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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
Tri-state area
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-Dustin Bolks
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-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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of the soul. **HEBREWS 6:19, 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!

Genesis 2

When we read Genesis 2, we are introduced to an idyllic garden with a river running out of it where man and woman live in fellowship with God. We read it living on this side of Genesis 3. We read it knowing guilt before God, the shame of nakedness, strained relationships between husbands and wives and parents and children, and the toil required to reap produce from the land. Genesis 2 shows us that things were not always the way they are now. The original design of the world worked far better before humanity severed itself from the tranquility that pervades intimate fellowship with God.

Genesis 3 gives us insights regarding how this change took place. The crafty serpent planted doubt regarding God's commands and intentions. Mankind began to mistrust God's promises. The forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was eaten and thereby the commandment of God transgressed for the first time.

The serpent said to the woman that her eyes would be opened when she ate (Gen. 3:5). Indeed, the eyes of both Adam and Eve were opened when they partook of the fruit (Gen. 3:7). But Eve was deceived by the serpent (1 Tim. 2:14; 2 Cor. 11:3). The knowledge of good and evil was not an upgrade for humanity to divine existence as the serpent suggested. No, it was a catastrophic downfall. It immediately brought shame. The text at once shows them sewing fig leaves together for makeshift clothing (v. 7) and attempting to hide themselves from God among the trees of the garden (v. 8).

The Lord God questioned where the man was (v. 9)—not because the Lord did not know, but rather as a poignant reminder that man was no longer in his place of comfortable fellowship with God. Blame-shifting begins (Gen. 3:12-13). The man blames the woman. The woman blames the serpent. Still to this day, thousands of years later, blame is continuously hurled at others.

Divine declarations of punishment are issued (Gen. 3:14-16). The blessings of Genesis 1 and 2 have their accursed counterparts in Genesis 3. Instead of cultivating a lush garden (Gen. 2:15), man would toil in the dust by the sweat of his face to get food until he returned to dust (Gen. 3:19). The intention of reproducing, filling the earth and having dominion over every creeping thing on the earth (Gen. 1:28) is now marred by the pain of childbearing (Gen. 3:16) all because humans allowed a creeping serpent to convince them to succumb to a tree's tantalizing fruit. Instead of the amiable picture of Adam naming every living creature (Gen. 2:19), enmity would exist between man and the serpent who would be cursed above all creatures, go on its belly, and eat dust all the days of its life (Gen. 3:14, 15).

However, this bad news of the consequences of sin is not the end of the story. It is countered by the good news of God's plan to place mankind back into the original fellowship before this fall. Genesis 3:15 provides the glimmer of hope that the seed of woman would bruise the head of the serpent. While humanity is plagued by sin today as if trying to walk on a badly bruised heel, the death blow to the head of the serpent has been dealt by the seed of woman: Jesus Christ (Gal. 4:4). Christ's victory means the old serpent is cast out (Jn. 12:31; Rev. 12:9). The tree of life and a pure river of water are promised at the end of the Bible to those who have fellowship with God forever (Rev. 22:1-5). It's time we own up to our sins, believe God's promises knowing He has our best interest at heart, and patiently obey Him to receive again one day what was lost in Genesis 3.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: The God Who humbles Kings

PM: Anchor of the Soul

PM Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 6:18-20

18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us.

19 This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil,

20 where the forerunner has entered for us, even Jesus, having become High Priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.



Gospel Meeting with Phil Sanders

Our gospel meeting with Brother Phil Sanders from "In Search of the Lord's Way" will begin Sunday, April 14th and last through Wednesday, April 17th. Sunday services will be at our regularly scheduled times and all other evening services will begin at 7pm. There will also be morning classes Monday through Wednesday beginning at 10am. Invite your friends. We hope to see you there!

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	3/31/24	Goal	4/2/23
Bible Study	51	90	68
AM Worship	109	130	110
PM Worship	72	90	69
Mid Week	64	90	60
Contribution:	\$5,897.00		\$6,980.05

Dates to Remember

April 14-17-Gospel meeting with Phil Sanders

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

April 26-Ladies' lunch at 11:30am-location TBD

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



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: JC Hughes

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Chris Scott

Assisting: Terry Fouts,
Matt Vonderheide, John Gambill,
Ernie Perry, Jacob Brown,
Gabe Scott, Jesse Legg

Presiding PM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Cody Ward
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg

PM: Gabe Scott

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Jordan Conley

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Jackson Morris

PRAYER: Chris Scott

DEVOTION: Noah Day

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Jesse Legg

BLDG. ATT.: Mark Day

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.