

## 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: Kyle Mashburn**  
**Sunday PM: “Truth is Better Than Fiction”...2Timothy 2:15**



## 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!

## Did Judas Have a Choice?

The betrayal of Jesus by Judas Iscariot raises a difficult and often-asked question: Did Judas have a choice, or was he pre-destined/forced to betray Christ in order to fulfill prophecy? The Bible clearly teaches that while Judas's actions were foreknown and foretold, he was not compelled against his will. God's foreknowledge does not remove human responsibility, and Judas acted by his own choices.

Scripture affirms that Judas was one of the twelve apostles, personally chosen by Jesus and given the same opportunities as the others (Luke 6:12–16). He heard the teachings of Christ, witnessed His miracles, and was entrusted with responsibility, even serving as the treasurer for the group (John 12:6). Judas was not born destined to betray Jesus; rather, he gradually allowed sin to take root in his heart. The Bible says, "*But Judas Iscariot, one of His disciples, went to the chief priests to betray Him*" (Matthew 26:14). The initiative was Judas's.

Although prophecy foretold that Jesus would be betrayed, prophecy does not force behavior. Jesus Himself acknowledged this balance when He said, "*The Son of Man indeed goes just as it is written of Him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed!*" (Matthew 26:24). If Judas had no choice, the warning and condemnation would be meaningless. The phrase "*woe to that man*" shows that Judas bore moral responsibility for his actions.

The role of Satan in Judas's betrayal does not remove Judas's accountability either. Scripture states, "*Then Satan entered Judas, surnamed Iscariot*" (Luke 22:3). Yet Satan cannot force a person to sin against their will. James teaches that temptation succeeds only when one is drawn away by his own desires (James 1:14–15). Judas opened the door through greed, dishonesty, and hardened choices long before the final act of betrayal.

God's foreknowledge simply means that God knew what Judas would choose, not that He caused it. The Bible consistently presents humans as free moral agents, capable of choosing obedience or disobedience. Moses told Israel, "*I have set before you life and death... therefore choose life*" (Deuteronomy 30:19). That same principle applies throughout Scripture, including in the life of Judas.

Tragically, Judas's final choice was not only betrayal but despair. After realizing what he had done, he felt remorse but did not turn to God in repentance (Matthew 27:3–5). Peter also sinned grievously by denying Christ, yet he repented and was restored. Judas had opportunities before and after the betrayal but chose a different path.

The story of Judas serves as a sobering reminder that proximity to Jesus does not guarantee faithfulness, and knowledge of truth does not replace obedience. Judas had a choice, and he chose wrongly.

His life warns us that God’s purposes will be fulfilled, but everyone remains accountable for the decisions they make.

Ultimately, Judas was not a victim of fate but a man who surrendered his heart to sin. His account reminds us of the seriousness of free will, the danger of unchecked sin, and the necessity of choosing faithfulness to Christ every day. *“Choose this day who you will serve...”*



God Bless -Todd

**Those interested in going to  
CYC (Challenge Youth  
Conference - Feb 20-22)  
Please see Nathan Adkins  
for details**



### Potter Children’s Home

#### Pantry Shopping List

- Marshmallow Crème
- Graham Crackers
- Strawberry Pop Tarts
- Freezer Pops
- Toilet Paper



### NOTES

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#### Attendance & Contribution

	1/25/26	Goal	1/19/25
Bible Study	---	90	39
AM Worship	---	130	50
PM Worship	---	90	49
Mid-Week	56	90	71
Contribution	\$-----		\$3517.50

#### 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:** Jeremiah Smith

### Morning

**Song Leader:** Brad Morris

**First Prayer:** Mark Parks

**Closing Prayer:** Richard Miranda

### Lord's Table\*

**Presiding:** Chris Scott

**Assisting:** Nathan Parks, George Wallace, Matt Vonderheide, Terry Fouts, Mason Morris, Mark Gullett, Ernie Perry

### Evening

**Song Leader:** Nathan Adkins

**First Prayer:** Jordan Conley

### Lord's Table\*

**Presiding:** Greg Conley

**Assisting:** Gabe Scott

**Closing Prayer:** Ranie Wohnhas

**Scripture Reading:** David Morckel

## Wednesday Servants

**Welcome:** Chris Scott

**Song Leader:** Jeremiah Smith

**First Prayer:** Cody Ward

**Devotional:** Jerry Sturgill

## Weekly Servants

**Live Stream:** Gabe Scott

**Power Point:** Jason Fouts

**Bldg. Att.:** Jeremiah Smith

**Coordinator:** JC Hughes

**Attendance:** John Gambill

**\*Gluten-Free Bread**

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jan 31-Feb 1** – Kyle Mashburn

**Feb 1** – Family Gathering – 4:00 - Annex

**Feb 1**– Team Two – Meet to sign cards

**Feb 15** – Soup Night

**Feb 20-22** – CYC – Challenge Youth Conference

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS  
GRANDPARENTS  
YOUTH OF ALL AGES  
and ANYONE ELSE  
THAT WOULD LIKE TO  
JOIN**

PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED  
TODAY (Feb 1) AFTER  
MORNING WORSHIP IN THE  
ANNEX. THIS WILL GIVE YOU  
AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET  
KYLE AND ASK ANY  
QUESTIONS THAT YOU MAY  
HAVE.



## TEAM TWO

**Meet tonight (Sunday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>)  
in the annex to sign cards for  
our Evangelism program.  
\*You may sign cards before or  
after evening service\***