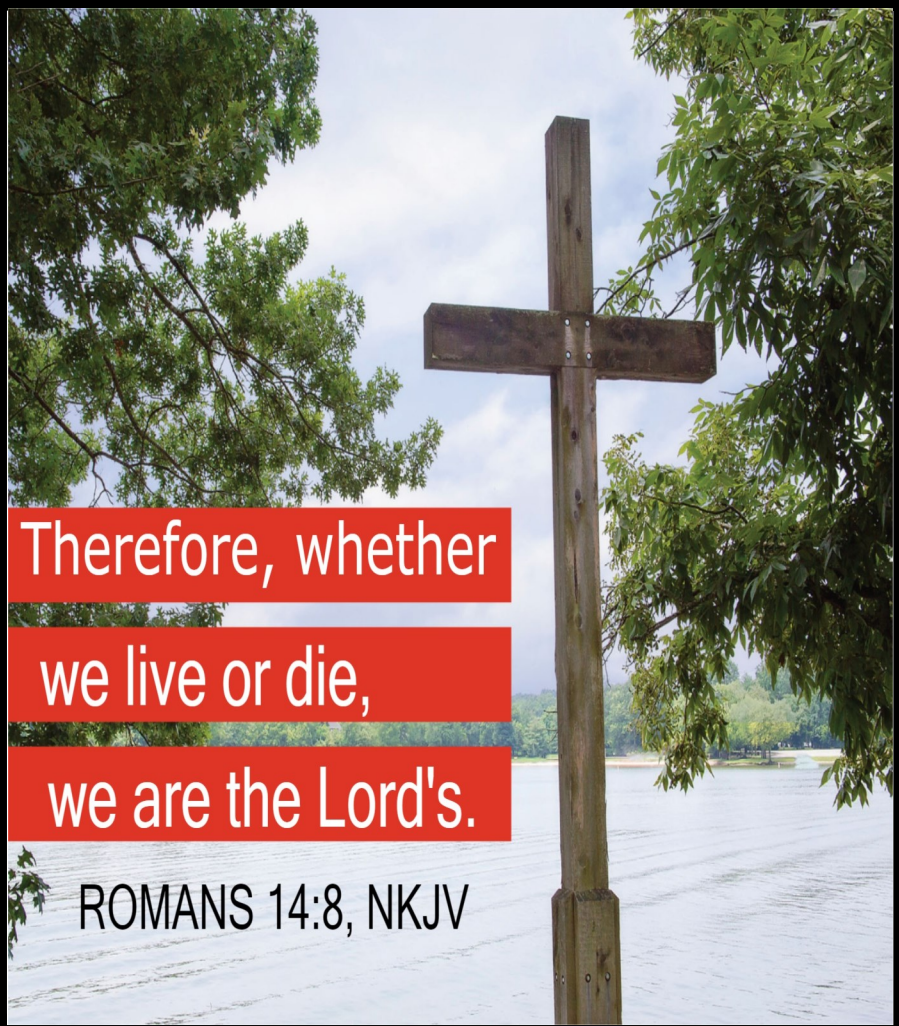
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Therefore, whether

we live or die,

we are the Lord's.

ROMANS 14:8, NKJV

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!

In Our Own Tongue

Jesus told the eleven to preach the gospel to all creation (Mk. 16:14, 15). One of the signs that accompanied the apostles who initially went forth preaching the gospel to the world for the first time was the Holy Spirit enabling them to speak with “new tongues” (Mk. 16:17, 20).

These tongues were human languages. They were new to the apostles. They were not new in the sense that had never before been spoken or introduced to mankind. Acts 2 elucidates that when the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles, the audience noticed that “every man heard them speak in his own language” (v. 6). Though several of the apostles were uneducated Galilean fisherman, they were able to speak other languages they had never studied. One of the most arduous tasks involved in doing mission work today is learning a new language to effectively communicate to the receptor. The multitude gathered on Pentecost day included around fifteen different nations. They marveled when they heard the apostles speak, asking “how hear we every man in our own tongue, wherein we were born?” (Acts 2:8).

The miraculous gift of tongues (speaking other languages) was given for a sign (1 Cor. 14:22). Peter pointed to what the crowd saw and heard as a sign of the Holy Spirit speaking through the apostles (Acts 2:33). The exercise of this gift not only arrested the attention of the crowd on Pentecost day so they would listen to the gospel, but later it also confirmed that the Gentiles were allowed to enter God’s grace through the gospel without circumcision (Acts 10-11). It served as confirmation in Acts 19:1-6, too.

Some today claim a gift of tongues that is characterized by ecstatic utterances involving no known human language, but the Bible gives no example of such. In 1 Corinthians 13:1, Paul begins his emphasis on love by stating, “Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels;” however, the reference to angels is not stating that there was an angelic language Paul actually spoke. Rather, the context bears out that Paul is employing hyperbole just as he does when he mentions knowing all mysteries (which none but God does) and faith that moves mountains (1 Cor. 13:2). He was speaking of miraculous gifts that gave revelation in parts, which ceased when the completed (perfect) revelation came (1 Cor. 13:8-11). Moreover, the exercise of these gifts was done in an orderly manner with the speaker maintaining control over himself to keep silent if necessary (1 Cor. 14:27-33).

If one in the church assembly does not understand the spoken message, prayer, or words of the song, then no spiritual benefit is derived (1 Cor. 14:15-20, 23). Paul quoted from Isaiah 28:11 in his discussion on tongues in 1 Corinthians 14. The stammering lips and strange (foreign) tongue was the Assyrian language when they conquered the Israelites, not ecstatic gibberish unknown to anyone on earth.

Instead of an abuse of the first-century gift of tongues to show off, Paul emphasized teaching with fewer words whereby the audience may understand and be edified (1 Cor. 14:19). Satan does not want people to understand the word of God, lest, perhaps, they believe it and bring forth fruit (Mt. 13:19, 23). The word of God produces faith in the heart (Rom. 10:17) and builds up the faithful to possess their eternal inheritance (Acts 20:32).

Let us be thankful that the word of God has been made available in our own language. That we can so easily access the words of eternal life is a tremendous blessing not to be taken for granted.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: People of God; Mission Report

PM: Bear With One Another

PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 14:5-9

5 One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

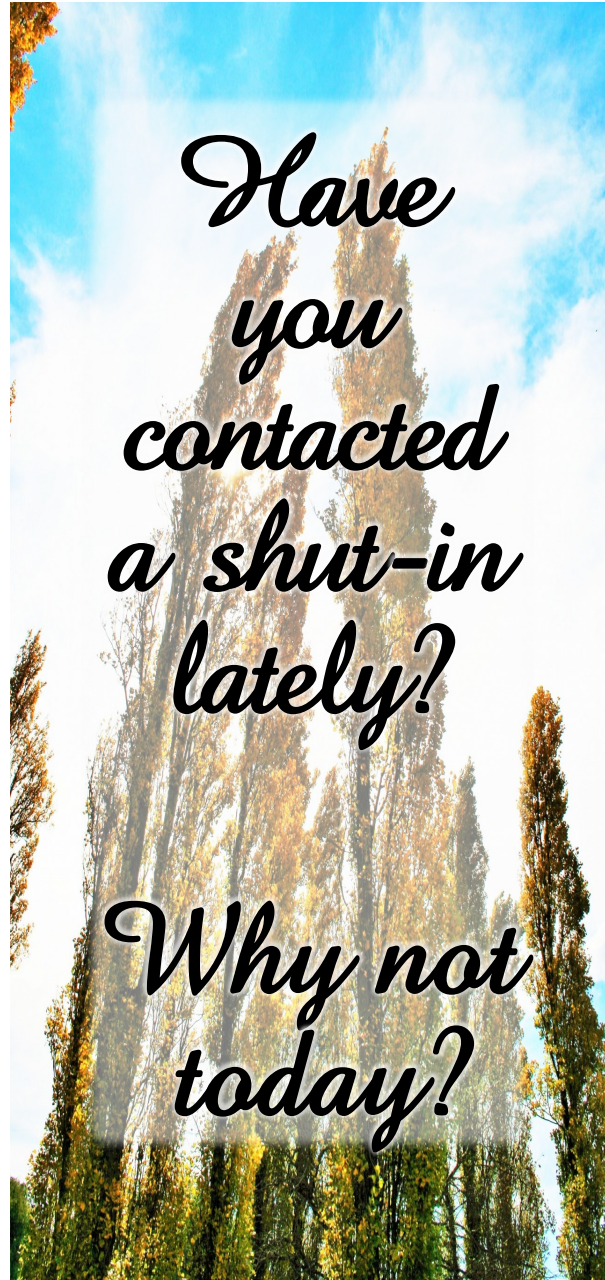
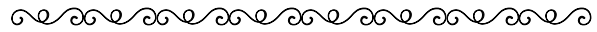
7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Dates to Remember

Jan. 21-Elders, deacons, and preacher meeting in the annex at 4:30p



Have
you
contacted
a shut-in
lately?

Why not
today?

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	1/7/24	Goal	1/8/23
Bible Study	69	90	42
AM Worship	107	130	90
PM Worship	71	90	51
Mid Week	75	90	65
Contribution:	\$6,092.10	\$6000.00	\$3,820.00

☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Greg Conley

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Chris Legg

Assisting: Mark Gullett,
JC Hughes, Jesse Legg,
Jason Fouts, Jacob Brown,
Bobby Edmonds, Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Mason Morris
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Morckel

PM: John Gambill

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Mark Day

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATT.: Mark Parks

COORDINATOR: JC Hughes

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.