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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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Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, SA
Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
Herman Joseph
Guyana, SA
Mohamed Ally
Guyana, SA
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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!

He Who Humbles Himself Shall Be Exalted

We are to have a mindset of humble, sacrificial service for others (Phil. 2:5). The example of Jesus Christ is the greatest incentive for us in this regard because His total, voluntary humiliation for the benefit of others (Phil. 2:6-8) was followed by His great exaltation by the Father (Phil. 2:9-11). Jesus as deity is so much better than the angels (Heb. 1:4); however, He became man, made lower than the angels, to experience death (Psa. 8:5; Heb. 2:7-9).

Jesus did not use His divine position and power to assert Himself. He was tempted to take the selfish shortcut to have all the earthly authority and carnal glory of the kingdoms of this world without sacrifice for others (Lk. 4:5-7), but His firm resolve was to serve God (Lk. 4:8) by giving His life as a ransom (Mk. 10:45). He endured the cross, then sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb. 12:2). He now has all authority in heaven and earth (Mt. 28:18).

In light of the absolute sacrifice of Christ, where then does our self-assertion stand? What of our claims to supremacy over others? They vanish. To Christ belongs the highest glory we can offer. Our knees should bow in submission to His authority (Phil. 2:10); our tongues should confess His Lordship over us (Phil. 2:11). While this submission and confession will come from all on the day we stand before Christ's judgment seat (Rom. 14:11), Christians offer them voluntarily now in response to His great love for us, "For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again" (2 Cor. 5:14, 15).

Let us follow the example of Christ. Jesus taught us to humble ourselves that we may be exalted in due time (Mt. 18:4; 23:12; Lk. 14:11; 18:14). James 4:10 commands, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up." The first epistle of Peter is filled with exhortations to submit to those to whom the Lord has delegated authority and surrender to suffering which will come our way as Christians. At the end of these exhortations, Peter sums them up by saying, "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time," (1 Pet. 5:6). Before I receive the crown of life, I must take up the cross daily by enduring suffering and tribulation (Rev. 2:10; Lk. 9:23).

Lord, help us to learn from you the motivation of love which serves others (Gal. 5:13). While we are here on earth, shape us to be servants like Jesus Christ so that we one day hear those words, "Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord" (Mt. 25:21, 23).

-Mark Day

Today's Lessons

Sun. AM: The Mission of the Messiah

Sun. PM: Regarding the Day

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:4-12

4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

5 One person esteems *one* day above another; another esteems every day *alike*. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind.

6 He who observes the day, observes *it* to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe *it*. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks.

7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself.

8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written: "AS I LIVE, SAYS THE LORD, EVERY KNEE SHALL BOW TO ME, AND EVERY TONGUE SHALL CONFESS TO GOD."

12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God.

Attendance & Contribution Goals

	12/15/24	Goal	12/17/23
Bible Study	67	90	77
AM Worship	106	130	100
PM Worship	80	90	65
Mid Week	68	90	79
Contribution	\$16,865.50		\$6,883.05

SERMON NOTES

DATE

MAIN
VERSE

KEY POINTS

KEY SCRIPTURES

Today's Prayer

PRAY MORE
worry less

Today's Servants

WELCOME

AM/PM: Greg Hall

SONG LEADER

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER

AM: Greg Conley

PM: John Gambill

LORD'S TABLE*

AM Presiding: Mark Parks

Assisting: Chris Legg, Jesse Legg,
Mark Gullett, Cody Ward,
Jason Fouts, Matt
Vonderheide, Mason Morris

PM Presiding: Jordan Conley

Assisting: Terry Fouts

***gluten-free bread**

CLOSING PRAYER

AM: Nathan Parks

PM: David Morckel

SCRIPTURE READING

PM: Jason Fouts

Wednesday Servants

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Jeremiah Smith

PRAYER: Matt Vonderheide

DEVOTION: Greg Conley

Weekly Servants

LIVE STREAM: Nathan Parks

POWER POINT: Mark Gullett

BLDG. ATT.: JC Hughes

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

Jan. 19-Elders, deacons, preachers' meeting at 4:30pm in the annex

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...

"There are none more blind than those who refuse to see."

[Isa. 6:9-10; Jer. 5:21; Matt. 13:13]