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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

MISSIONS
Jerry Sturgill
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Suriname, SA
Michael Mayo
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WVSOP support
“In Search of the Lord’s Way”
TV broadcast

SEARCH TV
Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

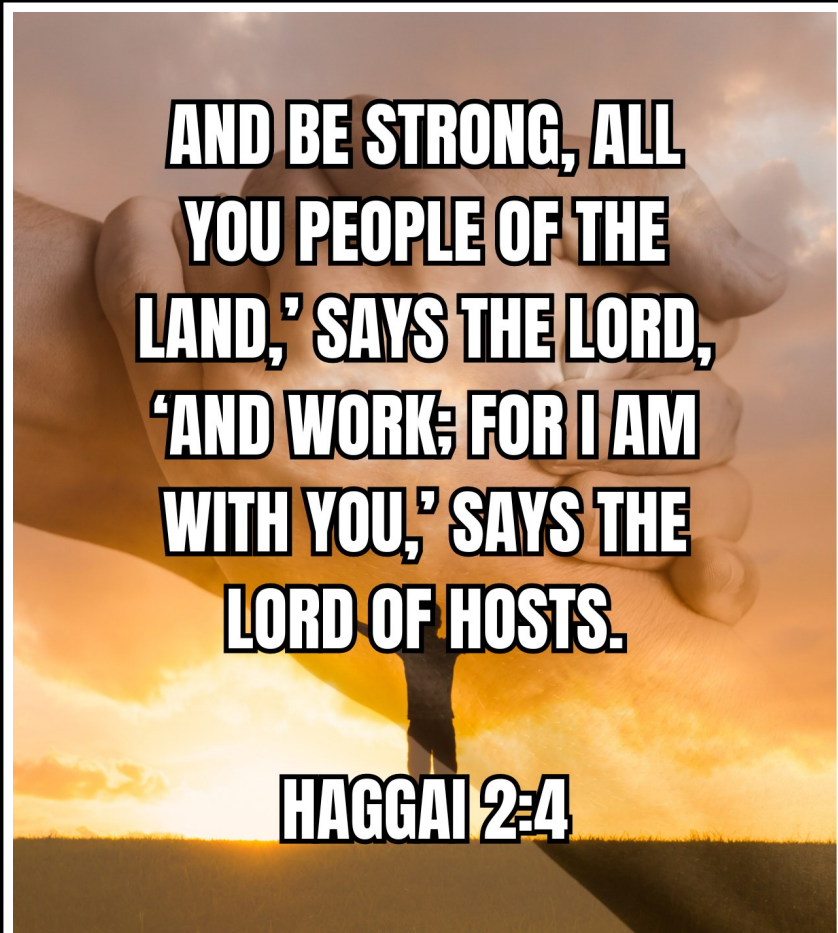
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We offer 4 free Bible correspondence course series by mail:

- 8 lesson series by Hurt
- 6 lesson series “Acts Of The Apostles” by Pharr
- 30 lesson series “Studies In The Bible”
- 20 lesson series “Getting To Know Jesus” by Pharr

Let everyone know!

Speaking the Truth

That we ought to tell the truth is one of the most basic ethics, universally understood. Often a child's first pangs of conscience are about telling a lie. The Bible is explicit in man's moral obligation to be truthful. Ephesians 4:25 commands, "Therefore, putting away lying, *'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,'* for we are members of one another."

Humans lie (Num. 23:19), but God "never lies" (Titus 1:2). Biblical commands against lying are rooted in the character of God. God "cannot lie" (Titus 1:2). It is against His nature. The Bible does not just say God *will not* lie, but that He *cannot*. Lying is contrary to His being; thus, it is impossible for Him (Heb. 6:18). God's word is truth (Prov. 30:5; John 17:17). If we are image-bearers of God, then we should not lie, as Paul wrote, "Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator" (Col. 3:9, 10).

Enemies of God have deceitful tongues and lying lips (Ps. 120:2-4; Prov. 12:22). Thus, liars are followers of the devil. Jesus noted this in response to those who maligned Him as one born of fornication, saying they were of their father the devil (John 8:44). The devil is "the father of lies" in that he spoke the first lie, "You will not surely die" (Gen. 3:4). Satan not only lied, but also slandered God's character, as if God had only given the prohibition of eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil to hold humans back, instead of operating in their best interest (Gen. 3:5). False religion involves deceitful spirits and hypocritical men who speak lies (1 Tim. 4:1, 2). Lying tends to accompany other sins. The murderer, the adulterer, and the thief all lie to conceal their wrongdoing. Consider how Cain tried to lie to God in response in Genesis 4:9 regarding the whereabouts of his brother Abel. The first homicide was intertwined with sin of lying.

The Lord not only hates "a lying tongue," (Prov. 6:17) but also "a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers" (Prov. 6:19). The law God spoke from Sinai proscribed bearing false witness (Exod. 20:16). Such was serious because it perverted judgment. Thus, the warning: "You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in his lawsuit. Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and righteous, for I will not acquit the wicked. And you shall take no bribe, for a bribe blinds the clear-sighted and subverts the cause of those who are in the right" (Exod. 23:6-8). Lying impairs the judge's ability to render a fair judgment. In Deuteronomy 19:15-21, the Lord enacted laws to prevent false witnesses from condemning the innocent. At least two witnesses were required; additionally, if one was found to have borne false witness, then whatever penalty would have been executed on the accused would be exacted on the false witness.

While the focus of passages proscribing bearing false witness (such as Exodus 20:16; Deut. 19:18; Ps. 27:12; Prov. 14:5; 25:18) is a courtroom situation, God's prohibition of lying is not limited to judicial testimony, but to everything we affirm. False charges and insinuations made in private conversations still harm others. Slander robs a man of his good name, which is more valuable than great riches of silver and gold (Prov. 22:1). The cowardly spread falsehoods in private about an individual they dislike, but will never confront the individual nor make the same accusations in public under judicial oath. Let us determine to be honest people who speak the truth and thus be more like God.

- Mark Day

News & Notes

Lessons of the Week

Sun AM:

The Rock Upon Which the Church Is Built

Sun PM:

The Parable of the Talents

Wed Summer Series:

Haggai - Jordan Conley

PM Scripture Reading

Matthew 25:14-18 (NKJV)

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord’s money.”

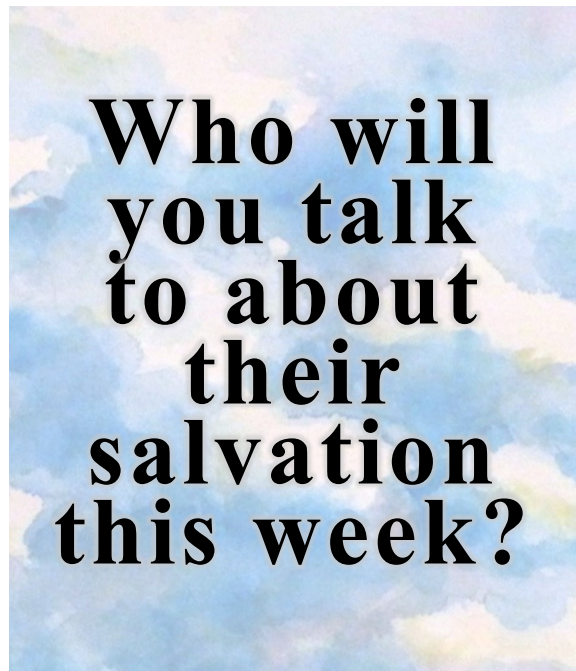
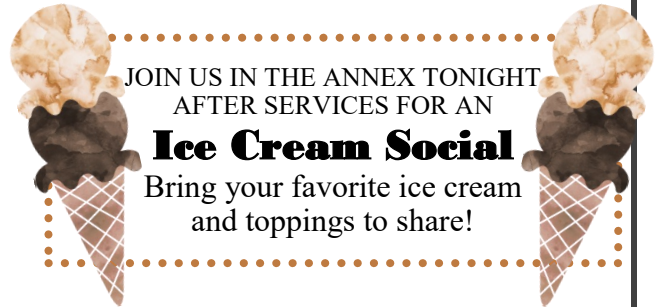
Dates to Remember

Aug 11 - Ice cream social after evening services

Aug 18 - 4:30pm - Elders, preachers, and deacons meeting

Aug 30 - 11:30am - Ladies’ luncheon at The Depot in Ironton

Sept 14 - 6pm - Cookout and singing at the Scotts’ house



Attendance & Contribution Goals

	8/4/24	Goal	8/6/23
Bible Study	63	90	nc
AM Worship	105	130	101
PM Worship	76	90	nc
Mid Week	76	90	74
Contribution	\$5,952.50		\$6,984.02

Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Brad Morris

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: George Wallace

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Greg Conley

Assisting: John Gambill, Cody Ward,
Mark Gullett, Matt Vonderheide, Jacob
Brown, Luke Wallace, Jason Fouts

PM Presiding: Nathan Parks

Assisting: JC Hughes

*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: Jesse Legg

PM: Matt Vonderheide

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Noah Day

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Mark Day

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Mason Morris

POWER POINT: Chris Legg

BLDG. ATT.: John Gambill

COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

Youth Notes

Pew Packers
Sundays at 5:45pm
in front of the auditorium
geared to age 12 and 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.