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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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WVSOP support
“In Search of the Lord’s Way”
TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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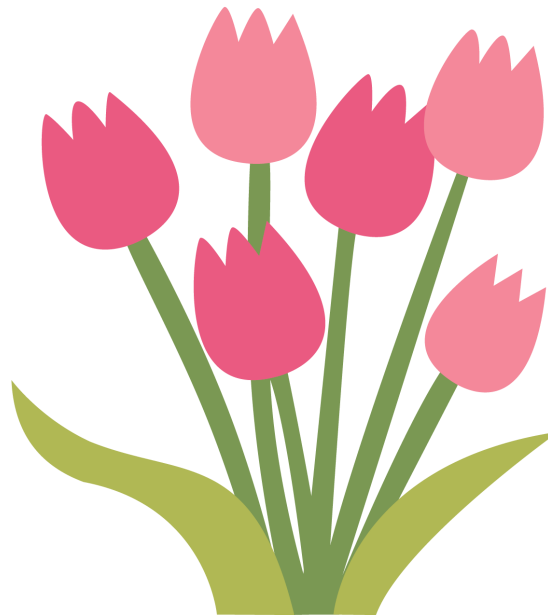
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HAPPY Mother's
DAY



We offer 4 free Bible correspondence course series by mail:

8 lesson series by Hurt
6 lesson series “Acts Of The Apostles” by Pharr
30 lesson series “Studies In The Bible”
20 lesson series “Getting To Know Jesus” by Pharr

Let everyone know!

A Lesson from Livestock

Isaiah begins his prophecy with, “Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: ‘I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me; The ox knows its owner and the donkey its master’s crib; *But* Israel does not know, My people do not consider’” (Isaiah 1:2-3). The rebellion of God’s people forms the basis of Isaiah’s utterances. No time is wasted in showing how foolish it is to forsake God.

Isaiah 1:3 gives the illustration of the ox and the donkey, two farm animals most lacking in intelligence and associated with folly (Proverbs 7:22; 26:3). Humans bear the image of God (Genesis 1:26). God placed humans over animals in the creation (Genesis 1:28-30). That Adam named and classified the animals shows man’s superior intelligence over them (Genesis 2:19, 20). Man often behaves foolishly despite these superior gifts. Even these “dumb animals” know their master, the source of their blessings; however, God’s people had forgotten the source of their blessings.

This illustration still lives today. If you feed a stray cat, it will return. Livestock do not need to be rounded up for feeding time; they show up when it’s time. But men do not always behave this way with God. Often, humans will take God’s blessings for granted and then forsake Him. When punishment comes because of their sins, many people wonder why they are not flourishing. It seems that the animals have figured out what mankind must learn over and over again: if you stay close to your Master, He will continue to bless you.

The last phrase of Isaiah 1:3 is key: “My people do not consider.” A lack of consideration for God is at the root of rebellion. “Israel does not know,” is the parallel phrase preceding this. To “know” connotes the idea of acknowledging God and considering one’s relationship to Him. God knew Israel (Amos 3:2), but they acted like they did not know Him. Hosea 4:6 similarly states: “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” In the first sin, Eve’s focus was shifted from God’s commands (Genesis 3:2-3), to her own interests (Genesis 3:5-6). Has this not been the case with every sin since? Mankind knows God as the source of blessings, but soon forgets. Being ungrateful for His blessings, foolish hearts do not glorify Him, but rather become darkened (Romans 1:21).

How can atheists believe that God does not exist when they receive His blessings every day (Matthew 5:45)? Do they not recognize the food they eat is a testimony of God’s goodness (Acts 14:17)? Can they not see God’s glory in the sky day in and day out (Psalm 19:1-4)? There is no excuse for such denial (Romans 1:20).

How can people who claim to follow God live in direct opposition to His word? Do people really think they can serve sin and still please God as long as they worship Him once a week (Jeremiah 7:9-10)? Do they think that God will not punish the wicked (Jeremiah 5:9, 29; 9:9)? Or are they self-deceived enough to think God will give them a pass (Romans 2:3)?

Let us learn a lesson from the animals, and recognize God is our master Who is able to save and destroy. We must follow Him to be blessed.

- Mark Day

News & Notes



Today's Sermons

AM: Difficulties Mothers Face
- Nathan Adkins

PM: Turning the World Around
- Nathan Adkins

PM Scripture Reading

Acts 17:6 NKJV

“But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.”

JOIN US FOR

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

JUNE 15 10am-2pm

<u>Attendance & Contribution Goals</u>			
	5/5/24	Goal	5/7/23
Bible Study	60	90	79
AM Worship	91	130	119
PM Worship	74	90	64
Mid Week	65	90	61
Contribution	\$8,255.00		\$7,630.62

Dates to Remember

May 19 - Elders, deacons, preachers meeting at 4:30pm in large annex classroom

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

Graduates being honored: Allison Brown, Davonne Parks, Macy Vonderhiede, and Luke Wallace

May 21 - Vote for Flatwoods to remain dry!

May 31 - Ladies' luncheon at The Armory at 11:30am

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

June 8 - Community Outreach Booth at Flatwoods City Park Arts and Eats Festival



Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Jackson Morris

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Greg Hall

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Brad Morris

Assisting: Chris Legg, JC Hughes, Nathan Parks, Cody Ward, Luke Wallace, Mason Morris, Matt Vonderheide

PM Presiding: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: Matt Vonderheide

***gluten-free bread**

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: Jesse Legg

PM: John Gambill

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Gabe Scott

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Greg Hall

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Luke Wallace

POWER POINT: Mark Gullett

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Parks

COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Smith

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

Youth Notes

Pew Packers **Sundays at 5:45pm**

in front of the auditorium
geared to age 12 and 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.

We hope to see you often.