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

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-Michael Mayo
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-Herman Joseph
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-D.J. Hatfield
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Way"* TV broadcast

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Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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The LORD is good,
A stronghold in the
day of trouble;
And He knows
those who
trust in Him.

Nahum 1:7, NKJV

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!

When Did the Kingdom Come?

The opening chapters of the New Testament record both John the Baptist and Jesus in their public ministries preaching the kingdom of heaven was near (Mt. 3:2; 4:17). Jesus said it would come in the lifetimes of some who heard Him speak, “Assuredly, I say to you that there are some standing here who will not taste death till they see the kingdom of God present with power” (Mk. 9:1). The kingdom would result in Heaven’s will being done on earth (Mt. 6:10). The phrase “kingdom of heaven” is used in Matthew, perhaps, because the Jewish audience was accustomed to having a substituted word for “God.” It was God’s kingdom that Jesus preached was near (Mk. 1:14, 15). God is in heaven, and we are on earth (Ecc. 5:2; Mt. 6:9).

The kingdom would come to earth, but it would not be an earthly, political type of kingdom (Jn. 18:36). The kingdom is a spiritual realm into which the saved are transferred (Col. 1:13). It is a spiritual kingdom in which Christ reigns in the hearts of those who submit to His will (Lk. 17:20-21). Jesus taught many parables of the kingdom in which He likened it to earthly episodes for illustrative purposes (Mt. 13; 20:1-16; 22:1-14; 25). We do not easily grasp spiritual truths. Those who heard Jesus often misunderstood Him because they had earthly/physical preconceptions about the kingdom or took His language too literally. In His preaching, Jesus was preparing people for the impending kingdom.

A dream king Nebuchadnezzar had centuries before revealed God’s kingdom would be set up in the days of the Roman kings (Dan. 2). The Roman Caesars were in power when Jesus lived as a human on the earth, died, and rose again to sit on His throne as King of Kings (Lk. 3:1; 20:25; 23:2; Jn. 19:12-15; Acts 2:30-36; 1 Tim. 6:15; Rev. 17:9-14). Jesus promised to build His church and told Peter about the “keys of the kingdom” in the same brief statement (Mt. 16:17-19). The church and the kingdom are often used interchangeably. Power that Jesus said would accompany His kingdom came on Pentecost day following the resurrection of Jesus from the dead (Acts 2:1-4). Those who responded positively to the preaching of the apostles—particularly the inspired instructions of Peter recorded in the biblical text—through repentance and baptism were added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47). The kingdom came with power. Peter, with the keys of the kingdom, opened the door for people to access this kingdom when he said, “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized for the remission of sins...” (Acts 2:38).

Those in the church are in the kingdom. The saints and faithful brethren in Christ at Colossae (Col. 1:2) had been delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed into the kingdom of God’s Son (Col. 1:13). When John wrote to persecuted Christians in the seven churches of Asia Minor, he referred to himself as their brother in the kingdom of Jesus Christ (Rev. 1:9). Christians are fellow citizens (Eph. 2:19) of this holy nation (1 Pet. 2:9).

The proper response to hearing the kingdom of God preached is to be baptized (Acts 8:12). When one is baptized into Christ, a new birth occurs. In John 3:5-7, Jesus said, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’” This is the way to enter the kingdom of God—the church.

Christ’s kingdom has come. It was established on earth nearly two thousand years ago. It is the church of Christ. John prepared the way for its reception. Jesus preached about it, then died, and rose again to establish it. Are you in the kingdom?

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Lessons of the Week

Sun. AM: 2 Peter 3:8

Sun. PM: Tell Me About Worship

Wed. Summer Series: Nahum—Scott Judge

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### **PM Scripture Reading:**

John 4:19-26

- 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.
- 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you *Jews* say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship."
- 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father.
- 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews.
- 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.
- 24 God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
- 25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things."
- 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am *He*."

## **Dates to Remember**

**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

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Elders, Deacons, Preachers' Meeting

The elders, deacons, and preachers will be holding their monthly meeting next Sunday, July 21st at 4:30pm in the large annex classroom.

Ladies' Luncheon

The ladies will be meeting at Cheddar's in Ashland at 11:30am Friday, July 26th for food and fellowship. All ladies are invited to attend.

Church Picnic

Our annual church picnic will be at 5pm Saturday, July 27th at the church building and grounds. Meat and toppings will be provided. Please bring a side dish, dessert, and/or drinks to share. There is a sign-up sheet for this on the bulletin board.

Attendance and Contribution Goals			
	<i>7/7/24</i>	Goal	<i>7/9/23</i>
Bible Study	71	90	72
AM Worship	122	130	119
PM Worship	75	90	68
Mid-week	79	90	58
Contribution	\$5,976.00		\$5,186.25



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Davis Brown

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Matt Vonderheide

LORD'S TABLE*:

Presiding AM: Chris Legg

Assisting: Brad Morris,
Gabe Scott, Jesse Legg,
Mark Gullett, Davis Brown,
JC Hughes, Matt Vonderheide

Presiding PM: Greg Hall

Assisting: George Wallace
*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: David Morckel

PM: Cody Ward

SCRIPTURE READING:

PM: Gabe Scott

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Nathan Adkins

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

LIVE STREAM: Jackson Morris

POWER POINT: Mason Morris

BLDG. ATT.: Mark 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.