



**Schedule of Services**

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM  
 Worship 10:30 AM  
 Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM  
 7:00 PM

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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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# From the Shepherd's Pen

The reports from the Lads to Leaders Conference were great. I congratulate the participants, the parents, and the mentors.

I encourage all to get involved. These programs have benefits not just for now or for life, but for eternity.

Children, I especially urge you to, look for one or more of these programs in which you can participate.

I realize this will require time and dedication on the part of the participant and also on the part of the family, (encouragement, help, transportation, etc.). I realize this may involve sacrifices; It may mean dropping some other activities. But it is important for all of us to set our priorities toward the heavenly over the earthly.

Remember, Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

If you get the opportunity, congratulate present L2L participants, parents, and/or mentors.

*-Jim Hattemer*

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I have not heard of any cases recently, but structural damage to a building due to mine subsidence can be a problem in this area. Most people who have lived here very long know of the coal that has been mined from the area. Evidently, in some places coal companies did not leave the proper support. This has resulted in collapsed shafts or narrow veins that have been mined out that have collapsed. In turn, this has caused structural damage to buildings built over those mines.

We must be sure to build our spiritual lives on the proper foundation, too, lest we come to ruin and

destruction spiritually. The only sound foundation is that of Christ and His word. As He Himself said...

*"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."*

Matt 7:24-27 ESV

Make it a point this week to do a little maintenance. Build and strengthen your foundation with study and meditation on God's word. Make Him the foundation of your life.

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Do you appreciate someone you can depend upon, someone who has shown their loving kindness? Do you appreciate the friend who is a strength to you? Do you appreciate those who provide for and protect you?

The Sovereign Ruler of all creation does all of that and more. He does so better than any man.

*O my Strength, I will sing praises to you, for you, O God, are my fortress, the God who shows me steadfast love.* Ps 59:17 ESV

Have a wonderful weekend. Join the saints Sunday and sing praises to Him who is your strength, your fortress and who has shown His steadfast love.

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