

Readings Today: AM: John 1:29-34 The Lamb of God
PM: Psalm 20:6-9 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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HIGH LIGHTS

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

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Sacrifices involving lambs began with Abel in the book of Genesis. Blood shed by the firstlings of the flock (Gen. 4:4) was "a more acceptable offering" to God (Heb. 11:4) than an offering of plants. This pattern is repeated throughout the Old Testament emphasizing many important lessons.

**lamb
 of god**

Lambs themselves represent the renewal and replenishing of the flocks. They are valuable for their meat is tender and used for special occasions. Not for casual consumption. Much consideration would be given before killing the lambs for guests and dignitaries.

The importance in using sacrificial lambs is seen in the many offerings and feasts designated in the Law of Moses. Each day was to begin and end with a lamb sacrifice in the continual burnt offerings (Exo. 29:28-42). A busy schedule of slaying lambs was kept on the 1st day of the month, the feast of Weeks, the feast of Trumpets, and the feast of Trumpets and Tabernacles. (See Numbers chapters 28 and 29).

The deliverance of God's people from the slavery of Egypt came with a slaying of a lamb and the sprinkling of its blood on their doors. The Passover lamb celebrated annually came to be synonymous with a sacrifice. The Lamb of God is a title for Jesus that appears when John the Baptist sees Jesus and says, "Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1:29) To the Jews the reference to a lamb could mean only sacrifice.

Isaiah the Prophet told of the Messiah that was to be brought as a lamb to the slaughter (Isa 53:7) and was to suffer for His people (53:5). Paul wrote of Jesus as Christ our Passover being sacrificed for us (1 Cor. 5:7) and Peter tells that we were redeemed by the "precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb..." (1 Peter 1:19). To see Jesus as the sinless lamb of God is to put His sacrifice into perspective.

—Bob Alley

 The things we get in life can make us a living...
 The things we give to people can make a life.
 Never look down on somebody unless you are helping them up.

Order of Worship Today	Morning services	Evening services
Greeting and Announcements	Jerry Brinkley	Jerry Brinkley
Song Leader	Dave Malcomson	Peter Jetton
Scripture Reading	Nick Pippenger	Jerry Brinkley
Prayer	Walter Purcell	Blair Elam
Contribution – Leader	Trevor Copeland	
Contribution – Prayer	Trent Dutton	
Lord's Supper – Leader	Trevor Copeland	Trevor Copeland
Cup – Prayer	Greg Jones	Tony Kelly
Assist	Ramon Rodriguez	
Assist	Jonathan Hill	
Assist	Blake Whitby	
Speaker	Steve Wolfgang	Steve Wolfgang
Closing Prayer	Mark Ames	Greg Jones
Greeters —Bob Alley and Eric Paige		
Welcome to our Visitors: Please fill out a white visitor card - and give it to a greeter at the close of services.		
Wed. Evening 4-15-15: Song—P. Prince; Speaker: T. Kelly; Prayer—T. Hill		

The Problem of Moral Insensitivity

Even as small children we are taught to respond to what has been determined to be right. As a result, we develop a certain sensitivity concerning whatever has been determined to be wrong. **This discipline in regard to what is right and what is wrong trains us and gives us our moral inclination and our mental sensitivity or conscience.** The Christian is taught to “avoid all forms of evil” (I Thess. 5:22), and the person who has developed the moral sensitivity ought to have the will to “abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9).

Too many Christians are becoming desensitized to sin. **The devil, realizing that when the Christian has his consciousness to sin lessened and is more apt to ignore it, uses several very effective methods to his moral character.**

By a process of slowly exposing us to more and more lascivious and lewd scenes in pictures, movies, writing, and the social media outlets, the devil has taken away what ought to be a sensitized repugnancy to such things.

Our continual exposure to the gutter language spoken in the world today has served to desensitize us so that we are no longer repulsed by it. Some of our young people excuse their attendance at the *baser and more gross movies by saying, “we just ignore the bad language.”*

If we continue to ignore it, it will soon make no impression at all. And our toleration of it is only a step away from our outright acceptance of it. And, furthermore, our outright acceptance of it is just a step away from our use of it. There is no way a Christian can escape from the use of bad language in today’s world—it’s everywhere—but he doesn’t have to like it, and he doesn’t have to ignore it. We could help considerably by making it known—both by example and speaking out—that we don’t like it. (Read James 3:2-10)

—Dee Bowman

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 and is progressing with therapy.
- Mary Brown has been confined to home for some time and enjoys visits, cards and calls.
- Rebecca Hill has the flu.
- Jennie Prince recovering from outpatient surgery.

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 2 will meet in the library after services this evening.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. David, Loryn and Kate Ashton are away this weekend. Cary, Sharon Ashton and Mary Hall are in AL. Sharon and Mary will be there for the week and Cary will return to DG on Monday. Ralph and Laura Ford are in TN this weekend. Charles Prince is preaching in Palatine this morning.

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.

Moving Away

Teresa Clark is moving to San Antonio TX at the end of May.

The church in Rochelle

No one at the church that meets in Rochelle IL was hurt during the recent tornado.