

Services

Morning Worship 9:30am
Sunday Bible Class 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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Suriname, SA
Michael Mayo
Thailand, SE Asia
Herman Joseph
Guyana, SA
Mohamed Ally
Guyana, SA
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Way”
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Sundays 7:30am (on Fox)

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Sunday AM: “When We Walk with The Lord” – Col 1:9-14

Sunday PM: “A Faithful Life” – Prov 4:23-27



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!

Good Intentions Are Not Enough

The account of Uzza and the Ark of the Covenant is one of the most sobering lessons in all of Scripture regarding the importance of obeying God exactly as He has instructed. The story is recorded in 2 Samuel 6:1-7 and 1 Chronicles 13:1-10. After many years away from its proper place, King David sought to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. It was a noble goal, and the people celebrated with great joy as the Ark was transported. However, despite their enthusiasm, they failed to follow God's revealed instructions concerning how the Ark was to be moved.

God had made His will clear long before David's day. The Ark was never to be carried on a cart, no matter how new or well-built it might be. Instead, it was to be carried on the shoulders of the Levites using the poles that had been placed through the rings on its sides. Numbers 4:15 specifically warned, "But they shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die." Likewise, Numbers 7:9 explains that the sons of Kohath were given the responsibility of carrying the holy furnishings "on their shoulders." God's instructions were neither vague nor optional.

As the oxen pulling the cart stumbled the Ark shifted. Uzza instinctively reached out his hand to steady it. Humanly speaking, many would say he was only trying to help. Yet 2 Samuel 6:7 states, "Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzza, and God struck him there for his error; and he died there by the ark of God." Uzza's action may have appeared reasonable in man's eyes, but it directly violated God's command. The issue was not whether his intentions were good, but whether he respected God's revealed will.

David himself was deeply troubled by the incident but later came to understand the true cause of the tragedy. When preparations were made to move the Ark a second time, David acknowledged the mistake, saying, "For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order" (1 Chronicles 15:13). This time the Levites sanctified themselves, bore the Ark on their shoulders according to the Law of Moses, and God blessed the effort. The problem had never been God's severity but man's failure to obey His instructions.

This account teaches that sincerity alone does not make an action acceptable before God. Throughout Scripture we find examples of individuals whose good intentions could not replace faithful obedience. Nadab and Abihu offered unauthorized fire before the Lord and were consumed (Leviticus 10:1-2). King Saul spared the best of the Amalekite livestock under the guise of worship, but Samuel reminded him, "To obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22). God desires hearts that love Him enough to respect His authority.

The lesson remains just as relevant today. Many religious practices are defended by saying, "God knows my heart," or, "I mean well." While God certainly knows our hearts, He has also revealed His will in the New Testament. Jesus declared, "If you love Me, keep My commandments" (John 14:15). Our worship, our doctrine, and our daily lives must be guided by Scripture rather than by personal preference, tradition, or emotion. Good motives cannot authorize what God has not commanded.

Uzza's death reminds us that God is holy and that His word deserves our highest respect. We should never treat God's instructions as suggestions to be altered whenever they seem inconvenient or unnecessary. Instead, we should approach Him with reverence, carefully seeking His will in all things. As Peter wrote, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). May we learn from Uzza's tragic mistake that true faith is demonstrated not merely by good intentions, but by humble and careful obedience to the Word of God.



God Bless -Todd

Wednesday Night Summer Series
Families of the Old Testament

7:00pm on Wednesdays June through August

Jun 3, 2026	Jerry Sturgill	Family of Jeroboam
Jun 10, 2026	Mark Day	Family of Eli
Jun 17, 2026	David Trimble	Family of David
Jun 24, 2026	Daniel Goshorn	Family of Abraham
Jul 1, 2026	Shaun Young	Family of Aaron
Jul 8, 2026	DJ Curry	Family of Mordecai
Jul 15, 2026	Cedrick Goddard	Family of Noah
Jul 22, 2026	Brandon Foresha	Family of Saul
Jul 29, 2026	Singing Night	
Aug 5, 2026	David Deagel	Family of Jacob
Aug 12, 2026	Ben Ash	Family of Isaac
Aug 19, 2026	Scott Judge	Family of Adam
Aug 26, 2026	Jack Gichrist	Family of Elimelech



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Attendance & Contribution			
	7/12/26	Goal	6/29/25
Bible Study	---	130	49
AM Worship	99	130	87
PM Worship	77	130	61
Mid-Week	78	130	59
Contribution	\$6647.25		\$5128.07

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: Ranie Wohnhas

First Prayer: Nathan Adkins

Closing Prayer: Jason Fouts

Lord's Table*

Presiding: Nathan Parks

Assisting: Jacob Brown, David Morckel, Mason Morris, JD Maynard, Evan Gullett, Cody Ward, Danny Stone

Evening

Song Leader: Nathan Adkins

First Prayer: Jeremiah Smith

Lord's Table*

Presiding: George Wallace

Assisting: Cody Ward

Closing Prayer: Jim Haynes

Scripture Reading: Gabe Scott

Wednesday Servants

Welcome: Jeremiah Smith

Song Leader: Jim Haynes

First Prayer: Greg Conley

Summer Series: Brandon Foresha

Closing Prayer: Nathan Parks

Weekly Servants

Live Stream: Jordan Conley

Power Point: Nathan Parks

Bldg. Att.: Jeremiah Smith

Coordinator: Nathan Parks

Attendance: John Gambill

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 19 – Team – TWO sign cards

July 25 – Men's Breakfast - Pappy's 8:30am

July 31 – Ladies Lunch - Longhorns – 11:30am

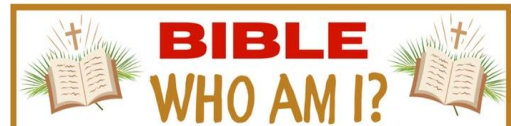
August 1 – VBS – 10:00-2:00

August 30 – Singing at Oakmont

TEAM TWO

Meet tonight (Sunday, July 19) in the annex to sign cards for our Evangelism program.

You may sign cards before or after evening service



Match the description to the person in the bible.

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| 1. _____ I was swallowed by a big fish | A. Ruth |
| 2. _____ I defeated a giant with a sling & a stone | B. Joseph |
| 3. _____ I was the strongest man in the bible | C. Mary |
| 4. _____ I became Queen & saved my people | D. Matthias |
| 5. _____ I had a coat of many colors | E. Moses |
| 6. _____ I climbed a tree to see Jesus | F. Peter |
| 7. _____ I baptized Jesus | G. Eve |
| 8. _____ I was Jesus' mother | H. David |
| 9. _____ I betrayed Jesus with a kiss | I. Nehemiah |
| 10. _____ I was the first man God created | J. Thomas |
| 11. _____ I walked on water toward Jesus | K. Jonah |
| 12. _____ I killed my brother out of jealousy | L. Miriam |
| 13. _____ I was the first women God created | M. Esther |
| 14. _____ I received the 10 Commandments | N. Elizabeth |
| 15. _____ I helped rebuild the walls of Jerusalem | O. Adam |
| 16. _____ I stayed loyal to my mother in law Naomi | P. John the Baptist |
| 17. _____ I was the sister of Moses | Q. Cain |
| 18. _____ I was the mother of John the Baptist | R. Samson |
| 19. _____ I was chosen to replace Judas as a disciple | S. Zacchaeus |
| 20. _____ I doubted that Jesus had risen until I saw Him | T. Judas |

*Gluten-Free Bread