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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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*Seek*  
the LORD and  
*Live*

**Amos 5:6**

**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!

## Who is Blind?

Luke 18:35 refers to a blind man who sat begging by the road near Jericho. Evidently, this is Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, mentioned in Mark 10:46. This man heard a multitude passing by and asked what it was. They told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by (Lk. 18:37).

He called out to Jesus for mercy and referred to him as the “Son of David” (Mk. 10:47; Lk. 18:38). The significance of this reference is found in the exchange between Jesus and the Pharisees in Matthew 22:41-46. In first-century Jewish terms, “the Son of David” was equivalent to Christ, the Messiah (Mt. 22:42). Jesus was not merely a descendant of David, but rather the promised king of Israel.

Much like the disciples who tried to prevent children from being brought to Jesus (Mk. 10:13-16), many thought Jesus would have no time for a blind man; they rebuked Bartimaeus and warned him to be quiet (Mk. 10:48). But he cried out even more (Lk. 18:39). Jesus stopped and granted him sight (Mk. 10:49-52; Lk. 18:40-42). Jesus noted this man’s faith (Mk. 10:52; Lk. 18:42). Just because he was blind did not mean he was cut off from all knowledge. Likely he heard the scriptures read in the synagogue. He probably also heard about the miracles and teachings of Jesus. Despite his handicap, he was able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth about Jesus being the fulfillment of the Old Testament. This blind man saw something that others who had sight did not see. As the old saying goes, “none are so blind as those who will not see.”

On another occasion when Jesus healed a blind man, the Pharisees refused to believe (John 9). They had the erroneous conviction that the blind man was born in sins and could not teach them anything; thus, they cast him out of the synagogue (Jn. 9:34). Jesus said, “For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind” (Jn. 9:39). No wonder when Jesus rebuked this sanctimonious sect, he used the term “blind Pharisee” (Mt. 23:26).

Many are blind to the truth today because of the same pitfalls of the Pharisees. Whereas Bartimaeus was in a lowly place, the Pharisees sought places of honor among men (Mt. 23:5-12). Maintaining a place of power blinds men to the clear signs God has given (Jn. 11:47-50). The Pharisees were covetous (Lk. 16:14). Pride, self-sufficiency, and earthly riches can make one blind to spiritual truth like the Laodiceans were (Rev. 3:17). The Pharisees followed man-made traditions over the word of God (Mk. 7:1-23). We are to be on guard against any human teaching that would take our hearts captive and prevent us from walking in Christ (Col. 2:8).

If a man desires to do God’s will, he can discover the truth and differentiate it from error (Jn. 7:17). The one with an honest and good heart receives the word of God and brings forth fruit (Lk. 8:15). Do we spend our energy tearing down others based on misguided judgments, or do we take time to examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5)? We all need to be honest with ourselves and with the word of God, lest our minds become blinded to the light of the glorious gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4).

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## **Lessons of the Week**

**Sun. AM:** The Lifter of My Head

**Sun. PM:** Pilate's Question

**Wed. Summer Series:** Amos—Chris Scott

## **PM Scripture Reading:**

John 18:33-38

33 Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?"

34 Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?"

35 Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?"

36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here."

37 Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

38 Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all."



<b>Attendance and Contribution Goals</b>			
	6/16/24	Goal	6/18/23
<b>Bible Study</b>	74	90	66
<b>AM Worship</b>	121	130	114
<b>PM Worship</b>	85	90	73
<b>Mid-week</b>	93	90	63
<b>Contribution</b>	\$9,552.06		\$6,015.35

## **Dates to Remember**

**June 23**-Elders, deacons, and preachers meeting 4:30pm in the annex

**June 28**-Ladies' luncheon at Melini Italian Ristorante in Ironton at 11:30am

**June 30**-West Virginia Christian Youth Camp begins



## **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.

## **Ladies' Luncheon**

Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, the ladies will be meeting at Melini Italian Ristorante in Ironton at 11:30am for their monthly luncheon. All ladies are welcome to attend to enjoy food and fellowship.

## **Elders, Deacons, Preachers Meeting**

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



**☞ Today's Servants ☜**

**WELCOME:**

**AM/PM:** Chris Scott

**SONG LEADER:**

**AM:** Nathan Adkins

**PM:** Jeremiah Smith

**FIRST PRAYER:**

**AM:** Greg Conley

**PM:** John Gambill

**LORD'S TABLE\*:**

**Presiding AM:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** Chris Legg,  
Jesse Legg, David Morckel,  
Cody Ward, Jason Fouts,  
Matt Vonderheide, Mason Morris

**Presiding PM:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Terry Fouts  
\*gluten-free bread

**CLOSING PRAYER:**

**AM:** Nathan Parks

**PM:** Jacob Brown

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**PM:** Gabe Scott

**☞ Wednesday Servants ☜**

**WELCOME:** Mark Parks

**SONG LEADER:** Jeremiah Smith

**PRAYER:** Matt Vonderheide

**DEVOTION:** Mark Day

**☞ Weekly Servants ☜**

**LIVE STREAM:** Luke Wallace

**POWER POINT:** Mark Gullett

**BLDG. ATT.:** Nathan Adkins

**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.***