

Readings Today: AM: Eph. 2:4-7 Alive in Christ

PM: Psalm 21:1-6 Praise for Deliverance

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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Jesus died to save us and He lives to keep us.

Do not pray for easy lives. Pray to be a stronger person.

Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face.

Order of Worship Today

Morning services

Evening services

Greeting and Announcements
Song Leader
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Contribution – Leader
Contribution – Prayer
Lord's Supper – Leader
Cup – Prayer
Assist
Assist
Assist
Speaker
Closing Prayer

Jerry Brinkley
Bryce Cann
Nick Pippenger
Justin Ashton
Bill Brinkley
Hunter Prince
Bill Brinkley
David Ashton
Blake Whitby
Jonathan Hill
Steve Solomon
Steve Wolfgang
Cannon Whitby

Jerry Brinkley
Cary Ashton
Jerry Brinkley
Charles Prince

Greg Jones
Hunter Prince

Steve Wolfgang
Mark Ames

Greeters —Peter Jetton 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 4-22-15: Song—B. Brinkley; Speaker: W. Purcell; Prayer—Steve Wolfgang



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HIGH LIGHTS

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

Marriage Commitment



Our traditional wedding ceremonies are all about formalizing a covenant relationship. In this type of covenant, the parties are identified by typical phrasing "Do you ... " and names the people involved. The obligations are then given both generally and specifically, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better or for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish ...". These vary in completeness of aural declaration by the one performing the ceremony but are understood to be total in dedication to each other. As with all covenants, the design of the covenant is for the benefit of both parties.

Marriages have roots originating in the Bible and the covenant agreement is spelled out in many passages. Mal. 2:14 ...Because the Lord has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, ... she is your companion and your wife by covenant. A covenant binds two into one and one way to look at this is to recognize that two people join themselves together through a covenant to one entity – a family, instead of remaining as two people.

Husband and wife caring for each other is mentioned by Paul in 1 Cor. 7:33-34. ... "he who is married cares about the things of the world—how he may please *his* wife...she who is married cares about the things of the world—how she may please *her* husband."

Provisions for remembering the covenant have specific reminders that they are bound to each other. Rings verify the existence of the covenant and anniversaries are the periodic reminders. The marriage covenant is a permanent agreement – for the life of the couple. Rom. 7:2-3

Because the covenant is mutually beneficial, both the husband and the wife must work at making the marriage work - Ephesians 5:33. Marriage is a covenant relationship between a man and woman that takes two lives and forms them into one; two people just living together doesn't make a marriage. Marriages are and always will be special.

-Bob Alley

Dead Man Walking

God told Abimelech, "You are a dead man" (Gen. 20:3). This was not for stealing money, murder, or blasphemy. It was because he innocently took another man's wife (Gen. 20:5).

Dead Man Walking



God gave him notice of his danger of sin, that if he takes her he will wrong her husband. His was in danger of death for this sin: Thou art a dead man; and God's saying so of a man makes him so. Note: every willful sinner ought to be told that he is a dead man, if thou art a bad man, certainly thou art a dead man.

The fact is, whenever we sin, we are dead men. This includes "innocent" sin or sins of ignorance. Sin is sin and it separates us from God (1 Jn. 1:5-10; 3:4). Abimelech was a "dead man walking" and his story can teach us a few lessons.

God Sees All. The Creator of the universe is aware of what is happening in it (Psa. 33:13; 139:7-12). He sees the wicked and their evil deeds (Job 34:21, 22). He is angry at them and will judge them for their sins (Psa. 7:11; 37:12-15).

God also sees the righteous and their ways (Psa. 34:15). He knows when they suffer and He cares (Ex. 3:9). He hears the prayers of His saints and thoughtfully considers them (1 Kgs. 8:27-30). God also takes account of their deeds as they work to advance His kingdom (Phil. 4:15-17). Abimelech took Abraham's wife innocently, so to speak, because Abraham lied and said Sarah was his sister (Gen. 20:2). This wasn't the first time Abraham lied about his wife (Gen. 12:10-13). We have our faults and failings, our sins and transgressions, but these are not the sum total of us. As we submit to God and seek His mercy, He forgives us (Mk. 16:15, 16; 1 Jn. 1:5-10).

Our faults, however, can lead others to sin. Sarah agreed in the lie (Gen. 20:2, 5). Our sins might ensnare our loved ones, our spouse or children. They may also get others into trouble, as Abimelech did with Sarah (Gen. 20:3, 6, 7). In other words, we might know it is wrong, but the other person doesn't realize it. Do not be a "dead man walking." Examine your life before God and correct any sin. Humble yourself in the sight of the Lord and He will lift you up—to life.

—Steven F. Deaton

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.
- Bette Wolfgang is to have an angiogram on Tuesday.
- Tom Hill has not been feeling well.

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 home recovering from several health issues.
- Juanita Saladino's mother is in hospice care in KY.

Edification Group

Group 3 will meet today in the library.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. Phil Prince has been away on business in Central America.

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.
- Masha Burke and family are moving to California at the end of May.

Marriage Announcement

Karen Pacheco's son, Ryan, was married last Friday in Bloomington IL to Rachel Nettles. Both are former members here. Steve Wolfgang performed the ceremony.

Membership Moved

Luke and Flo Rider have decided to attend elsewhere.