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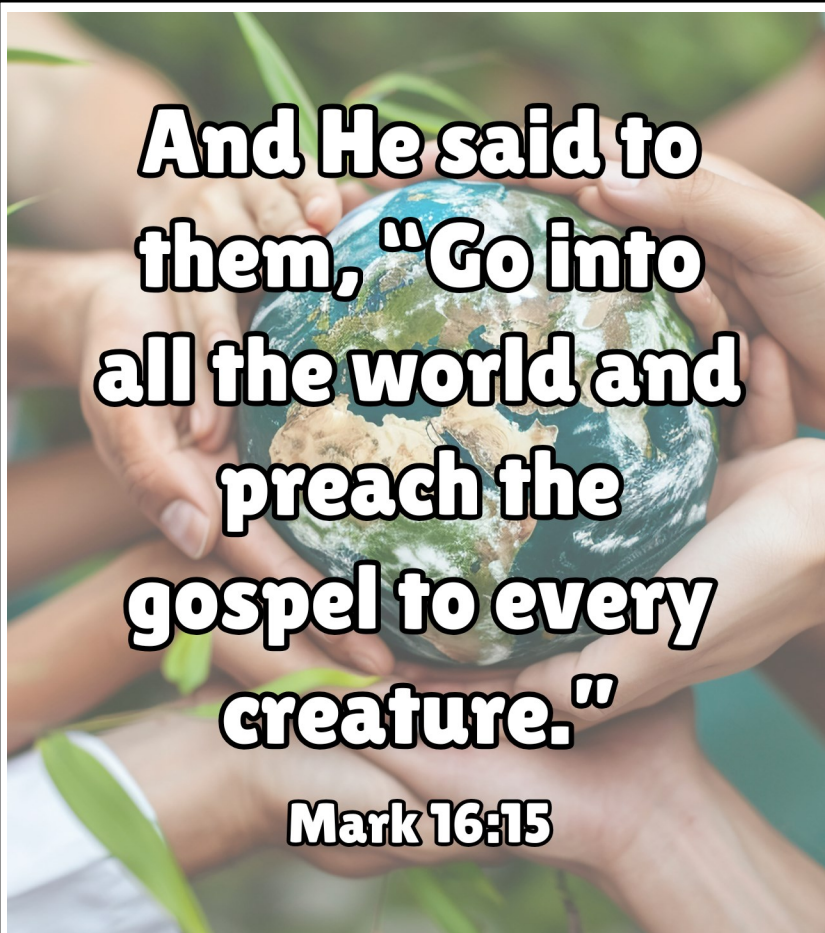
Sunday Bible Study 9:45am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

MISSIONS

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"In Search of the Lord's Way"
TV broadcast

SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)



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!

Withdrawal and Numbers

This is the third, and final, installment of our series of lessons on the command of 2 Thessalonians 3:6. In this installment, let us consider the issue of growth. Some refuse to follow the command to withdraw because of their undue emphasis on numbers. They may say, “If you do this, you’ll scare people off.” Consider the case of discipline in Acts 5, where Ananias and Sapphira were not only expelled from the church, but from this life. Yet notice the result, “So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things” (Acts 5:11). On page 255 of his book of sermons, McGarvey in his sermon on the Jerusalem church stated, “Well, it was *intended* to scare somebody away from the church, and I suppose it did. I will venture, that if any liars or hypocrites in Jerusalem had any thought of joining the church soon, it kept them away. They would conclude that such a church was not a healthy place for men of their stripe. But if there were any yet outside the church who were in dead earnest about trying to get to heaven, and felt the need of good company on the way, it must have had a very different effect on them. They now knew that this church was a body in which liars and hypocrites could not be tolerated and this is the very kind of church which they intended to join if they ever joined any.” This is evidently true, for three short verses later we read that, “believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women” (Acts 5:14). The congregation of the Lord’s people that will withdrawal from disorderly members may gain respect from the surrounding community and even grow as a result. How many times do we hear the argument that the reason someone will not attend church is due to the hypocrites that are a part of it? This is not a legitimate excuse; it will not work on the day of judgment, but it is used today as an argument that motivates many to never want to be part of the Lord’s church. Withdrawal helps us to squelch that argument by showing that known hypocrites are not tolerated among God’s people.

New converts who are added to the church must understand the seriousness of their commitment and the disciplinary measures that will be taken if they should turn their backs on said commitment; they should want that kind of accountability because they know it will help them get to heaven. Withdrawal may cut down the church’s numerical greatness, but what is important is its spiritual greatness. The health of the church cannot be measured merely by the number of individuals who attend; Jesus desires a few faithful followers rather than half-converted masses (John 6).

2 Thessalonians 3:6-15 is one of the most explicit passages on withdrawal of fellowship in the entire New Testament. Coupled with the case of the Corinthian fornicator (1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2) and other passages in the New Testament where disassociation occurred for

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the sake of spiritual wellbeing, it becomes abundantly clear that this is a vital practice. Sadly, it is also a very neglected practice. May the past abuses of withdrawal and the unfounded conclusions that relegate it to merely a cultural paradigm not induce the Lord's church to continue to abandon it. Instead, let us seek to apply discipline appropriately with all the love we can muster from our loving, heavenly Father who disciplines His children (Heb. 12:1-14; 1 John 4:16; 5:3).

- Mark Day

Today's Lessons

Sun AM: Serving Christ - Nathan Adkins

Sun PM: Peru Mission Report

We Rejoice!

Evan Gullet, son of Jessica Gullet and grandson of Jackie Felty, was baptized into Christ last Sunday, Oct. 13th. Please encourage him as he begins his Christian walk.

“I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.”

Luke 15:7 (NKJV)

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	10/13/24	Goal	10/15/23
Bible Study	---	90	64
AM Worship	111	130	106
PM Worship	74	90	70
Mid Week	68	90	60
Contribution	\$9,011.52		\$5,273.26

SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN
VERSE

KEY POINTS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER

AM: Jackson Morris

PM: Nathan Adkins

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Mark Parks

PM: George Wallace

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Jordan Conley

Assisting: John Gambill, Jesse Legg,
George Wallace, Mark Gullett,
Ernie Perry, Jacob Brown,
Matt Vonderheide

PM Presiding: Mark Parks

Assisting: Cody Ward

*gluten-free bread

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: John Gambill

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Noah Day

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Chris Scott

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: George Wallace

DEVOTION: Mark Parks

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Chris Legg

POWER POINT: Mason Morris

BLDG. ATT.: Nathan Parks

COORDINATOR: JC Hughes

ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

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.

Dates to Remember

Oct. 20 - 4:30pm - Elders, deacons, preachers' meeting

Oct. 25 - 11:30am - Ladies' lunch at The Armory

Oct. 26 - 6pm - Trunk or Treat

Nov. 3 - Bring a Friend Day

Dec. 7 - 6:30pm - Ladies' Christmas Party



Youth Notes

Sundays at 5:45pm - Pew Packers in front of the auditorium geared to age 12 and under but everyone is welcome.

TRUNK OR TREAT!

Saturday, October 26th at 6pm

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends!

