#### Services

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

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## Minister

Todd Parsley

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John Gambill
J.C. Hughes
Brad Morris
Nathan Parks
Jeremiah Smith
Matthew Vonderheide

#### Missions

Jerry Sturgill
Tri-state area
Daniel Goshorn
Peru, SA
Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, SA
Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
Herman Joseph
Guyana, SA
Mohamed Ally
Guyana, SA
"In Search of the Lord's
Way"
TV broadcast

#### Search TV

Sundays 7:30am (on Fox)

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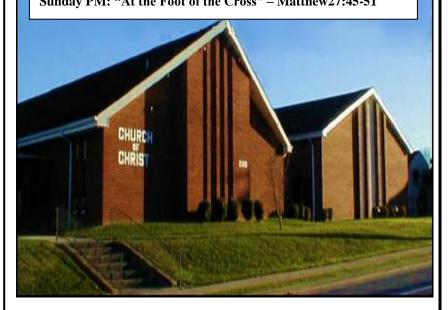
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Sunday AM: Keno Shrum-"Let's Apply the Model"-Sunday PM: "At the Foot of the Cross" – Matthew27:45-51



## 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. There are free tracts and literature on the wall in the foyer. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let us know if you would like to set up an inhome Bible study.

Thank you for attending. We hope to see you often!

#### Our Responsibility to Teach Others and Bear Fruit

The Christian life is not meant to be lived in isolation. Jesus said in John 15:16, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain." This shows that bearing fruit producing results in God's kingdom is not optional. It is the very purpose for which we have been called. Bearing fruit involves both personal spiritual growth and sharing that growth with others so that they too may come to know Christ. A tree that bears no fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire (Matthew 7:19), reminding us that fruitlessness is not acceptable for those who belong to the Lord.

Teaching others is bearing fruit. Jesus' Great Commission makes this plain: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19–20). Notice the emphasis on teaching. Evangelism is not only about introducing others to Christ but also about helping them grow in faith. Every Christian has a part in this mission. Some may feel inadequate or think teaching is the responsibility of preachers and elders, but Scripture shows otherwise. Paul reminded Timothy, "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). The gospel is passed from believer to believer, generation to generation, through teaching and example.

In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30), the servant who buried his master's money was condemned, not because he wasted it on sin, but because he failed to use it. Likewise, when we keep the gospel to ourselves, we are guilty of neglect. Paul expressed his sense of obligation when he said, "I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel" (Romans 1:14–15). Like Paul, we too are indebted, not to men, but to God for the salvation we have received, and we must seek to repay that debt by sharing the message with others.

Finally, we must remember that while we teach and strive to bear fruit, it is God who gives the increase. Paul explained this in 1 Corinthians 3:6–7: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase." Our role is to plant and water faithfully, trusting God to bless the results. We may not see immediate fruit from our efforts, but the Lord's Word never returns void (Isaiah 55:11). Every seed planted in love and truth has the potential to grow.

Our responsibility to teach others and bear fruit is central to the Christian life. We glorify God when we grow in Christlike character and when we lead others to Him. The church grows stronger when every member takes part in teaching, encouraging, and bearing fruit. Let us not grow weary here at Flatwoods in this work, for Paul assures us, "in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9). May we be found faithful servants, fruitful branches, and diligent teachers, so that on the last day we may hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant... enter into the joy of your lord" (Matthew 25:23). There is work to do and always room for one more!

#### God Bless -Todd





	Notes
Attendance & Contribution	Free Bible Correspondence Courses

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	8/17/25	Goal	8/11/24
Bible Study	63	90	73
AM Worship	103	130	113
PM Worship	<b>78</b>	90	83
Mid Week	<b>79</b>	90	82
Contribution	\$5289.00		\$6555.66

# Free Bible Correspondence Courses Available by Mail:

8 lesson series by Hurt
"Studies in The Bible" (30 lessons)
"Acts of The Apostles" by Pharr (6 lessons)

"Getting to Know Jesus" by Pharr (20 lessons)

# **Sunday Servants**

**Welcome:** Greg Conley

# **Morning**

**Song Leader:** Brad Morris **First Prayer:** Nathan Adkins **Closing Prayer:** Jeremiah Smith

Lord's Table\*

**Presiding:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** John Gambill, Mark Gullett, Mason Morris, Jason Fouts, Alex Wells, Nolan Clarkson, Jacob Martin

# **Evening**

**Song Leader:** Nathan Adkins **First Prayer:** Chris Scott

Lord's Table\*

**Presiding:** Greg Hall

Assisting: Matt Vonderheide Closing Prayer: Jacob Brown Scripture Reading: Alex Wells

# **Wednesday Servants**

**Welcome:** Mark Parks

**Song Leader:** Mason Morris **First Prayer:** JC Hughes **Closing Prayer:** Gabe Scott

# **Weekly Servants**

Live Stream: Jason Fouts

Power Point: Matt Vonderheide

**Bldg. Att.:** Nathan Adkins **Coordinator:** Brad Morris **Attendance:** John Gambill

\*Gluten-Free Bread



#### **Dates to Remember**

Aug 27 - Summer Series-Scott Judge-Ephesians 5

**Aug 29** – Ladies Lunch at 11:30am- M&J

**Aug 30** – Men's Breakfast at 8:30am-Pappy's

**Sept 7** – Michael Mayo, Report on Thailand

Sept 7 - Family Gathering at 4pm

Sept 13 - Door Knocking

Sept 14 - Potluck

**Sept 14-17** - Gospel Meeting with Josh Allen **Sept 20** – Potter Children's Home Fall Festival



