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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  
*Tri-state area*  
Daniel Goshorn  
*Peru, SA*  
Dustin Bolks  
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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 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!**

## **An Example to Imitate**

The apostle Paul urged the Christians in Corinth to follow him as he followed Christ (1 Cor. 11:1). It is only his imitation of Christ the apostle desired others duplicate. Christ is the ultimate example. Paul formerly persecuted the church, but his powerful conversion shows how one who was the chief of sinners could be saved by God's mercy (1 Tim. 1:13-16). Paul's life then became a pattern others could imitate (1 Tim. 1:16). Paul did not want others to commit the same sins of his former life; instead, he wanted others to adopt this mindset, "For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21).

Paul preached Christ crucified (1 Cor. 1:23), even though others thought the message was foolishness (1 Cor. 1:18). Festus called him crazy (Acts 26:24). But Paul spoke words of truth and reason (Acts 26:25). Paul knew that the gospel he preached was the power to salvation (Rom. 1:16; 1 Cor. 15:1-4). He spoke the truth in love for the souls of men (Eph. 4:15) even if those men responded by treating him as an enemy (Gal. 4:16).

In this way, Paul was like Christ and is an example to us. Paul's life as a messenger of the gospel is one of sacrifice. He said, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Gal. 2:20).

Paul did not just talk a good talk. He lived it. He could point to his own work ethic when he corrected those in Thessalonica who would not work (1 Thess. 2:9; 2 Thess. 3:8). When he encouraged the Ephesian elders in Acts 20, he spoke from experience (Acts 20:17-27). Acts 19 shows how he had much concern and sorrow when he began work in Ephesus. He "fought with beasts" there (1 Cor. 15:32). Yet, Paul served the Lord with all humility of mind (Acts 20:19). Paul again pointed to his own example in his final commission to those elders in Acts 20:32-35:

So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

What about you and me? Do we live a life that we would recommend others imitating? I'm not suggesting that we try to draw as much attention to ourselves as possible to get the praise of men (Mt. 6:1-7), but that we let our light shine (Mt. 5:16). Paul did not preach himself (2 Cor. 4:5). He did, however, truly live the Christian life. Those around him saw the genuineness of his faith by his life. If Paul were to talk to you today, he could likely encourage you to be an example as well, as he said to Timothy, "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).

- Mark Day

# News & Notes

## Lessons of the Week

### Sun AM:

They'll Know We Are Christians -  
Jeremiah Smith

### Sun PM:

Selfish - Chris Scott

### Wed Summer Series:

Zechariah - Daniel Goshorn

## PM Scripture Reading

Philippians 2:3 (NKJV)

“Let nothing be done through selfish  
ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind  
let each esteem others better than himself.”

**Who will  
you talk  
to about  
their  
salvation  
this week?**

## Dates to Remember

**Aug 25** - 4:30pm - Elders, preachers, and  
deacons meeting in Annex classroom

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

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

**Sept 22-25** - Gospel Meeting with Todd  
Parsley

## Area Events

See bulletin board in foyer for more details.

**Aug 25-27** - Gospel Meeting at Rome with  
Steve Smith

**Sept 13-14** - Evangelism Workshop at  
Fishinger Road with Phil Sanders and  
Matthew Morine

**Sept 15-19** - Gospel Meeting at Pine Grove  
with Andy Robison

**Sept 20** - 7pm - Area Wide Sing at  
Paintsville

### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	8/11/24	Goal	8/13/23
Bible Study	73	90	68
AM Worship	113	130	123
PM Worship	83	90	82
Mid Week	82	90	81
Contribution	\$6555.66		\$6304.12

## Today's Servants

### WELCOME

AM/PM: Chris Scott

### SONG LEADER

AM: Chris Scott

PM: Jeremiah Smith

### FIRST PRAYER

AM: JC Hughes

PM: Matt Vonderheide

### LORD'S TABLE\*

AM Presiding: Mark Parks

Assisting: Terry Fouts, Mark Gullett,  
Nathan Parks, Luke Wallace, Mason Morris,  
Matt Vonderheide, Ernie Perry

PM Presiding: Greg Hall

Assisting: Terry Fouts

\*gluten-free bread

### CLOSING PRAYER

AM: David Morckel

PM: Jacob Brown

### SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Jackson Morris

## Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Mason Morris

PRAYER: Greg Hall

DEVOTION: Jeremiah Smith

## Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Jackson Morris

BLDG. ATT.: Greg Conley

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.**