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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
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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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For

THE WAYS OF THE LORD

*are right, and the just
shall walk in them.*

HOSEA 14:9, KJV

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!

Living Sacrificial Lives

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service” (Rom. 12:1). In view of God’s mercies to all people, Paul urged Christians to present their bodies as living sacrifices to God. The sacrifice of Jesus in becoming human, dying on the cross, and being raised from the dead gives Christians the foundation to live their lives as sacrifices to God.

Earlier in the epistle to the Romans, Paul commanded, “And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God” (Rom. 6:13). If our lives are to be sacrifices well-pleasing to God, then we must live in holiness and righteousness. Romans 12:2 explains this two-fold endeavor by which we present our bodies as living sacrifices: “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Notice both the negative and positive of this verse. Negatively: do not be conformed to this world. Positively: be transformed by the renewing of your mind. If we have been born again to new life in Christ, then we must not conform ourselves to the former lusts that characterize worldly ignorance of spiritual truth, but instead be holy as our Father in heaven is holy (1 Pet. 1:14-16).

Our citizenship is in heaven (Phil. 3:20); thus, we should be heavenly-minded instead of earthly-minded (Col. 3:2). This present age is evil (Gal. 1:4). The lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life are transient; whoever loves and pursues them does not love God (1 Jn. 2:15-17). Are we becoming conformed to the world in what we promote, in how we dress and speak, in our entertainment selections, and in how we operate in the church? Are you pursuing the lusts of this world or the will of God? The church is beset by members who think and live like the world. Let us be on guard against the pride of life, lest we become conceited and engage in political maneuvering in the church instead of humbly serving God (Rom. 12:3). We must be cautious of merely claiming to love others, but not genuinely, only hypocritically (Rom. 12:9). The worldly mindset is subtle enough to make all our apparent “goodness” actually rotten at its core if deep down we are selfish and proud.

Instead of allowing the world to squeeze us into its mold, our thinking must be transformed to the mindset of Christ. The New Testament reveals to us the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, and looking intently into it can bring about transformation (2 Cor. 3:18). The revelation of Christ is the perfect law of liberty (Jas. 1:25); however, we must not merely look into it and forget, but rather reflect and make necessary changes (Jas. 1:21-24). Our lives can reflect the divine light to the world (Mt. 5:14; Jn. 8:12; 9:5).

We can find out and follow the will of God and thus show its genuineness. This is what is meant by “prove” in the last part of Romans 12:2, “that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.” Notice God’s will is described as good, acceptable, and perfect. God’s will is beneficial when we put it into practice. Christianity is more than attending church service fairly often and doing a few good things for others from time to time. It is presenting oneself as a sacrifice to God every day with a serious devotion to holiness and righteousness in keeping God’s will. -Mark Day

News & Notes



Lessons of the Week

Sun. AM: Put On the Armor of Light

Sun. PM: Backbone of the Church

Wed. Summer Series: Hosea—Shawn Hatton



Dates to Remember

June 30-West Virginia Christian Youth Camp begins

July 27-Church picnic at 5:00pm at church building and grounds



PM Scripture Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:28

28 And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.



West Virginia Christian Youth Camp

Some of our youth and their families are leaving for West Virginia Christian Youth Camp for the week. Please pray for safe travels and a week of spiritual growth.

Attendance and Contribution Goals			
	6/23/24	Goal	6/18/23
Bible Study	74	90	79
AM Worship	109	130	110
PM Worship	84	90	68
Mid-week	87	90	63
Contribution	\$5,455.77		\$6,025.00



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER:

AM: Jeremiah Smith

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jackson Morris

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: John Gambill,
JC Hughes, Mark Parks,
Mark Gullet, Luke Wallace,
Gabe Scott, Ernie Perry

Presiding PM: Mark Parks

Assisting: Chris Scott
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: George Wallace

PM: Cody Ward

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Noah Day

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: Jackson Morris

DEVOTION: Jerry Sturgill

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Jackson Morris

POWER POINT: Nathan Parks

BLDG. ATT.: Jeremiah Smith

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.