

Readings Today: AM: Hebrews 3:12-15 Take Heed Lest You Fall

PM: Psalm 23:1-6 The Lord is my Shepherd

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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**You write a Gospel
A chapter a day
By the deeds you do
And the words you say.**



Order of Worship Today

Morning services

Evening services

Greeting and Announcements Gary Watt
Song Leader Cary Ashton
Scripture Reading Justin Elam
Prayer Mark Ames
Contribution – Leader Trevor Copeland
Contribution – Prayer Eric Paige
Lord's Supper – Leader Trevor Copeland
Cup – Prayer Curt Frechmann
Assist Hunter Prince
Assist Blair Elam
Assist Nick Pippenger
Speaker Steve Wolfgang
Closing Prayer Greg Jones
Greeters –David Ashton and Bob Alley

Gary Watt
Eric Roper
Gary Watt
Charles Prince

Curt Frechmann
Eric Paige

Ethan Riffle
Josh Holland

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

Wed. Evening 7-8-15: Song-Wolfgang; Speaker-Kolze; Prayer-Kinney



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HIGH LIGHTS

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

July 5, 2015

Take Heed!



Take heed to yourself is a command given in Luke 17:3. And a quick read of the words is recorded for our understanding as we read on to an "important passage on forgiveness". The focus of attention shifts rapidly from this oft repeated caution as other instructions are dealt with in Luke.

Applying our mental brakes to halt and study this opening phrase is relevant to using the teaching that follows it and actually the teaching of the whole the Bible. We live in an age of spiritual dangers, where the unwary and careless fall easy prey to Satan and those he has influenced. Taking heed of ourselves to guard against unrighteousness and evil must be a constant effort.

This passage tells us that; Before you do anything, take heed to yourself, examine yourself, are you following what Christ wants, how is your heart? When you come to worship do you harbor ill feelings towards anyone in the congregation? Do you come to worship with a loving caring humble attitude, in reverence to an almighty God with whom you desire to live in eternity?

Heed should be given to our attitude on attending not only the worship services on the Lord's Day but also the Bible study classes, gospel meetings and other events planned to increase and apply our knowledge of God's will.

Avoiding careless spiritual decisions regarding family members and the raising of children is just so important. There is a constant need to be sensitive to have a charitable, loving, penitent outlook toward our brothers and sisters in Christ. Examine your heart when going to God in prayer to check your sincerity in what you are praying for.

Desiring the safety of an eternity in heaven over an eternity of suffering causes us to take heed of ourselves. The hardening of our hearts will creep up on any unwilling to be careful of what they say and do. The devastating effects of sin will blind the eyes of even a strong follower of Christ therefore taking heed of oneself has to be a constant effort.

-Bob Alley

Things That We Can Know by Mark Mayberry

We Can Know Revealed Truth. Jesus said, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:31-32). The Holy Spirit revealed the mind of the Lord to the inspired apostles and prophets so that we may know the things freely given to us by God (1 Cor. 2:12-16). John also affirms that believers can know the truth, and specifics revealed therein, such as the characteristics of the age, the identity of the Christ, the nature of the opposition, etc. (1 John 2:18-24).

We Can Know Present Salvation. Consider the confession of the apostle Paul, who said, "I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day." Note also the contextual conditionality of such a statement (2 Tim. 1:12-14). Similarly, John said, "By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments." And again, "By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked" (1 John 2:3-6). Obedience is the true test of spiritual fellowship (1 John 3:24; 5:2-3).

We Can Know Future Glory. Based upon the promises of God, believers know that a glorious future awaits the faithful (2 Cor. 4:17-5:4). Although Paul was caught up to the third heaven, he was not permitted to relate the sights and sounds of Paradise (2 Cor. 12:1-6). In contrast, John communicates the glories of heaven, comparing physical knowns to spiritual unknowns (Rev. 21:1-5; 22:1-5). We may not understand all the specifics, or fully comprehend the description of heaven, but we can be certain of one thing: "We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is" (1 John 3:1-3).

Let us carefully distinguish between things that we know and things that we do not know. We can know revealed truth. We can know present salvation. We can know future glory. We cannot know unrevealed truth. We cannot know the unrevealed future. Apart from divine guidance, we do not know what is best.

Accordingly, let us worship what we know, trusting in the inspired message of revelation, serving God with the right attitude and according to the revealed pattern (John 4:20-24). Do you know the truth? Obey and be saved!

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.
- Tom Hill's brother-in-law is in hospice care.

Congregational Meeting

Semiannual congregational meeting will be held Sunday evening 7/26.

Edification Group

Group 1 will meet today in the library.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned. Donna & Brian Richardson will be away visiting relatives in FL, SC, and DE until late July. Steve will be joining them for part of the trip. Steve and Bette Wolfgang returning from a trip to Nashville, TN for the funeral of her uncle. Ashley and Brian Jaros are in TN. The Malcomsons are in Ohio returning tomorrow. Joann Gargano is in TN. Shari & Maddie Whitby are in CA. Ramon & Shari Rodriguez are downstate this weekend. The Jettons are in OK. Bryce Cann is out of town. The Watts will be going to TN next Friday.

Children's Bible Study

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

Tuesday Ladies class

This class will meet again in Sept.

New Directory Issued

Laura Petry has distributed an updated directory. Please note that some addresses have changed and contact information has been added.

Condolences

Condolences are extended to Bette Wolfgang on the death of her uncle, Elbert Ashworth, in TN.