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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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Suriname, SA
-Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
-Herman Joseph
Guyana, SA
-Mohamed Ally
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-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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So then, they are no longer
two but one flesh.

Therefore what
God has joined together,
let not man separate.

MATTHEW 19:6, 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!

Corrective Discipline and the Day of Judgment

During the reign of Josiah, the sixteenth king of Judah (ca. 640-609 BC), God sent the prophets Jeremiah (Jer. 1:2) and Zephaniah (Zeph. 1:1) to tell His people to repent lest they suffer punishment.

Judah should have learned her lesson. Israelites of the northern kingdom had continued in rebellion and idolatry long enough that God allowed them to be taken off their land by the Assyrians; Samaria, the capital city of Israel, fell in 722 BC (2 Kings 17). The Lord delivered the southern kingdom of Judah from the Assyrians when they turned to Him (2 Kings 18-19). This should have been a wake-up call to desist from their sinful ways; however, sadly, they went on with their wickedness. Judah would be destroyed for her sins by Babylon from 606-586 BC (2 Kings 24-25), a little more than a century after Israel's fall.

God explained the purposes of punishment for Jerusalem: "I said, 'Surely you will fear Me, You will receive instruction'—So that her dwelling would not be cut off, *Despite* everything for which I punished her. But they rose early and corrupted all their deeds" (Zeph. 3:7). God says that His punishment did not produce repentance; instead, they wasted no time in corrupting themselves. God's punishment was vain in producing behavioral change in Judah (Jer. 2:30). Jerusalem refused to receive correction (Jer. 5:3; 7:28). The Lord proclaimed, "Woe to her who is rebellious and polluted, To the oppressing city! She has not obeyed *His* voice, She has not received correction; She has not trusted in the LORD, She has not drawn near to her God" (Zeph. 3:1-2).

The wise will receive correction and repent in fear of the Lord, but the foolish harden their hearts and continue deeper in their sin without regard to God (Prov. 1:3-7; 15:31-33). Hebrews 12:5-11 teaches that God disciplines His children. Zephaniah warned of a coming judgment (Zeph. 1:2-18). Judah would be punished by the Babylonians in the days of Jeremiah and Zephaniah. The warnings of these prophets remind us today of the concept of final judgment taught in the New Testament (Mark 6:11; Acts 17:30-31; 2 Cor. 5:10; 2 Thess. 1:9-10; 2 Pet. 3:7-11; 1 John 4:17; Jude 6). When we think of standing before God in judgment, do we fear Him or do we willfully continue in sin (Heb. 10:26-29)?

Josiah, the king of Judah, was sensitive to the word of God; it bothered him that they had not obeyed the words of the Lord when they were read in his presence (2 Kings 22:3-13). Josiah ushered in a religious reform in Judah to try to bring the nation into compliance with God's word (2 Kings 23). How different was the attitude of king Jehoiakim when he heard the words of God delivered through Jeremiah! The scroll that contained these inspired words was quickly cut and burned by Jehoiakim (Jer. 36:20-26). The hard-hearted people of Judah caused Jeremiah to weep (Jer. 9:1). Jeremiah lamented the death of men with good hearts like king Josiah (2 Chron. 35:25). When so many continue in willful rebellion to the Bible, it causes God's people to mourn. Christians also lament when one of the faithful few go to the grave (Acts 8:2). However, we know God's judgment will sort it all out. The faithful look forward to the coming day of God (2 Pet. 3:12) and eternal life (Jude 21).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: A Holy Institution

PM: Opposition to the Truth

PM Scripture Reading:

Acts 13:6-12

6 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name *was* Bar-Jesus,

7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 Then Saul, who also *is called* Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

10 and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, *you* son of the devil, *you* enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?

11 And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord *is* upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul believed, when he saw what had been done, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

Dates to Remember

Feb. 18-Elders, deacons, preachers meeting at 4:30pm in the large annex classroom

Feb. 23-Ladies' lunch at Olive Garden in Ashland at 11:30am

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

Potter Children's Home

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

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	2/4/24	Goal	2/5/23
Bible Study	69	90	72
AM Worship	99	130	118
PM Worship	57	90	78
Mid Week	72	90	69
Contribution:	\$7,295.00		\$5,977.00

Have you
contacted
a shut-in
lately?

Why not
today?



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg

PM: George Wallace

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: JC Hughes,
Jason Fouts, Jackson Morris,
Matt Vonderheide, Bobby
Edmonds, Jacob Martin,
Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: John Gambill
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jesse Legg

PM: David Morckel

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Mason Morris

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Jackson Morris

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Mark Parks

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Hall

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

***** 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.