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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
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“In Search of the Lord’s Way”
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

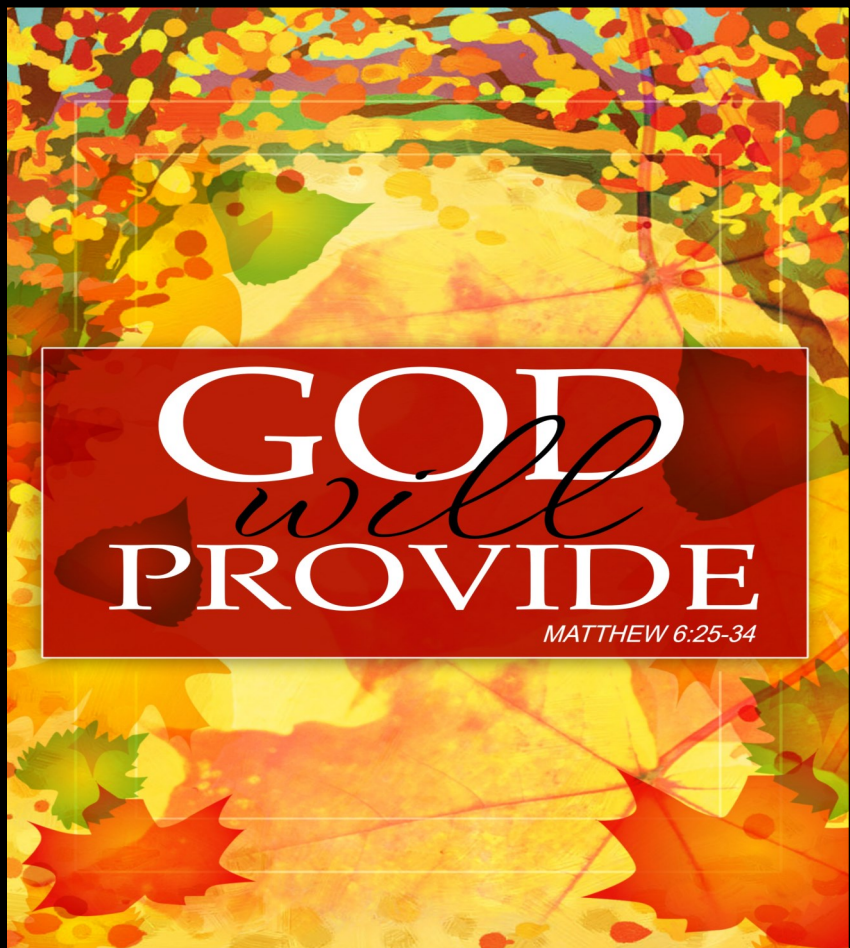
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We offer 4 free Bible correspondence course series by mail:

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!

A Root or The Root?

Many of us are familiar with the KJV rendering of this proverbial statement, “For the love of money is the root of all evil,” (1 Tim. 6:10). However, many modern translations render this as indefinite “a root” (NKJV, ESV, NASB, CSB, NIV, NRSV). They are trying to give the sense that money is not *the* root of all evil without exception. While loving money plays a significant role in leading people to do evil, it is not the one and only factor. Is the KJV wrong then in rendering “root” as a definite noun “the root”?

Is there something in the original language to indicate whether this should be “a” or “the”? We could get into the weeds of the Greek. We could note how there is no article before the noun translated “root,” but a rule of Greek grammar called “Colwell’s Canon” indicates that because this is a predicate nominative which precedes the copulative verb it does not include the article. But really all this shows is that in cases such as this, context must determine whether this is “a root” or “the root.”

What is the context? False teachers were a problem in Ephesus (1 Tim. 1:6, 7). Their warped thinking approached godliness as a means of financial gain (1 Tim. 6:5). Paul, however, maintained that godliness with contentment is great gain (1 Tim. 6:6) if we will be satisfied with simple food and clothing (1 Tim. 6:8). Desiring to be rich, however, has plunged people into ruin and destruction (1 Tim. 6:9). To establish this point, Paul quotes a proverb, “for the love of money is the root of all evil.” Proverbs are usually set in absolute terms even though there are exceptions. We know this in reading the book of Proverbs. A soft answer turns away wrath, but not always without exception (Prov. 15:1). “When a man’s ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him” (Prov. 16:7). However, this was not the case with Jesus. He pleased the Lord (Jn. 8:29), but enemies crucified him (Mk. 15:13). The proverbial explanation in 1 Timothy 6:10 is structured like the words Jesus had for Peter in the garden, “Put your sword in its place, for all who take the sword will perish by the sword” (Mt. 26:52). Again, the proverb, though stated in absolute terms, has exceptions. Some soldiers are decommissioned or retire and die of natural causes. Not *all* who take the sword die by the sword. However, the statement would not be as powerful if Jesus said, “*many* who take the sword will perish by the sword.” When we understand 1 Timothy 6:10 is a proverb, it makes sense. The question is more an issue of interpretation than translation.

This proverb Paul quotes should make us mindful of greed. Many evils, such as false teaching, are a result of loving money rather than God. Jesus warned of the “deceitfulness of riches” (Mt. 13:22; Mk. 4:19), so a man may think earthly wealth doesn’t affect him when really it does. However, we recognize there are other spiritual pitfalls than money including the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 Jn. 2:16). Sin is deceitful (Heb. 3:13). We should be on guard against the devil’s schemes (1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 6:11; 2 Cor. 2:11). If one lure doesn’t work with us, he will use another. Let us not be blind to our spiritual ruin by boasting of one sort of sin we don’t have trouble with to the neglect of another sin that so easily ensnares us (Heb. 12:1; Gal. 6:1).

-Mark Day

Today's Lessons

Sun. AM: Traditions

Sun. PM: Trusting God's Provision

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:25-30

25 "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?"

26 Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

27 Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature?

28 "So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;

29 and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will *He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?

Elders, Deacons, Preachers' Meeting

Elders, deacons, and preachers will be holding their monthly meeting this afternoon at 4:30pm in the large annex classroom.

Updated Address

Bobby Edmonds
475 Southern Cross Dr.
Richmond, KY 40475

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	12/8/24	Goal	12/10/23
Bible Study	66	90	59
AM Worship	113	130	110
PM Worship	69	90	63
Mid Week	71	90	62
Contribution	\$5,896.76		\$4,836.00

SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN
VERSE

KEY POINTS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Mason Morris

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Jordan Conley

PM: Jordan Conley

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Jeremiah Smith

Assisting: George Wallace, JC Hughes,
Nathan Parks, Mark Gullett,
Evan Gullett, Ernie Perry,
Matt Vonderheide

PM Presiding: Greg Hall

Assisting: Cody Ward

***gluten-free bread**

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: Jacob Brown

PM: Gabe Scott

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Noah Day

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Greg Conley

SONG LEADER: Mark Day

PRAYER: JC Hughes

DEVOTION: Jordan Conley

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Jesse Legg

POWER POINT: Matt Vonderheide

BLDG. ATT.: Brad Morris

COORDINATOR: Jeremiah Smith

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

Dec. 15 - Elders, deacons, preachers' meeting at 4:30pm

Youth Notes

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



Something to ponder...

"Emotion makes a wonderful servant and a terrible master."

[Ephesians 4:26-27]