

Readings Today: AM: Romans 15:1-6 Value of Knowledge

PM: Psalm 22:11-18 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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Wisdom will keep you from getting into situations where you need it.



Don't protect yourself by a fence, but rather by your friends.

Don't ask God to guide your footsteps if you're not willing to move your feet.

Order of Worship Today

Morning services

Evening services

Greeting and Announcements Bob Alley
Song Leader Dave Malcomson
Scripture Reading Jonathan Hill
Prayer Trevor Copeland
Contribution – Leader Eric Paige
Contribution — Prayer Blair Elam
Lord's Supper – Leader Eric Paige
Cup – Prayer Brian Jaros
Assist Curt Frechmann
Assist Ramon Rodriguez
Assist Joshua Holland
Speaker Ethan Riffle
Closing Prayer Justin Ashton
Greeters —David Ashton and Charles Prince

Bob Alley
Eric Roper
Bob Alley
Jim Kolze

Brian Jaros
Blair Elam

Steve Wolfgang
Mark Ames

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

Wed. Evening 6-17-15: Song–B. Brinkley; Speaker: Jaros; Prayer—Solomon



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HIGH LIGHTS

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

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Sick and in Bed



Not feeling well can be difficult to deal with no matter how old you are. And although feeling ill our daily decisions continue regardless of our health condition. Everyday time tables tick-tock on while one deals with alternating feeling better soon and being so sick you think no one will notice if schedules are missed.

However, sickness doesn't care about your schedules and it seems to know when to flare up and make you feel a little worse whenever you even think about your responsibilities. Staying healthy involves getting back to health once you have been visited with infection and suffering.

The Bible deals with sickness in both the physical and spiritual sense. Jesus came to Peter's house and saw that "Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with a fever. Jesus touched her hand and helped her up and the fever left her. That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door, and Jesus healed many who had various diseases." (Mk. 1:30-34)

In the normal trials of life, it's not the healthy that need a doctor but the sick. Jesus said that His place was with the sinners as a doctor is with the sick in Matthew 9:12. If someone is perfectly healthy, they would have no need of a physician.

In the physical sense the brother of Mary and Martha, Lazarus, was sick and died. His physical death was to be utilized for God's glory, so that God's Son may be glorified through it (Jn. 11:4). Lazarus' death created an opportunity to cause greater faith.

Those mentioned as sick in James 5 can refer both to the spiritual and physically ill and they should call for the elders who will give him spiritual medicine for his illness and pray for him. Fervent prayer avails much.

—Bob Alley

The Value of Learning

Rejecting instruction is plain foolishness. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. My son, hear the instruction of your father, and do not forsake the law of your mother" (Proverbs 1:7-8). Solomon recorded the Proverbs for the very purpose of teaching those who read it (Proverbs 1:1-6). Much of the book is made up of short statements which seem to be mostly disconnected ideas, but those short statements are easy to recall and they are deeper than they first appear. As you read through them, pondering what is being said, suddenly you see something in a familiar proverb that you didn't notice before. Not only are the proverbs giving you facts, they are also training your mind to think.

Knowledge of the past gives you an appreciation of what you currently have. When Moses reviewed the laws with the Israelites in Deuteronomy, the people listening to him had been wandering the wilderness for forty years. They had not been born or were only children when Moses had gone up on Mount Sinai to receive the Law. Basically, these people had spent just about their entire lives living under the law. It is easy to take for granted the things you have always known. "For ask now concerning the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man on the earth, and ask from one end of heaven to the other, whether any great thing like this has happened, or anything like it has been heard. Did any people ever hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you have heard, and live?"

Through the knowledge of the past, the Christian also gains a better appreciation for what he has been given. "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope" (Romans 15:4). For example, we see from the past that God has always kept His promises. Thus, we gain greater confidence that God's promise of a home with Him is waiting for us. —Jeffrey W. Hamilton

News and Notes

Prayer List

Our members that are coping with on-going health and mobility difficulties are:

- 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.
- Tom Hill's angiogram did not indicate any further medical action was necessary.
- Janeen Holmstrom recovering from knee surgery.
- Sybil Holland is to have a C- section delivery on Monday.

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.
- Doris Hueter's brother Jim, and her brother-in-law Steve, are both undergoing serious health issues.

Edification Group

Group 2 will meet tonight in the library.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. David, Loryn and Kate Ashton and Nick Pippenger have returned from the Dominican Republic. Trent and Rebecca Dutton are away this summer on an archeological expedition in Israel. Bill and Melissa Brinkley have returned from FL. Lyna Fowlkes and Marion Gillson are back from Michigan. Joan Watt is in TX.

Children's Bible Study

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

Tuesday Ladies class

This class is discontinued for the summer.