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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
-Daniel Goshorn
Peru, SA
-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)

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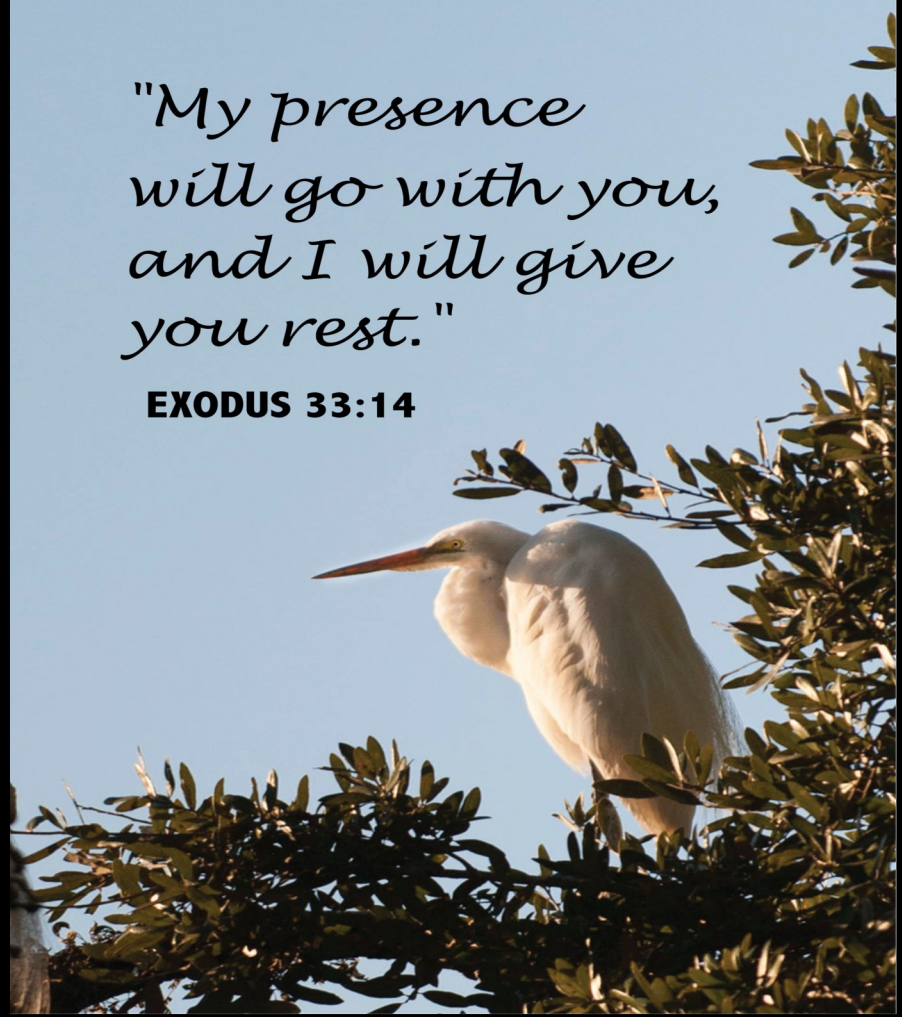
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*"My presence
will go with you,
and I will give
you rest."*

EXODUS 33:14



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!

Guidance in the Wilderness

God guided Israel through the wilderness by highly visible manifestations (Ex. 13:21-22). When the tabernacle—the special tent God had instructed for Israel to erect (Ex. 25:9; 26:1-37)—was completed, Israel was ready to march toward the promised land; a cloud covered the tabernacle by day, and a pillar of fire stood over it by night (Num. 9:15-17). God commanded them when to journey and when to stop and set up camp (Num. 9:18-22). Two silver trumpets were used by the priests, the sons of Aaron, to communicate to the surrounding camp of Israel and coordinate the movements of the tribes on their march through the wilderness.

God had promised Abraham that He would give the land of Canaan to his descendants (Gen. 12:7; 13:15; 17:8). God said that He would dwell among the children of Israel (Ex. 29:45). The cloud was a visible testament to God's presence among His people (Ex. 40:34-38). Other nations evidently knew that God was guiding the Israelites by the pillar of cloud and the pillar of fire (Num. 14:14). In response to the pleading of Moses, God promised, "My Presence will go *with you*, and I will give you rest" (Ex. 33:14).

Today, we live under the New Testament (2 Cor. 3:6). We stand on this side of the cross to which the law of Moses was nailed (Col. 2:14-17). Nevertheless, the experience Israel had in the journey through the wilderness toward the land of promise serves as an example to us (1 Cor 10:6). The details recorded during the former covenant provide encouraging truths that revive our hope in the same living God we serve today (Rom. 15:4).

We walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7). We do not base our lives upon things which are seen, but on the unseen; heaven is our land of promise (2 Cor. 4:17-5:1). Our citizenship is in heaven; thus, we function as foreigners while on earth (Phil. 3:21). The songs we sing reflect the truth that "this world is not my home, I'm just a passing through" and "here we are but straying pilgrims" (1 Pet. 1:1; 2:11). We pray to God, "Guide me, O Thou, Great Jehovah" as we journey through the barren land of life on earth. We are awaiting the rest that shall come to the people of God (Heb. 3:7-4:13).

We do not have a visible sign from God today like a cloud or a pillar of fire that shows us exactly where to go. However, we know Jesus is the way (Jn. 14:6). We are to take up the cross and follow Him daily on our way to glory (Lk. 9:22-26). We have specific instructions regarding how to live recorded in the Scriptures; they tell us when we are wrong, how to make correction, and completely provide all the necessary information to lead us to heaven (2 Tim. 3:16). Both positive and negative commands are found throughout the Bible; thus, like Israel of old, He tells us when to stop and when to march ahead. Consider Ephesians 5:17-18 as an example of a couple of "stop" and "go" verses.

We must encourage our brothers and sisters as they journey alongside us toward this goal (Heb. 3:12-13). Sadly, many who start out on this journey do not faithfully follow the Lord to the end. As many died in the wilderness and did not reach Canaan, so many turn from the living God and wander away from the path that leads to life (Mt. 7:13-14). God has promised us eternal life (Titus 1:2). Let us trust His word and lay hold on the hope that is set before us (Heb. 6:18).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: Church Membership

PM: Finding Purpose in Life

PM Scripture Reading:

Ecclesiastes 1:12-14

12 I, the Preacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem.

13 And I set my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven; this burdensome task God has given to the sons of man, by which they may be exercised.

14 I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and indeed, all *is* vanity and grasping for the wind.

Potter Children's Home

We are gathering pantry items and/or donations for Potter Children's Home. The pantry items requested are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer. Pantry items and donations will be picked up the week of March 3rd.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

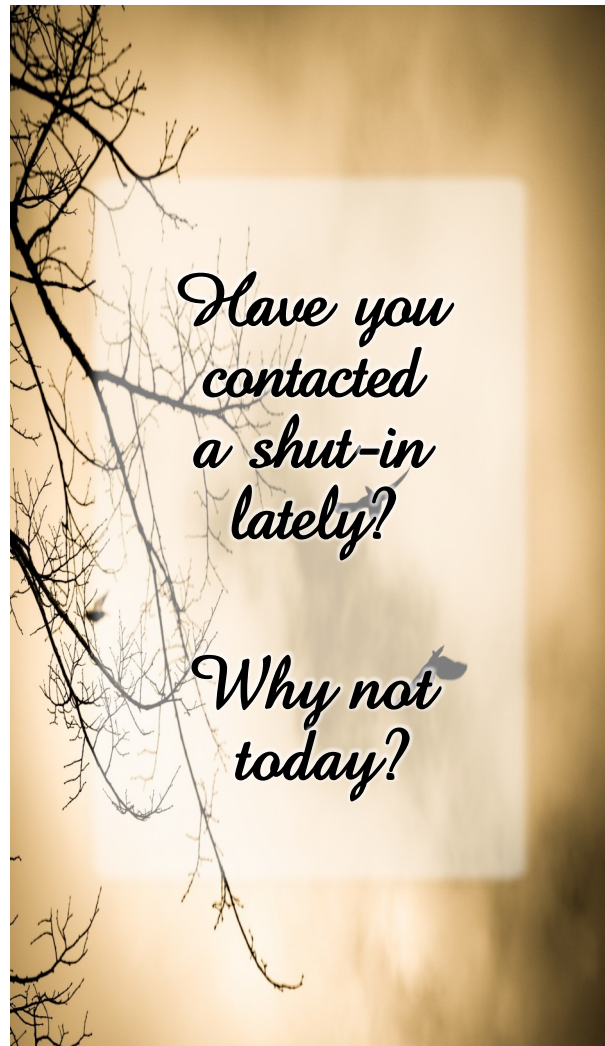
	2/18/24	Goal	2/19/23
Bible Study	65	90	74
AM Worship	108	130	114
PM Worship	79	90	65
Mid Week	76	90	68
Contribution:	\$6,125.20		\$6,207.12

Dates to Remember

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: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Greg Hall

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Hall

Assisting: John Gambill,
Terry Fouts, Mark Parks,
George Wallace, JC Hughes,
Bobby Edmonds, Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Mark Gullett
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jacob Brown

PM: Gabe Scott

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: TBD

☼ Wednesday Servants ☼

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Greg Hall

DEVOTION: Greg Conley

☼ Weekly Servants ☼

LIVE STREAM: Jason Fouts

POWER POINT: Mark Gullett

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Conley

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

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.