

Readings Today: AM: Romans 8:18-21 The Toils of Life
PM: Psalm 21:7-13 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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**Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people,
 a heart that forgives the worst,
 a mind that forgets the bad, and a soul that never loses faith in God.**

Order of Worship Today	Morning services	Evening services
Greeting and Announcements	Cary Ashton	Cary Ashton
Song Leader	Dave Malcomson	Eric Paige
Scripture Reading	Dakota Fuss	Cary Ashton
Prayer	Cannon Whitby	David Ashton
Contribution – Leader	Mark Ames	
Contribution – Prayer	Greg Jones	
Lord’s Supper – Leader	Mark Ames	Blair Elam
Cup – Prayer	Blair Elam	Mark Ames
Assist	Curt Frechmann	
Assist	Blake Whitby	
Assist	Jonathan Hill	
Speaker	Wayne Walker	Wayne Walker
Closing Prayer	Justin Ashton	Trevor Copeland
Greeters – Brian Jaros and Walter Purcell		

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

Wed. Evening 5-20-15: Song–Jetton; Speaker: Cann; Prayer—Solomon



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HIGH LIGHTS
“THE LORD SHALL BE THINE EVERLASTING LIGHT”

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An Annual Reminder



There is a time to remember, reflect and recognize where you’ve been and where you are headed. Married people do this all the time on their anniversary. This is not like a birthday where it’s a celebration of another year passing by – another year older and deeper in debt. There is not much reflection on birthdays until maybe later on in life.

Remembering your wedding day however, is remembering the day God joined you together. (Matt. 19:6; Rom. 7:2). A time when vows are made - when solemn promises are made before God and everyone that was invited to witness the event (“the LORD is acting as the witness between you and the wife of your youth,” Mal 2:14).

Weddings are a day of leaving and cleaving (“a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” Gen 2:24). New lives are beginning as one where there was two. A point in time to be noted and built upon. Importance is placed on not forgetting what was done that day by celebrating it—to remember it is a part of daily life.

Love, loyalty and life together with a common goal requires dedication, understanding and compromises to work with each other as a family. Not only physically but also as a spiritual family.

In the Old Testament many reminders were woven into daily activities to the Israelites to keep God ever before them.

Forgetting is too easy. Dilution of value comes quickly when events are ignored and put aside as just another day. Remembering is teaching not only yourself to keep vows intact but also others who observe your conduct and attention to how faithful you are to what you said you would do. The next generation of marriages will have its own problems to deal with and can be made easier to handle with the proper example to follow. –BA

When You Feel Like Giving Up

1) **When you feel like giving up because of the trials you are suffering, remember righteous Job.** He lost everything: his children, his wealth, and his health (Job 1:13-2:8). In spite of all this unimaginable grief and loss, Job held to his faith in God (Job 13:15). As James wrote of him: *"Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord--that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful"* (5:11). Indeed we may suffer great trials in this life, yet we must never forget that *"the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us"* (Romans 8:18). Like Job, let us endure.

2) **When you feel like giving up because it seems like your righteous efforts are to no avail, remember Elijah.** This faithful prophet of God boldly condemned the evil ways of Ahab and Jezebel. Demonstrating great courage and faith he took on the 450 prophets of Baal, proving them to be completely false (I Kings 18:17-40). In spite of all his courageous efforts for good, he had to flee for his life from Jezebel. In his great discouragement and distress he expressed how he felt no better than his fathers, and that he was the only man left in Israel that had remained loyal to God and His covenant (I Kings 19:4,10). Elijah had done much good, and it was not in vain. Seven thousand in Israel had not bowed the knee in allegiance to Baal. He was not all alone. So *"be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"* (I Cor. 15:58).

3) **When you feel like giving up because you're weary and discouraged in your soul, remember Jesus.** Although one can receive much strength and inspiration from the likes of Job and Elijah, there is no better example that we can look to than Jesus Christ. *"Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls"* (Hebrews 12:1-3). Look to Jesus every day. When you feel like giving up, remember Job, Elijah, and especially Jesus. When you feel like giving up, don't! It will all be worth it in the end (Rom. 8:18; Rev. 21:1-7)!

—Jesse Flowers

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.
- 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. Lynn and Eric Paige are returning from a trip to HI. Steve and Bette Wolfgang are away this week. Margo Suddeth returned from 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

Bette Wolfgang's aunt, Dorothy Lee Rader, of Franklin TN, passed away last Thursday. We extend our condolences to her on the loss of another member of her family. The funeral is to be tomorrow.

Speaker Today

Bro. Wayne Walker whom we help support in So. IL will bring the lesson this morning and evening. He is here today with his wife Karen and son Jeremy.