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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
Guyana, SA
-Mohamed Ally
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-D.J. Hatfield
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-*"In Search of the Lord's
Way"* TV broadcast

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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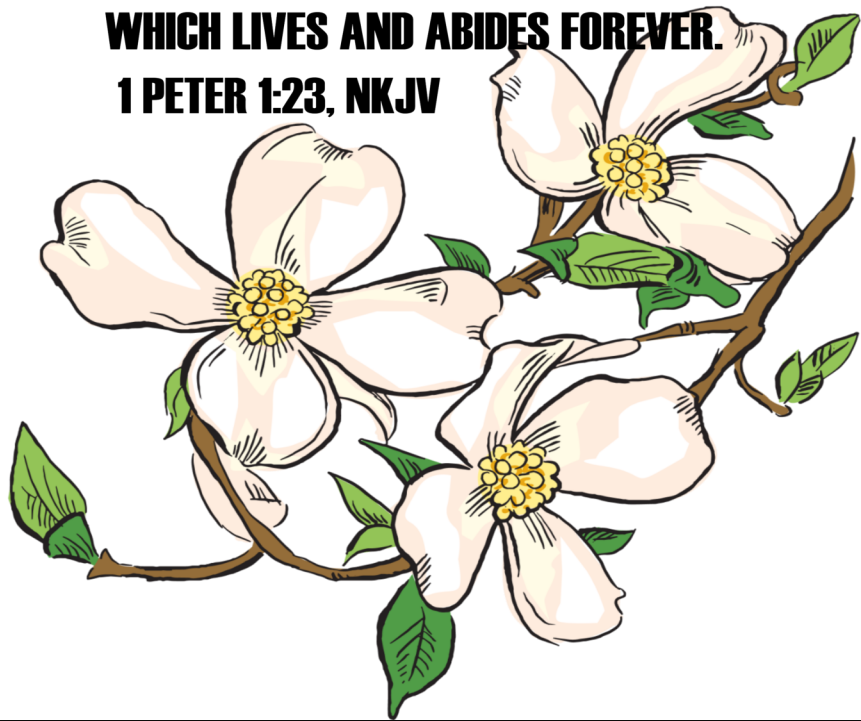
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January 28, 2024

*Having been
born again...*

**THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD
WHICH LIVES AND ABIDES FOREVER.**

1 PETER 1:23, 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!

Preaching Repentance

God prepared the hearts of people for His Son, Jesus Christ, to come through the preaching of John: “In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea” (Mt. 3:1). John’s message was repentance—turning from sin and changing one’s heart and will regarding sin. Repentance is never a popular message, but it is necessary.

John fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3 as the voice crying in the wilderness that prepared the way for the Lord. “Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain” (Isa. 40:4). Sometimes, people interpret the Bible’s prophecies too literally. John was not a literal road construction worker. Those who look to the Old Testament prophets as describing wars erupting in our time in certain nations and the same physical locations in the Middle East err in this overly literal approach. Matthew 3:3-4, Mark 1:3, and Luke 3:4-5 clearly show that Isaiah 40:4 was fulfilled in John’s work. The context bears out that this smoothing of the paths was repentance in the heart.

The people who heard John were to bring forth fruits worthy of repentance (Lk. 3:8). The people were told to start being merciful as evidence of their repentance (Lk. 3:10-11). The tax collectors, who were viewed as low-down places in the path, were told to exact no more tax than appointed (Lk. 3:12, 13). The rough soldiers were smoothed out in being instructed to do violence to no man (Lk. 3:14). In this way, people’s hearts were prepared for Jesus. They would be more ready to receive the words of eternal life He came to give (Jn. 6:68).

The first thing Jesus is recorded preaching in the New Testament is a similar message to John’s—repentance, “From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand” (Mt. 4:17; cf. Mk. 1:15). Jesus came as king (Zech. 9:9; Mt. 21:5; Jn. 12:13; 18:36-37). The paths were smoothed for the king’s chariot. Hearts had to be smoothed to receive Jesus. Repentance is absolutely necessary if one will enter the kingdom of God. Jesus cannot be our king if we do not humble ourselves, change our hearts, and submit to His will (Mt. 7:21-23; Lk. 6:46).

Paul preached Jesus Christ to the Gentiles (Gal. 2:2; Eph. 3:8; 2 Tim. 1:11; 4:17). His preaching included repentance (Acts 17:30-31). He instructed the younger preacher Timothy: “Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Tim. 4:2). People need to hear the word of God. God’s word is sharper than any sword (Heb. 4:12); it can pierce their hearts and result in repentance (Acts 2:37). Preaching must not only be exhorting but must also include reproving and rebuking. The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17), convicting men of their sins (Jn. 16:8). Many self-help guides are popular today that attempt to relieve one of all guilt, but if the problem is self, then self-help cannot offer the true solution. Preaching that causes people to be sorry for their sins is desperately needed. Godly sorrow is a prerequisite to repentance (2 Cor. 7:9-11).

From John, to Jesus, to Paul, to faithful gospel preachers today: repentance has always been an essential to the preaching that converts one to Christ. We are to preach the gospel to all creation (Mk. 16:15). Repentance must be preached to all nations (Lk. 24:47).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: The Living Word of God

PM: "These are the generations..."

PM Scripture Reading:

Genesis 2:4

4 These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,



Potter Children's Home

Starting in February, we will be gathering pantry items for Potter Children's Home. The pantry items requested will be posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Pantry items will be picked up the week of March 3rd.



Attendance & Contribution Goals

	1/21/24	Goal	1/22/23
Bible Study	53	90	68
AM Worship	97	130	112
PM Worship	54	90	67
Mid Week	58	90	71
Contribution:	\$6,070.01		\$4,480.75

Dates to Remember

Feb. 23-25-Challenge Youth Conference 2024 in Pigeon Forge, TN

March 3- Due date for pantry items for Potter Children's Home

March 29-31-Lads2Leaders 2024 Convention in Louisville, KY

April 14-17-Gospel meeting with Phil Sanders



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: Chris Scott

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: David Morckel,
John Gambill, Jackson Morris,
Mason Morris, Jacob Brown,
Bobby Edmonds, Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Mark Gullett
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Gabe Scott

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Mason Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Greg Conley

DEVOTION: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Jason Fouts

BLDG. ATT.: Brad Morris

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.