

WORKS WE SUPPORT

Jim & Judy O'Connor, Foreign Evangelism
Peter and Pooi Fun Chin, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore
"Seek The Old Paths"
Chuck Northrop, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)
Jerry Martin, Memphis School of Preaching (Instructor)
Phillip Vanwinkle, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia
"Whom Do You Serve?" Television Program
"Bible Questions with Bible Answers" Television Program

UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

July 15	Living in this world
July 22	Harrison Morgan to speak
July 29	Chuck Northrop to speak
Aug. 5	Living in this world
Aug. 12	Living in this world

SUNDAY PM

July 15	Foolish and unlearned questions (#376)
July 22	Build on the proper foundation (#377)
July 29	Chuck Northrop to speak
Aug. 5	Is God against us? (#378)

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

July 15, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert VanAlstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Jim Loper, Jewel Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Tyler's friend Allee (Military)

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Matt. 5-13-16 **PM:** 1 Tim. 1:3,4

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

- July 15 – Potluck and men's business meeting, soldiers' packages
- July 22 – Singing at 5 p.m.
- July 22 – Harrison Morgan to speak
- July 29 – Chuck Northrop to speak
- July 30 – Aug. 4 – Booth at Ingham County Fair

FAIR BOOTH: Please fill out the form on the back table showing when you can work in the fair booth. Give these back to Charles by Wednesday, 7-18-12.



POSSESSED
Charles Coats

Pardon the play on words, but man is possessed with the idea of trying to find something possessed by a spirit (ghost) of a person trapped between here and eternity. These people firmly believe there are those who have died but have something left to do before they can "crossover" to their reward. Just a quick glimpse of television and books helps us to understand that this idea

seems to be on the rise. "Ghost hunters" are everywhere.

For years, people, even Christians, have tried to scare people with ghost stories and furthered the idea of ghosts with haunted houses, and other such things. What seems like such a harmless thing is actually perpetuating a falsehood, a lie.

Are there souls out there wandering around trying to finish some incomplete thing so they can get to the other side? If man is to be believed, then we would have to say yes. However, if God is to be believed, we will have to say no! "...yea, let God be true, but every man a liar..." (Rom. 3:4).

Heb. 9:27 teaches us that there is a time when all men will die, but following that is the judgment of all of these. This passage does not teach there are some who are wandering around or trying to do some good deed so they can "earn their wings". As one continues to read the Bible, those who die will either be in paradise resting from their labors or in torments suffering for their wrongs (Lk. 16:19,20). There is not one passage of scripture that supports any idea about ghosts or tortured spirits.

It is a shame that so much time and money is spent in trying to prove something that is not there. How much better it would be to use this time and this money to help those who are truly in need – the homeless, those who need medical care, and so forth. And, think about how much more good could be done if this effort were used in helping people obey God.

The Devil has done his job well. He has worked to distract man from that which is truly important. And he has done it so well that even Christians will argue that there is nothing wrong with ghost hunting or haunted houses and other such things which perpetuate the lie.

Hopefully, one day, we as Christians will come to the realization that we are to support God and his word, and not the Devil and his work.