

Readings Today: AM: John 15:12-16 Friends

PM: Psalm 20:1-5 Victories over enemies

Elders:

Bob Alley Jerry Brinkley
Cary Ashton Gary Watt

Evangelist:

Steve Wolfgang

Deacons:

Curt Frechmann Bryce Cann
Loren Hueter Greg Jones
Dave Malcomson Eric Paige

Worship Service Schedule

Sunday

Bible Classes 9:00 A.M.
Worship Service 9:55 A.M.
Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:30 P.M.

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In Christ we are a victor, not a victim.

Spiritual correction is not spiritual rejection.

Change is mandatory, stress is manageable, but misery is optional.



Order of Worship Today

Morning services

Evening services

Greeting and Announcements Jerry Brinkley
Song Leader Phil Prince
Scripture Reading Justin Elam
Prayer Peter Jetton
Contribution – Leader Robert Alley
Contribution – Prayer Tony Kelly
Lord's Supper – Leader Robert Alley
Cup – Prayer Curt Frechmann
Assist Steve Solomon
Assist Dakota Fuss
Assist Hunter Prince
Speaker Steve Wolfgang
Closing Prayer Brian Jaros

Jerry Brinkley
Eric Roper
Jerry Brinkley
Bryce Cann

Curt Frechmann
Tony Kelly

Steve Wolfgang
Justin Ashton

Greeters —David Ashton and Jim Kolze

Welcome to our Visitors: Please fill out a white visitor card - and give it to a greeter at the close of services.

Wed. Evening 4-8-15: Song—S. Wolfgang; Speaker: J. Kolze; Prayer—T. Kelly



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HIGH LIGHTS

**"THE LORD SHALL BE THINE
EVERLASTING LIGHT"**

Casual friends or companions may engage in mutually agreeable activities of interest without much residual connection. Dear friends maintain an interest in personal contact over a wide variety of experiences.



The differences between these two groups (comrades or associates—hetarios and friends—philo) is elaborated and discussed throughout the Bible. Philo, translated as friend, was originally a description of the association such as friendly or dear, however in usage became the relationship itself. One's friend then denoted a caring, friendly affection of depth beyond the shallow association of comrades.

The sharing of good times and bad, of expressions of health, joys, exasperations and sorrows all make up the stuff of friendship. Agreement on every point of life is not essential, it is the concerns for each other, the enjoyment of sharing and knowing the bonds of acquaintance are long lasting. Trusting in mutual judgments and standards are also important. A friend is someone we treat with special affection.

John tells us of Jesus' teaching on love and friends where he says "greater love has no one than this to lay down his life for his friends (Jn 15:13). *No higher expression of love could ever be given. Life is the most valuable object we possess; and when a man is willing to lay that down for his friends or his country, it shows the utmost extent of love.* (from Barnes' Notes).

One cannot be friends with God and the world. James said "...do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God?" (Jas 4:4). We must always be careful of who we choose as friends. It is best when friends have a love of God and a desire for righteousness in common. True friends are beyond companions and worshipping together builds a closeness of the same goal of a heavenly home.

—Bob Alley

Jesus Christ: An All-Sufficient Savior

Jesus Christ is wholly or completely adequate to the end proposed. He is sufficient for all that God intended the Savior to be. An all-sufficient Savior need not and cannot be replaced. He perfectly accomplishes all that God intended that He accomplish. In John 5:30 Jesus states His purpose upon the earth to be to "see not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." Then shortly before His death Jesus said "It is finished" (John 19:30). He had therefore completely accomplished or finished God's will for Him upon the earth. He had therefore proved himself to be adequate to the end proposed for Him, by God. Only an infidel would imply that Christ's work was imperfectly done. Nothing more was needed. No one therefore can take or share His place. Yet Jesus taught that there would arise those who would deny His sufficiency. There would arise "false Christs (Matt. 24 4), said Jesus. The very arising false Christs implies that some felt that Jesus the Christ was not adequate or sufficient.



The Bible plainly declares that Jesus is all that the Christian needs as a Savior. Paul declares: "As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and builded up in him . . . for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, and in him ye are made full." (Col. 2:6-9). The Christian is made full or complete in Him. He supplies our every need.

AN ALL-SUFFICIENT EXAMPLE -- One of the things that the disciple or follower of the Lord needs is an example. Christ is that needed example. "For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" (I Pet. 2:21, 22). Paul adds "Be Ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ" (I Cor. 11:1). Jesus left us not only a good example, such as any good man might leave; He left us a perfect example. His example therefore is perfectly adequate. The author or captain of our salvation was made perfect through His suffering (Heb. 2:10; 5:8, 9). His was the only perfect life. He met every temptation we meet, and by His example, shows us that the temptation can be withstood. He does not ask us to go where He has not been. He does not ask us to do what He has not done. He does not ask us to withstand what He has not withstood. As an example, of Him we could ask no more. He therefore an all-sufficient example.

—Cecil Willis

News and Notes

Prayer List

Our Members:

Those coping with on-going health and mobility difficulties:

- Jean Freeman.
- Steve Richardson has a serious heart condition.
- Sal Scarpitti is in Provident Healthcare and Rehab facility, 3450 Saratoga Ave. Downers Grove, 60515 (630-969-2900) room 10A and he welcomes visitors.
- Mary Brown has been confined to home for some time and enjoys visits, cards and calls.

Prayers for Loved Ones

- Blair Elam's mother, Helen, (Elaine Petry's sister) coping with multiple medical issues is in a facility that deals with Alzheimer's patients.
- Walter Purcell's brother-in-law, Louis Woods, dealing with serious health issues.
- Mary Hall's sister in Wis. Sula Maxey, and her bro-in-law in Alabama, Joe Basham, dealing with health issues.
- Theresa Clark's father is in rehab.
- Juanita Saladino's mother is in hospice care in KY.

Edification Group

Group 1 will meet today in the library before services.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. Juanita Saladino and the Fuss family have returned from KY. The Wolfgangs have returned from IN.

Children's Bible Study

This class meets on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at 5:30 P.M.

Tuesday Ladies class

This class meets Tuesdays at 10 AM in the library.