

### Services

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

### Elders

Nathan Adkins  
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### Minister

Todd Parsley

### Deacons

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)

# FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST HERALD

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**Sunday AM: Michael Mayo, Thailand Mission**  
**Sunday PM: Michael Mayo, Thailand Mission**



### 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 in-home Bible study.

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

## Are We Stuck in Tradition?

Tradition can be a powerful influence, both for good and for harm. The Bible itself recognizes the value of traditions only when they are rooted in the truth of God's Word. Paul wrote, *"Therefore, brethren, stand fast and hold the traditions which you were taught, whether by word or our epistle"* (2 Thessalonians 2:15). In this sense, traditions that come directly from the apostles, whether written in Scripture or spoken under the Spirit's guidance are divine teachings that we must hold firmly. These are not human customs but the very doctrines of Christ.

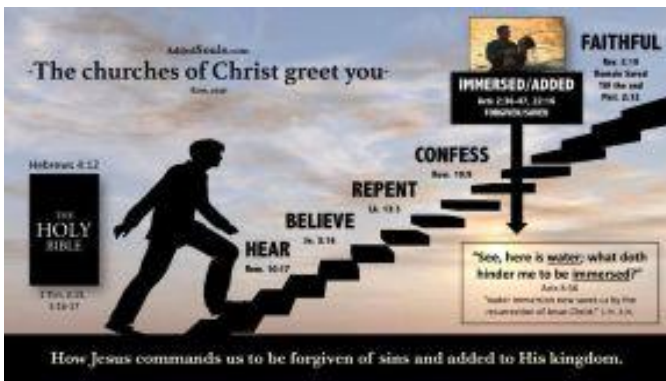
However, the danger comes when human traditions are elevated above God's Word. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees because they were guilty of this very thing. He said, *"For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men... All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition"* (Mark 7:8–9). Their devotion to man-made practices caused them to set aside God's commands, rendering their worship empty. Christ declared, *"This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men"* (Mark 7:6–7).

The question we must ask ourselves is whether we are guilty of the same. Do we cling to practices simply because "we've always done it that way," or because they are truly authorized in the Scriptures? If our faith is more about tradition than truth, then we risk falling into the same trap as the Pharisees. Paul warned the Colossians not to be taken captive *"through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ"* (Colossians 2:8). Our standard must always be Christ and His Word, not the customs of men.

It is not wrong to have customs in our congregations, as long as they do not conflict with God's will. For example, what time we meet on Sunday, or whether we sit on pews or chairs, are matters of expediency and not doctrine. But when we begin to bind our customs as though they were commands, or when we refuse to change something even when it hinders the work of the church, we may be stuck in tradition rather than following Christ. The danger is not in tradition itself but in making tradition our master instead of God.

Therefore, we must constantly examine ourselves by the Word of God. James exhorts us to receive *"with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls"* (James 1:21). The Word, not tradition has the power to save. Let us be people who stand firmly on the inspired Scriptures and in a "tradition" just because it's always been done that way. True disciples are not stuck in the traditions of men but are steadfast in the truth of God's Word.

God Bless -Todd



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| Attendance & Contribution |           |      |           |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|
|                           | 8/31/25   | Goal | 8/25/24   |
| Bible Study               | 70        | 90   | 64        |
| AM Worship                | 133       | 130  | 108       |
| PM Worship                | 67        | 90   | 81        |
| Mid Week                  | 69        | 90   | 70        |
| Contribution              | \$9706.00 |      | \$6460.59 |

**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:** Chris Scott

### Morning

**Song Leader:** Mason Morris

**First Prayer:** Greg Conley

**Closing Prayer:** Richard Miranda

**Lord's Table\***

**Presiding:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Jason Fouts, George Wallace, Jeremiah Smith, Nolan Clarkson, Ernie Perry, Alex Wells, Terry Fouts

### Evening

**Song Leader:** Nathan Adkins

**First Prayer:** Nathan Parks

**Lord's Table\***

**Presiding:** Mark Parks

**Assisting:** John Gambill

**Closing Prayer:** Terry Fouts

**Scripture Reading:** Matt Vonderheide

## Wednesday Servants

**Welcome:** Mark Parks

**Song Leader:** Jeremiah Smith

**First Prayer:** John Gambill

**Devotional:** Cody Ward

## Weekly Servants

**Live Stream:** Nathan Parks

**Power Point:** Gabe Scott

**Bldg. Att.:** Chris Scott

**Coordinator:** JC Hughes

**Attendance:** John Gambill

**\*Gluten-Free Bread**

## Dates to Remember

**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 26**- Ladies Lunch-11:30 @ Pappy's

**Sept 27**- Men's Prayer Breakfast-8:30 @ Pappy's

New Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class

**"THE FAMILY"**

Come be a part of this important study



## GOSPEL MEETING

WHO: JOSH ALLEN

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 14-17

WHERE: FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST

THE HEART OF THE MATTER IS  
THE MATTER OF THE HEART!

LESSONS FROM THE GREATEST SERMON  
EVER PREACHED...MATTHEW 5-7

**ARE YOU MISSING SOMETHING?**

**\*LOST & FOUND IS LOCATED IN THE OFFICE\***