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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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*Suriname, SA*  
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*Thailand, SE Asia*  
Herman Joseph  
*Guyana, SA*  
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*Guyana, SA*  
“In Search of the Lord’s Way”  
*TV broadcast*

**SEARCH TV**

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)



...**You are**  
**the God who sees...**

**GENESIS 16:13, NKJV**

**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!**

## Abiding in Christ

In John 15:1-9, Jesus describes Himself as the true vine and instructs His disciples to abide in Him. When we come to Jesus in faith, we turn from our sins and are baptized into Him (Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27). We must continue to live and abide in Him. Jesus said, “No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God” (Luke 9:62). Paul exhorted, “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:6, 7).

Abiding in Christ means we hold firmly to His teaching. Jesus said to those who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (Jn 8:31, 32). Our fellowship with God is contingent on our abiding in the doctrine of Christ, “Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son” (2 John 9). First John 2:24 states, “Therefore let that abide in you which you heard from the beginning. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, you also will abide in the Son and in the Father.” Paul told Timothy to “continue in the things which you have learned” (2 Tim. 3:14). Paul highlighted the danger of leaving true doctrine for false doctrine; he dispatched Timothy to Ephesus to charge some to teach no other doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3). In his second epistle, he charged Timothy to preach the word, warning of a time when people would not endure sound doctrine but would instead gather false teachers to scratch their itching ears (2 Tim. 4:2-4). Doctrine matters. What we believe matters greatly.

Furthermore, abiding in Christ is more than an intellectual exercise. Our entire lives are to be transformed to be more like Him. We are to abide in Him, the true vine, and bear much fruit as His disciples (Jn. 15:8). We keep His commandments and abide in His love (Jn. 15:10). Consider how the apostle John further explains this in his first epistle:

Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. (1 John 2:3-6).

James instructs us to not merely be hearers of the word, but doers (James 1:22-25). The foolish man who built his house on the sand heard the words of Jesus; his destruction came because he did not put them into practice (Mt. 7:26).

The most vital relationship we will ever have is our union to Christ, the true vine. We are dependent on Him for producing fruit and having eternal life. Without Him, we can do nothing (Jn. 15:5). Don't let anyone or anything tear you away from Him.

-Mark Day

## Today's Lessons

Sun. AM: God Sees Hagar

Sun. PM: The Seed's Success Story

### Scripture Reading

Luke 8:11-15

11 "Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.

12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

13 But the ones on the rock *are those* who, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, who believe for a while and in time of temptation fall away.

14 Now the ones *that* fell among thorns are those who, when they have heard, go out and are choked with cares, riches, and pleasures of life, and bring no fruit to maturity.

15 But the ones *that* fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep *it* and bear fruit with patience.



## Ladies' Luncheon

There will be a ladies' luncheon this Friday, November 29th at 11:30am at The Armory in Ironton. All ladies are invited to attend.

### Attendance & Contribution Goals

	11/17/24	Goal	11/19/23
Bible Study	65	90	73
AM Worship	106	130	107
PM Worship	76	90	67
Mid Week	66	90	50
Contribution	\$6,947.56		\$5,749.59

## 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: Brad Morris

PM: Nathan Adkins

### FIRST PRAYER

AM: Mark Parks

PM: Greg Conley

### LORD'S TABLE\*

AM Presiding: Nathan Adkins

Assisting: Jacob Brown, Cody Ward,  
Nathan Parks, Jason Fouts,  
Gabe Scott, Matt Vonderheide,  
JC Hughes

PM Presiding: Mark Parks

Assisting: Nathan Parks

\*gluten-free bread

### CLOSING PRAYER

AM: George Wallace

PM: Jacob Brown

### SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Noah Day

## Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Brad Morris

PRAYER: John Gambill

DEVOTION: Chris Scott

## Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Jordan Conley

POWER POINT: Mason Morris

BLDG. ATT.: Chris Scott

COORDINATOR: Matt Vonderheide

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

Nov. 29 - Ladies' Lunch at The Armory  
11:30am

Dec. 7 - Pancake Breakfast 8am

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



## Youth Notes

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

