

Readings Today: AM: Heb. 10:5-10 The Godhead

PM: Psalm 22:1-5 A Cry of Anguish

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"

MAY 24, 2015

Memorial Day



Remembering things is often difficult. Our memory system is weak. Even though some may claim that they may have a photographic memory time is not their friend. Trying to remember specifics can be challenging. Names and dates sometimes need repetition to recall them properly. God has recognized man's need for such reminders.

Deeds and actions done years ago fade from memory quickly because they are so seldom brought to mind. Acts of bravery, kindness and generosity are fresh but for a short while. But they too become mere vacant bytes on the C Drive of the beneficiaries of passing generations.

The sacrifices of warriors to the benefit of others is soon forgotten without a recurring reminder. The giving of one's life becomes just a line in the seldom read history book unless it's value is refreshed periodically.

God's Son and what He has given to mankind is also subject to the lack of memory space. The magnitude of the gift of the life of Christ, once for all, needs a memorial that is worthy and that is frequent. One not left on the shelf until an annual date rolls around or recalled at a convenient time.

The memorial of the sacrifice of Jesus for the remission of our sins is to be observed as God has willed; on the first day of the week, every week (1 Cor. 16:1-2). Our memorial day of the love shown for us is to be purposefully kept ever before us.

Since our ability to remember is not very strong a fitting memorial to Jesus is just what He said to do and is described in Luke 22:17-20. Christians have such a memorial day, called Sunday, referred to unpretentiously as "the first day of the week" (Lk. 24:1; Acts 20:7) keeping believers in memory of the most marvelous sacrifice ever made for mortal man. -B. Alley

Looks capture the eyes, personality captures the heart.

Problems aren't stop signs, they are guidelines.

If it's important to you, you will find a way, if not you'll find an excuse.



Order of Worship Today

Morning services

Evening services

Greeting and Announcements Cary Ashton
Song Leader Bryce Cann
Scripture Reading Jonathan Hill
Prayer Bill Brinkley
Contribution – Leader David Ashton
Contribution – Prayer Eric Roper
Lord's Supper – Leader David Ashton
Cup – Prayer Brian Jaros
Assist Blair Elam
Assist Nick Pippenger
Assist Josh Holland
Speaker Steve Wolfgang
Closing Prayer Curt Frechmann

Cary Ashton
Singing
Cary Ashton
Ramon Rodriguez

Brian Jaros
Eric Roper

Trevor Copeland
Jim Kolze

Greeters – Bob Alley and Tom Hill

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

Wed. Evening 5-27-15

Song Leader–S. Wolfgang; Speaker: C. Whitby; Prayer–W. Kinney

What About The Godhead?

First, let us understand that the only thing we can know about the deity we serve is by what is revealed. The heavens reveal the existence of God, the Word reveals the will of God (Psalm 19). Creation gives us the former, the Holy Spirit the latter (1 Cor. 2:10-13). Other than this, we cannot know God.

Second, it is a big task for finite man to explain an infinite God.

Third, we can understand and explain what is revealed (Jn. 8:32; Eph. 3:3, 4; 2 Tim. 2:2). To rely on our own thoughts, feelings, and thoughts would be no better than pagans and idolaters (Prov. 14:12). So, where does this leave us?

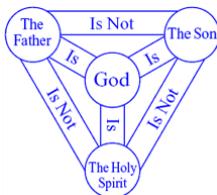
The Bible teaches that deity is possessed by three united, but distinct beings. The first evidence of this is in the first verse of the first chapter of the first book of the Bible. It says, "In the beginning God..." (Gen. 1:1). The Hebrew word for God in this verse is plural. At the end of the chapter when man is created, it says, "Let Us make man in Our image" (Gen. 1:26). The "us" is not God and angels. We are not made in the image of angels. We are made in the image of God. So there must be at least two in the Godhead.

The New Testament gives testimony that there are three in the Godhead. When Jesus was baptized by John, the Spirit descended and the Father spoke (Matt. 3:16, 17). Since Jesus is God (Heb. 1:8), the Spirit is God (Acts 5:3, 4), and the Father is God (Jn. 6:27); then we know there are three persons in the Godhead. There is one Spirit, one Lord, one God (Eph. 4:4-6). $1 + 1 + 1 = 3$.

How can we understand or explain this better? Maybe this will help. Some get confused about there being one God, but three beings. The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit share the same nature, power, will, etc. In other words, the Bible teaches there is one nature of deity with three beings who possess it.

Think of it this way. There is one humanity or manhood. Yet, there are billions of humans. Humans are distinct from monkeys and fish; they are not alternate or lesser humans (evolutionists to the contrary notwithstanding). One manhood, many humans. There is one Godhood or Godhead with only three beings that share in its nature, qualities, and characteristics.

—Johnie Edwards



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.
- Marilyn Johnson had surgery for medical tests.
- Tom Hill had an angiogram for heart defects.

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.
- Shannon Kelly's father dealing with recurring cancer.
- Laura Petry's friend, Nancy, with a serious brain tumor.

Edification Group

Group 4 will meet tonight in the library after services.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. The Alleys traveling to SD for a week leaving Tues. Sharon Ashton has been away traveling on business.

Children's Bible Study

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

Tuesday Ladies class

This class has ended for the summer and will resume in the fall.

Intern Program

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