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**SERVICES**

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

**WEB PAGE**

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**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)

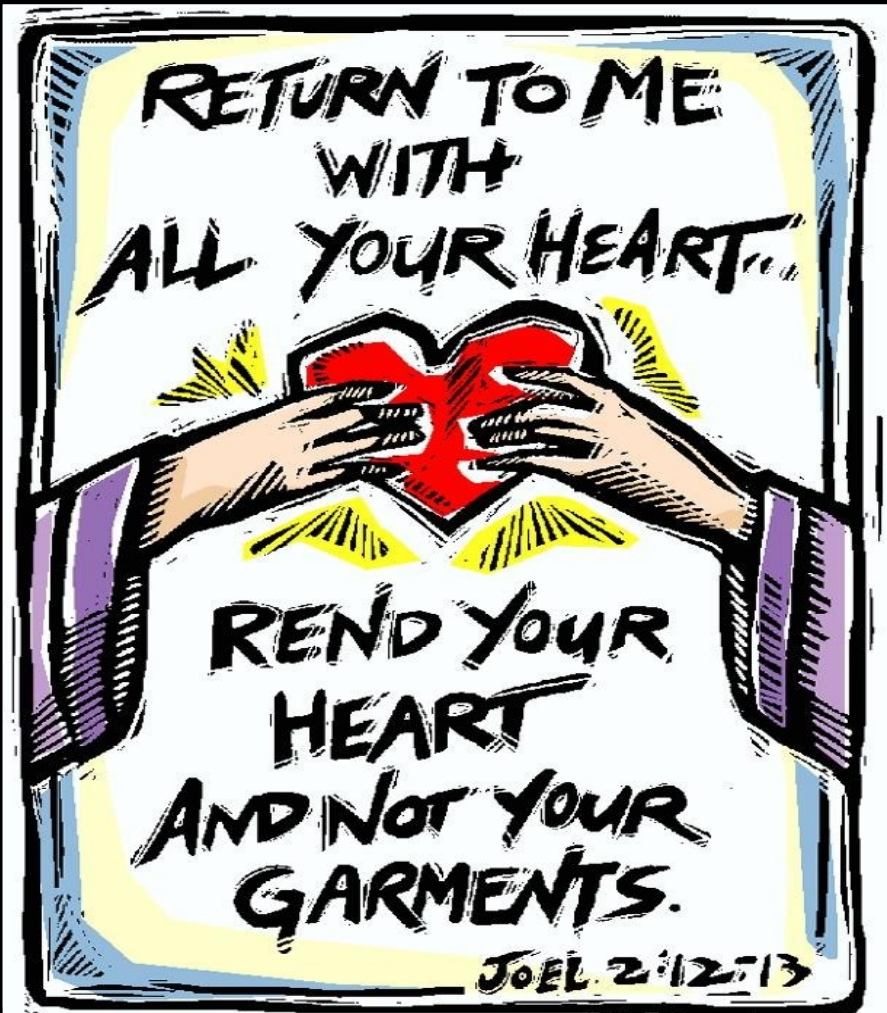
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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

## Deacons

The apostle Paul gives God's qualifications for deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8-13. The word that is translated "deacon" in English versions of the Bible has the basic meaning as "one who serves." This same word is translated as "servant" or "minister" in other places in the New Testament that do not refer to the specific role of deacon in the church (Mt. 22:13; Jn. 2:5, 9; 1 Cor. 3:5). Just as with the term "elder"—which may be used generically to refer to an older person (1 Tim. 5:1; 1 Pet. 5:5), but in Titus 1:5 refers to a particular position—the term for deacon may be used generically. Generic uses refer to any kind of servant. However, in 1 Timothy 3, the context is specific offices/roles in the church fulfilled by men who meet the listed qualifications; thus, it is used in a technical sense. A deacon is a servant in the church who meets these qualifications.

Deacons are to be, as the KJV reads, "grave"—serious and dignified in their work (1 Tim. 3:8). They are not to be double-tongued—telling different tales insincerely to appease people—but rather should engage in straight-talk.

Deacons should not be given to much wine. Alcohol for recreational use is left behind when one becomes a Christian (1 Pet. 4:1-4). The "much wine" here is the Bible's way of describing things that should not be taken as a license to participate in a little bit. Jesus warned us not to be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life (Luke 21:34). He did not mean we could do a little carousing and drunkenness provided we are not weighed down by it. Later in 1 Timothy, Paul had to tell Timothy to stop drinking water and take a little wine for his stomach's sake, seemingly for medicinal reasons (1 Tim. 5:23). Timothy conscientiously avoided wine as a rule, so should Christians including deacons today.

Deacons are not to be greedy of dishonest gain (1 Tim. 3:8). Like the previous point, this does not mean a little dishonest gain is all right as long as one is not greedy for it. Deacons often handle financial transactions of the church in their service. A deacon who desires wealth without regard to biblical ethics can cause great damage to the church.

Deacons are to hold the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience (1 Tim. 3:9). The faith is the gospel plan of salvation (Acts 6:7; Jude 3). It is called a mystery by Paul because it was unknown in former ages and had to be revealed by God (Eph. 3:1-6; 6:19; Col. 1:24-27). To hold it is to adhere steadfastly to it instead of drifting away from it into false systems of thought (1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Tim. 1:13). Deacons hold on to the truth of the gospel with a pure conscience—they firmly believe and live out the gospel. Sometimes the church may be tempted to downplay the importance of a deacon being sound in the doctrine of Christ, perhaps because it is thought that he will be involved merely in physical chores, but this is a mistake since the Bible highlights his firm grasp of the gospel.

Deacons demonstrate their proficiency at leading a work of the church by first showing their ability to govern their homes. A deacon must be the husband of one wife and manage his children and household well (1 Tim. 3:12). Deacons are first to display proven experience to the congregation before being installed (1 Tim. 3:10). They are installed if they are beyond reproach.

We need spiritually mature men who meet these qualifications to step up and make sure the church accomplishes the Lord's work. Let us be appreciative and respectful of the men who serve well in these capacities.

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



## Lessons of the Week

Sun. AM: Hebrews 4:12

Sun. PM: Go for the Gold

Wed. Summer Series: Joel — Luke Goulds

## PM Scripture Reading:

Hebrews 12:1-3

1 Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls.

## Dates to Remember

June 15-Vacation Bible School

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

## Thai Student Support

Next Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

JOIN US FOR

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

1 TIMOTHY 4:12

**JUNE 15 10am-2pm**

Attendance and Contribution Goals			
	6/2/24	Goal	6/4/23
Bible Study	61	90	75
AM Worship	110	130	110
PM Worship	71	90	77
Mid-week	72	90	65
Contribution	\$9,634.11		\$6,411.52

## ☞ Today's Servants ☞

### WELCOME:

**AM/PM:** Greg Hall

### SONG LEADER:

**AM:** Davis Brown

**PM:** Nathan Adkins

### FIRST PRAYER:

**AM:** George Wallace

**PM:** Greg Conley

### LORD'S TABLE\*:

**Presiding AM:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Davis Brown,  
JC Hughes, Chris Legg,  
Cody Ward, Jason Fouts,  
Gabe Scott, Nathan Parks

**Presiding PM:** Nathan Parks

**Assisting:** Davis Brown  
\*gluten-free bread

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**AM:** Jacob Brown

**PM:** David Morckel

### SCRIPTURE READING:

**PM:** Gabe Scott

## ☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

**WELCOME:** Greg Hall

**SONG LEADER:** Jeremiah Smith

**PRAYER:** JC Hughes

**DEVOTION:** Mark Day

## ☞ Weekly Servants ☞

**LIVE STREAM:** Jordan Conley

**POWER POINT:** Gabe Scott

**BLDG. ATT.:** Mark Day

**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.*