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SERVICES

Sunday School 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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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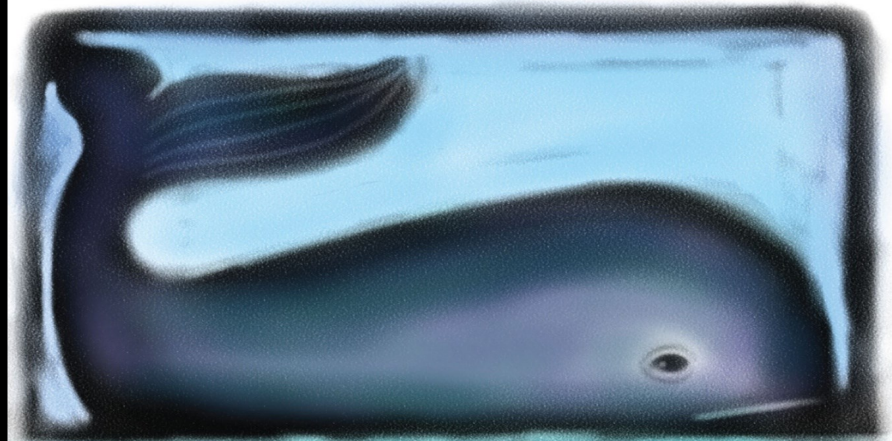
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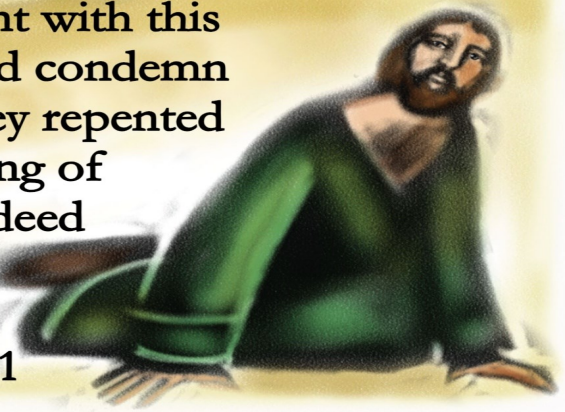
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The men of Nineveh will rise up in judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. Matthew 12:41



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!

John the Baptist: An Example in Suffering for Truth's Sake

The Lord Jesus said, "Among them that are born of women there hath not risen a greater than John the Baptist" (Mt. 11:11). John was a great prophet (Lk. 7:28). He delivered God's message without compromise. He was the voice of one crying in the wilderness who prepared the way for the Lord (Mk. 1:3; cf. Isa. 40:3). He preached repentance (Mt. 3:2). When the multitudes heard him preach of the coming kingdom, they went out to the Jordan river to be baptized, confessing their sins (Mt. 3:5-6).

John did not modify his message to appease people in power. He sternly rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees, calling them to abandon self-righteous attitudes and come to repentance (Mt. 3:7-10). He courageously told Herod that his marriage situation was not lawful (Mk. 6:17-19). John was holy and just; therefore, Herod feared him and observed him (Mk. 6:20). Many are tempted to avoid the subject of divorce and unlawful marriage today even though it is clearly part of the Lord's teaching (Mt. 5:32; 19:4-12; Mk. 10:2-12).

John's firm stance for the truth landed him in prison for he provoked the ire of Herodias—the wife of Herod's brother, Philip, whom Herod had unlawfully married (Mk. 6:17). Mark 6:19 says Herodias "had a quarrel against him, and would have killed him; but she could not." John came in the spirit and power of Elijah (Mal. 4:5; Mt. 17:10-13; Lk. 1:17), the prophet who withstood the wicked Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 18:17-19). John was a rough, wilderness character with similar clothing to Elijah (2 Kgs. 1:8; Mt. 3:4). Moreover, a similarity is also seen in the way Herodias sought to murder John as Jezebel sought Elijah's life (1 Kgs. 19:2). In both situations, a wicked woman married to the king asserted her evil influence to persecute God's righteous messenger.

When Herod's birthday feast was held, Herodias found the opportune day to exact her wrath on John (Mk. 6:21). Herodias' daughter danced and pleased Herod and the powerful men who sat with him as guests (Mk. 6:22). While examples exist of wholesome, celebratory dances (Ex. 15:20; 2 Sam. 6:14-16), there are also provocative dances that incite lust, often associated with idolatry (Ex. 32:19). Today's world is filled with the latter. The context suggests Herodias' daughter engaged in a provocative dance. Herod and his chief men were having a party and her dance "pleased" them in the sense of providing sensual entertainment (Mk. 6:22). Herod made the rash vow to give the girl anything up to half of his kingdom (Mk. 6:23). At the suggestion of her mother, she asked for John to be beheaded (Mk. 6:24, 25). Though Herod did not want to kill John, he nevertheless had him beheaded to keep up appearances (Mk. 6:26-28).

Jesus departed into a deserted place when he heard of John's death (Mt. 14:13; Mk. 6:30, 31). John faithfully discharged his commission at the cost of his life. Jesus, no doubt, loved John and knew that His own death would come as a result of bearing witness to the truth (Mt. 16:21; 17:22, 23; 20:18; Mk. 9:31; 10:33; Jn. 18:37). We are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus in suffering (1 Pet. 2:20-24). Like John, we should have the attitude that Jesus must increase and we must decrease (Jn. 3:30). Our world is filled with immoral leaders who will persecute those who speak the truth and stand against their pursuit of evil lusts. Let us be willing to suffer for speaking the truth. -Mark Day

News & Notes



Lessons of the Week

Sun. AM: The Father's Perspective

Sun. PM: What the Rocks Reflect

Wed. Summer Series: Jonah—David Trimble

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### **PM Scripture Reading:**

2 Peter 3:3-6

3 knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts,

4 and saying, "Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of creation."

5 For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water,

6 by which the world *that* then existed perished, being flooded with water.

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Elders, Deacons, Preachers

Meeting

Elders, deacons, and preachers will be holding their monthly meeting today at 4:30pm in the large annex classroom.

Attendance and Contribution Goals			
	6/9/24	Goal	6/11/23
Bible Study	63	90	75
AM Worship	96	130	119
PM Worship	71	90	—
Mid-week	71	90	65
Contribution	\$4,316.11		\$5,679.60

Dates to Remember

June 16-Elders, deacons, and preachers meeting 4:30pm in the annex

June 28-Ladies' luncheon at Melini Cucina in Ironton at 11:30am

June 30-West Virginia Christian Youth Camp begins

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## **Thai Student Support**

Today is the last day to donate money for the students in Thailand as part of Michael Mayo's mission work. Three levels of support include the following: \$320-\$350 to sponsor students living at home, \$575 to sponsor 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students brought to Chang Mai, and \$600 for university students. Please make checks out to the church and write "Thai Student Support" on the memo line.

## **Cookies for Camp**

At the end of this month (June 30<sup>th</sup>), our youth are going to West Virginia Christian Youth Camp. Our congregation has been asked to share in providing cookies for that week. If you are able, please bring packages of cookies over the next few weeks.



**☞ Today's Servants ☜**

**WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Brad Morris

**PM:** Davis Brown

**FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Jordan Conley

**PM:** Matt Vonderheide

**LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Jeremiah Smith

**Assisting:** David Morckel,  
JC Hughes, Nathan Parks,  
Mark Gullett, Luke Wallace,  
Gabe Scott, Ernie Perry

**Presiding PM:** Greg Hall

**Assisting:** Cody Ward  
\*gluten-free bread

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Davis Brown

**PM:** Gabe Scott

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Mason Morris

**☞ Wednesday Servants ☜**

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley

**SONG LEADER:** Mark Day

**PRAYER:** Jordan Conley

**DEVOTION:** Jeremiah Smith

**☞ Weekly Servants ☜**

**LIVE STREAM:** Jesse Legg

**POWER POINT:** Chris Legg

**BLDG. ATT.:** Greg Conley

**COORDINATOR:** JC Hughes

**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.

***We hope to see you often.***