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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
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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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!

Cultural Considerations and 1 Timothy 2:11-14

The inspired apostle Paul was very clear in the Lord's instructions for the church when he wrote: "Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression" (1 Tim. 2:11-14).

However, attempts have been made to circumvent this plain teaching. Some, drawing inferences from purported historical and cultural norms, reinterpret this passage so that Paul is commanding to not let the unlearned teach. They say Paul's command of quietness, "...is not because they are women, it is because they are unlearned."¹ Thus, they say the cross-cultural principle is the unlearned—men or women—should not teach. The application of the text has not only been tempered to the point that women per se are not forbidden from teaching over men, but, amazingly, to apply to those who hold that women should not teach over men; in other words, they should not teach their position since they are unlearned.² Thus, if you think this text means women should not teach, then the application is you should not teach because you are misinformed. How drastically the inspired teaching has been twisted in this application!

This reinterpretation based on the cultural theory of uneducated women does not hold water. The conclusion that all Ephesian women were uneducated is unwarranted from historical investigations. Many women in Ephesus were educated, though mostly privately; thus, what has survived history gives only a glimpse of the entire picture of women's education in that society.³ Paul had already addressed those who were attempting to teach yet were unlearned or without understanding earlier in the epistle (1 Tim. 1:3-7, 20). Why would he mention the women in contrast to the men in this section if it were the lack of learning that was the real problem? Why make a gender contrast at all?

Instead, Paul gives reasons for this command that transcend the historical and cultural situation of first-century Ephesus. He goes all the way back to the beginning of time to explain this principle. Order of creation is the first basis upon which this command rests (1 Tim. 2:13). Male leadership was intended by God from the beginning, even before sin entered the world. Woman was created to be a helper to man (Gen. 2:18-20). The second basis is the deception of woman who was the ringleader in the first transgression (1 Tim. 2:14). Consequently, the woman's desire to rule would be given to the man (Gen. 3:16).

Considering the historical-cultural context of Bible passages is important to arriving at the meaning of the text; however, let us be on guard that we do not dismiss clear teaching with the wave of the hand just because a theory about cultural factors has been suggested, especially if we find no hint of such theory in the biblical text. -Mark Day

¹Craig S. Keener. *Paul, Women & Wives: Marriage and Women's Ministry in the Letters of Paul*. (Grand Rapids: Baker, 1992), 120.

²Ibid.

³S. M. Baugh. "A Foreign World." *Women in the Church: An Interpretation and Application of 1 Timothy 2:9-15*. Edited by Andreas J. Köstenberger and Thomas R. Shreiner. 3rd ed. (Wheaton, IL: Crossway, 2016), 58.

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: Choices Leading to Corruption

PM: Ingredients of Biblical Fellowship

PM Scripture Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

- 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles
- 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,
- 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.
- 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,
- 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting

Today is our monthly elders/deacons/preachers meeting at 4:30pm in the large annex classroom.

Dates to Remember

April 21-Elders, deacons, preachers meeting 4:30pm annex

April 26-Ladies' lunch at 11:30am at Bella Fonte in Ashland

April 28-VBS meeting in large annex classroom after AM services

May 19-Grad Honor Night to be held in the annex after evening services

June 2-Graduation party for Allison Brown at 1pm in the annex. All are invited!

Ladies' Luncheon

This Friday the ladies will meet at Bella Fonte in Ashland at 11:30am for lunch and fellowship. All ladies are invited!

VBS Meeting

Next Sunday immediately following morning services, we will have our first VBS planning session in the large annex classroom. Please attend if you are willing to help in any way!

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	4/14/24	Goal	4/16/23
Bible Study	80	90	78
AM Worship	116	130	110
PM Worship	83	90	72
Mid Week	85	90	68
Contribution:	\$6,941.00		\$8,439.04



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: JC Hughes

PM: Matt Vonderheide

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Nathan Adkins,
Jordan Conley, Mark Gullett,
Ernie Perry, Jacob Brown,
Gabe Scott, Terry Fouts

Presiding PM: Greg Hall

Assisting: John Gambill
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Jason Fouts

PM: David Morckel

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Mason Morris

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Cody Ward

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Adkins

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

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.