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Sunday Bible Study
9:45 AM

Sunday Worship
10:45 AM & 6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study
7:30 PM

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You've Got Mail

By Jeremy D. Joy

Since the beginning of time, men and women have communicated with one another, from the hieroglyphics of ancient Egypt to the cell phones and email of the modern world. Technology has invented new forms of communication and created new terminology, which has become a part of our vocabulary. Who knew that you could

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buy blackberries at Radio Shack? Like the men and women He made in His image, the Creator values communication. He communicates with men and women using our language because He wants us to know and understand His will (Ephesians 3:3-4; 5:17). Throughout history, He has communicated in a variety of ways, speaking both directly and indirectly, but Jesus is the ultimate expression of His will, and we need to listen.

"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the



**I will meditate on Your precepts, and
contemplate Your ways.
— Psalm 119:18**

brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they" (Hebrews 1:1-2).

Millions of people are networking through Facebook and MySpace and exchanging emails around the world. Likewise, God wants to "keep in touch" with the creation He loves. He has promised to respond when we call upon Him because He does not want His plans and purposes to be a big secret (Jeremiah 33:3). However, there are some who refuse to believe

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unless God speaks to them in a dramatic way.

In reality, God *has* spoken to mankind extraordinarily through Jesus — His last word to the world. “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” (John 1:1). “And the word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (John 1:14). There is a story about a preacher who asked some children why God called Jesus the Word. One little girl answered: “I suppose that is all He wanted to say.” Jesus is all that God needed to say to the world.

For every problem or question, Jesus is the final word! Truth, salvation, freedom, hope,

assurance, love, wisdom — whatever we need in our lives, Jesus is the answer. There are some who scream at God to answer them in the midst of trials and temptations. They want answers right now! In the person of Jesus, we see what God would be like, if He was a man (John 14:9), and we can know how He wants us to respond to problems and pressures (Ephesians 5:1; 1 Peter 2:21). He is the living word upon which we can build our lives — the kind of life we were created to experience.

God communicates with us because He wants to transform us, not merely share information with us (Romans 8:29), but we must receive the Word (Hebrews 4:12). There is a potentially life-changing

Pine Street News And Notes

Members of our church family who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Judy Haught** will have a heart catheterization on Tuesday...**Melinda Koontz** will have surgery on Tuesday...**Wanda Rockwell** is at home recovering from surgery...**Gay Yost** is at home recovering from a severe allergic reaction to a prescription drug.

Others who are sick and in need of our prayers: **Crystal Shockley's** grandmother is improving.

Our Spring Gospel Meeting starts today! We welcome **Vernon and Brenda Teagarden** to our church family this week. We thank them in advance for sharing with us in our work as a church.

It is not too late to invite someone to the Gospel Meeting. There are advertisements and letters on the stand in the foyer that you can mail to family and friends.

The **Teagardens** will be staying with the **Joy**s if you need to contact them during the week.

There is a meal list posted on the bulletin board if you would like to have a meal with the **Teagardens** this week.

The list of songleaders for the week is posted on the bulletin board.

The Training Class will be Sunday, May 18. The schedule is posted on the bulletin board.

Jeremy will answer questions from “The Question Box” next Sunday evening.

Check the bulletin board for Gospel Meetings throughout the Ohio Valley.

The Scripture reading today is: Psalm 119:25-32.