

**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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Let Sunday be your strong day, so the rest of the days won't be your 'weak' days.



The Bible is to a thirsty soul, what water is in a barren land.

Jesus can turn your wounds into wisdom.

<b>Order of Worship Today</b>	<b>Morning services</b>	<b>Evening services</b>
Greeting and Announcements	Cary Ashton	Cary Ashton
Song Leader	Gary Watt	Eric Roper
Scripture Reading	Blake Whitby	Cary Ashton
Prayer	Bob Alley	Charles Prince
Contribution – Leader	Walter Purcell	
Contribution – Prayer	Jim Kolze	
Lord's Supper – Leader	Walter Purcell	Tom Hill
Cup – Prayer	Tom Hill	Jim Kolze
Assist	Justin Elam	
Assist	Jonathan Hill	
Assist	Dakota Fuss	
Speaker	Steve Wolfgang	Steve Wolfgang
Closing Prayer	Greg Jones	Trent Dutton
Greeters — David Ashton and Trevor Copeland		
<b>Welcome to our Visitors: Please fill out a white visitor card - and give it to a greeter at the close of services.</b>		
<b>Wed. Evening 5-13-15</b>		
Song Leader—B. Brinkley; Speaker: D. Malcomson; Prayer—Steve Wolfgang		



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**HIGH LIGHTS**

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

**MAY 10, 2015**

**What Are Mothers Made Of?**



There used to be a saying about what little boys and little girls are made of. The boys were said to be made of "snips and snails and puppy dog tails" - while little girls were made of "sugar and spice and everything nice, and there always seemed to be a bit of truth to those sayings.

Today, the second Sunday in May, designated as Mother's Day, the focus is on what Mothers would be made of. This is a harder question than it sounds. What would the ingredients be to make up such a wonderful person.

In researching this topic I read where "a five year old girl once said "God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world... and one dab of mean." While a six year old boy thought that they might be made of "string and duct tape and other stuff". A child's view of their mom probably doesn't reflect very much depth as to what they really go through being a mother and raising children.

How much patience, tolerance, worry, giving, hoping, praying and loving could you put together to make a mom? How much feeding, caring, getting you ready for school and worship and visiting relatives and watching out for dangers would be enough to say one is complete and ready for the job?

Reflecting on how much a mother gives for their children a deep and abiding love is seen. The special place in our hearts for our mothers is never replaced, as children have the hearts of their mothers forever.

Proverbs 31 is often a chapter studied in "ladies classes" telling of a virtuous woman and a good mother. It is a must reading, however, for all who would care for their mothers and the mother of their children. It is God's powerful words in depicting the depth of a mother's concern for her household and her family.

—Bob Alley

## Indiscriminate Forgiveness?

Many people, including Christians, believe that we are obligated to forgive someone whenever they commit a sin. For instance, if a man steals \$500 from me, is arrested and put on trial, many believe I should go ahead and forgive him—even though he remains unrepentant. Some see this as the noble thing to do; something that will help me. However, there is no biblical basis for this type of thinking.

The Bible does teach we are to forgive others, but the forgiveness has conditions attached to it. The person who committed the sin must seek forgiveness. Jesus said, "Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, 'I repent,' you shall forgive him" (Lk. 17:3, 4).

What happens when that same person does not repent and seek forgiveness? Are we obligated to forgive anyway? No. We are under no greater obligation than God. Paul wrote, "...forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32). He will forgive us after we repent (Acts 8:22-24).

If we are authorized or even compelled to forgive someone before he or she repents, what does that do to church discipline? The person from whom a church withdraws is to be forgiven only after that person repents (1 Cor. 5:1-5; 2 Cor. 2:6-11; 7:8-11). Forgiveness before the point of repentance would make the entire process a futile exercise in chaos.

Further, consider the scenario Jesus gives us in Matthew 18:15-17. One brother sins against another. If a one-on-one conversation brings repentance from the sinner, then the issue is solved. However, if the one in the wrong does not make correction, then the offended brother does not forgive him; he takes the next step to bring repentance. The principle laid down is that forgiveness, and thus reconciliation, is extended when the sinner repents, not before.

Christians need to hold people accountable for their actions. Sinners need to know they are sinners and we do not accept them in that condition. If they have personally sinned against us and/or the church, they need to feel the burden of their sin. Our desire for peace or to simply not deal with the problem will not solve the issue.

— 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.
- All three of the Cann children (Meredith, Marissa and Mason) have been ill with a virus.

## 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.
- Juanita Saladino's mother is in hospice care in KY.

## Intern Program

Our preacher intern program with Ethan Rifle is due to begin on May 31st.

## Edification Group

**Group 2** will meet tonight in the library after services.

## Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. Lynn and Eric Paige travelling in Hawaii. Margo Suddeth is in Texas.

## 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.

## Condolences

Walter Purcell's brother passed away last week.

Bette Wolfgang's aunt, Aurelia Ann Fitts Rader, passed away Wednesday in TN.