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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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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!

Do You Think We Are Near the End?

Often people see the drastic wars and changes taking place around the world and think these events portend the end of times. They may mistakenly apply passages about the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem in AD 70 that ended the Jewish system to the end of the world (Mt. 24:6; Mk. 13:7; Lk. 21:10-24). However, let us remember the final coming of Christ will be unannounced. Just after mentioning that heaven and earth will pass away (Mt. 24:35), Jesus went on to say, "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only" (Mt. 24:36). There were signs leading up to the destruction of Jerusalem (Mt. 24:33), but not so with the end of the world.

The apostle Paul wrote, "For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape" (1 Thess. 5:2, 3). The unexpected timing of the event is compared to a thief in the night, the same way it is described in 2 Peter 3:10. Notice also, people will be saying, "Peace and safety!" not "doom and gloom!" as they often do presently regarding world events. Some will be eating and drinking and celebrating marriages when He comes (Mt. 24:37). The final coming of Christ will surprise people, and catch them off guard; thus, we always must stay ready (Mt. 24:42-44).

Jesus clearly taught there will be a "last day" (Jn. 6:39, 40, 44, 54; 12:48). In these statements, the Lord refers to resurrection and judgment occurring then. He is referring to the final "day of judgment," a single event at the end in which all will be judged (Mt. 11:22, 24). All will stand before the judgment seat of Christ (2 Cor. 5:10; Acts 17:30-31).

While there will be a "last day" in the history of the world, let us not confuse it with the term "last days" in the Bible. Peter taught that the last days were inaugurated at Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus when the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy of God pouring out His Spirit began (Acts 2:14-17). The writer of Hebrews refers to "these last days" (Heb. 1:2). "These" instead of "the" indicates the writer was living in them. Similarly, Peter referred to "these last times" (1 Pet. 1:20). Thus, the "last days" is the last age of time, the Christian age in which we live, before the end. The "last days" does not mean the last few years, months, or days before the return of Christ, but an entire period of history. The last days have already nearly spanned two thousand years. We in the twenty-first century are living in the "last days" just as Peter was in the first century.

Instead of being glued to the never-ending news cycle, trying to figure out what it all might mean, let us take time to focus on God's word and be ready whenever the final judgment may come. If we are children of the day, walking in the light, that final day will not overtake us as a thief (1 Thess. 5:4-8). We can have confidence that whenever the Lord comes, we are walking in His light and are ready to live with Him forever.

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Lessons of the Week

Sun. AM: Reconciled to God

Sun. PM: Many Members in One Body

Wed. Summer Series: Micah—Chris Roberts



PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 12:3-5

3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

5 so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.



Attendance and Contribution Goals			
	6/30/24	Goal	7/2/23
Bible Study	71	90	75
AM Worship	119	130	111
PM Worship	64	90	58
Mid-week	82	90	62
Contribution	\$6156.00		\$6,915.02

Dates to Remember

July 11-14-Paintsville Event-Beautifully Broken

July 21-Elders, Deacons, Preachers meeting at 4:30pm in the annex

July 26-Ladies' luncheon at Cheddar's at 11:30am

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



**Have you
talked to
someone about
their salvation
this week?**



☞ Today's Servants ☜

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Nathan Adkins

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Mark Parks

PM: Nathan Parks

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Greg Conley

Assisting: Chris Scott,
John Gambill, Nathan Parks,
Jason Fouts, Mason Morris,
Terry Fouts, Noah Day

Presiding PM: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Jackson Morris
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Chris Legg

PM: Mason Morris

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Noah Day

☞ Wednesday Servants ☜

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Mason Morris

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Mark Day

☞ Weekly Servants ☜

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Mark Parks

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Parks

COORDINATOR: Brad Morris

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.