

### 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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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)

# FLATWOODS CHURCH OF CHRIST HERALD

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**Sunday AM: Thanksgiving...Psalm 92:1**

**Sunday PM: Living Faithfully in Today’s World...Matthew 6:33**



### 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!

# Conversion and Commitment

In every generation, God's people have faced the challenge of living out a faith that is visible, identifiable, and unmistakably loyal to Christ. The Bible teaches that genuine Christianity is not a hidden belief but a life that can be examined and proven. Jesus declared, "*By their fruits you will know them*" (Matthew 7:20), establishing the principle that authentic discipleship creates observable change. If a court were to place our lives under scrutiny, our priorities, our relationships, our worship, our daily habits, would there be enough spiritual "evidence" to clearly identify us as followers of Christ? This question is not hypothetical; it is deeply rooted in the biblical call to live in a way that reflects the nature of our Lord.

True evidence of Christianity begins with obeying the gospel, not merely believing in Christ verbally. Jesus taught, "*He who believes and is baptized will be saved*" (Mark 16:16), and Peter commanded repentance and baptism "*for the remission of sins*" (Acts 2:38). The early church did not hide their faith; they were openly added to the Lord's church (Acts 2:47). This public obedience is the first mark of a disciple. But conversion is only the beginning. Jesus calls His followers to deny self, take up their cross, and follow Him daily (Luke 9:23). A Christian's life must show steadfast loyalty to Christ's teachings, even when it is inconvenient, unpopular, or challenging (John 14:15; Matthew 16:24).

After conversion, the Christian is commanded to "*walk in the light as He is in the light*" (1 John 1:7). This means our moral decisions, our honesty, our speech, and our behavior must reflect God's character. Would those at work or school testify that we are Christlike in attitude? Paul instructed believers to "*shine as lights in the world*" (Philippians 2:15), meaning our lives must stand in contrast to sin and spiritual darkness. The world should be able to see our purity, our integrity and our refusal to compromise with evil. Evidence of Christianity is not stored in a church building; it is revealed in ordinary daily choices.

One of the clearest proofs of discipleship is Christlike love. Jesus said, "*By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another*" (John 13:35). This love is not shallow; it is sacrificial, patient, forgiving, and pure (1 Corinthians 13:4–7). In a courtroom of life, would our family members, neighbors, and brethren testify that we demonstrate the kind of love Jesus displayed? Christians are commanded to "*bear one another's burdens*" (Galatians 6:2), to encourage one another daily (Hebrews 3:13), and to be tenderhearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32). The world cannot see our faith unless it sees our love in action.

Our priorities are also part of the evidence. Jesus commanded His followers to "*seek first the kingdom of God*" (Matthew 6:33). The early Christians devoted themselves to worship, continuing steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine, fellowship, breaking of bread, and prayers (Acts 2:42). Faithful, regular worship reveals commitment to God's will, not as a tradition but as a genuine need of the soul (Hebrews 10:24–25).

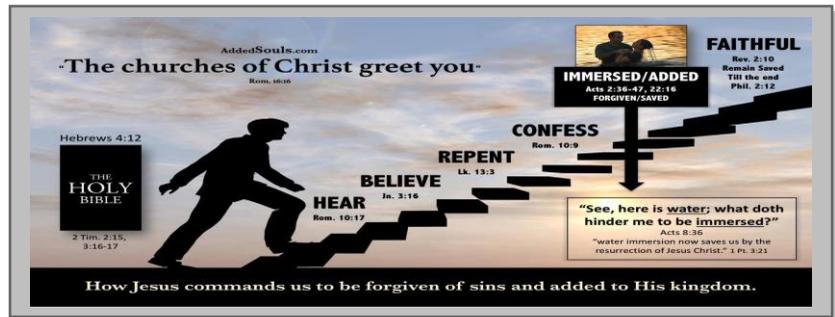
If our attendance records were examined, our giving observed, our participation in singing and the Lord's Supper evaluated, would it be clear that we honor God above every earthly obligation? Kingdom-first living is visible, measurable, and distinctive.

A Christian's faith is tested most clearly in moments of pressure, adversity, and temptation. The apostles in Acts were bold enough to be arrested for preaching Christ (Acts 4:18–20). They obeyed God rather than men (Acts 5:29). Paul suffered imprisonment, beatings, and persecution because he refused to be silent about the gospel (2 Timothy 1:12). While modern Christians may not face the same physical dangers, we must still show courage in standing for truth, defending biblical marriage (Matthew 19:4–6), morality (1 Peter 1:15–16), and the exclusivity of Christ as Savior (John 14:6). If the world examined our choices under pressure, would they find courage or compromise?

The ultimate test of our faith is the fruit produced in our lives. Jesus said, *“Every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit”* (John 15:2). The fruit of the Spirit; love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Galatians 5:22–23) is visible, not invisible. Christianity is proven through growth, service, soul-winning, generosity, and perseverance. A fruitful Christian is clearly identified as belonging to Christ.

Paul wrote, *“Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith”* (2 Corinthians 13:5, NKJV). This call to self-examination leads us to ask: Would my life supply enough evidence to convict me of being a Christian? Would my love, worship, sacrifice, convictions, and daily conduct stand as proof that Christ truly lives in me? Let us live in such a way that no court, no observer, and no adversary could ever deny our identity as disciples of Jesus. May our lives be so filled with the light of Christ that the evidence is undeniable, before men today and before God in eternity.

God Bless -Todd



Attendance & Contribution			
	11/16/25	Goal	11/10/24
Bible Study	66	90	76
AM Worship	117	130	119
PM Worship	70	90	79
Mid-Week	72	90	76
Contribution	\$8476.66		\$5631.59

### 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:** Nathan Adkins

### Morning

**Song Leader:** Ranie Wohnhas

**First Prayer:** Jim Haynes

**Closing Prayer:** Mark Parks

### Lord's Table\*

**Presiding:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** John Gambill, Alex Wells  
David Morckel, Jacob Brown, Nolan  
Clarkson, Matt Vonderheide, Jacob  
Martin

### Evening

**Song Leader:** Jim Haynes

**First Prayer:** George Wallace

### Lord's Table\*

**Presiding:** Jordan Conley

**Assisting:** Ranie Wohnhas

**Closing Prayer:** Richard Miranda

**Scripture Reading:** Jason Fouts

## Wednesday Servants

**Welcome:** Greg Conley

**Song Leader:** Brad Morris

**First Prayer:** Jordan Conley

**Devotional:** Todd Parsley

## Weekly Servants

**Live Stream:** Nathan Parks

**Power Point:** Mark Gullett

**Bldg. Att.:** Todd Parsley

**Coordinator:** Nathan Parks

**Attendance:** John Gambill

**\*Gluten-Free Bread**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Nov 28** – Ladies Lunch – 11:30 – IHOP

**Nov 29** – Men's Prayer Breakfast – 8:30 - Pappy's

**Nov 30** – Singing and Devo-Oakmont -2:00pm

**Dec 4** – Baby Shower-Niecy Wells-6pm in Annex

**Dec 6** - Pancake Breakfast – 8:00am

**Dec 12** – Ashland Park -5:45 – Followed by Food  
and Games at the building

**Dec 31** – New Year's Watch

BOY, oh BOY!



**BABY SHOWER  
HONORING  
NIECY WELLS  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4  
6:00PM  
CHURCH ANNEX**

*NIECY IS REGISTERED AT AMAZON*

## TEAM ONE

**Meet tonight (Sunday, Nov 23rd)  
in the annex to sign cards for our  
Evangelism program.**

**\*You may sign cards before or after  
evening service\***