

Readings Today: AM: Matt. 5: 8-12 Rejoice—Be Happy

PM: Psalm 25:8-15 Prayer for Guidance

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"**

A Happy Heart

Many things must be dealt with on a daily basis by all of us such as our jobs, school, community obligations, friends and relatives. These all have their small amount of involvement that contribute to living a life. Priorities have to be in place to have a happy life (A happy heart makes the face cheerful...) because without clear direction of goals confusion can cause distress, conflict and heartache (..but heartache crushes the spirit. Prov. 15:13)



There is no doubt that God wants man to be happy for throughout the entire Bible we find the word "blessed" which means "happy or fortunate." The book of Matthew contains the Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7 that describes the fundamentals of being happy.

Happiness isn't an accident of emotions, it is a purposeful endeavor of following the Word of God and applying it to our lives. Jesus tells us of the attitudes we should actively maintain to discover true happiness. This teaching has to be part of our every relationship, our marriage, our neighborliness, our hospitality, our teaching of others to achieve our happiness.

This is what the beatitudes of Matthew 5 are all about; the giving of our wholehearted effort to following the "Way of Christ". Happiness is within us and it doesn't get there by itself. We are as happy as we make up our minds to be and it is in our heart, not our circumstances, that we find it.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount is where we can find happiness and where we can't. It's not found in wealth, pleasure or popularity. Happiness comes with a motivated direction in life, not drifting in spiritual emptiness, but rather seeking the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. A happy person has the goal to overcome any obstacles in following Christ and to gain the crown of life (2 Tim. 4:7-8). Is anyone happy, let him sing hymns of praise. (Jas. 5:13)

—Bob Alley

Do not meet troubles half-way.

When you focus on problems, you will have more problems.

When you focus on opportunities you will have more progress.

Order of Worship Today

Morning services

Evening services

Greeting and Announcements
Song Leader
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Contribution – Leader
Contribution — Prayer
Lord's Supper – Leader
Cup – Prayer
Assist
Assist
Assist
Speaker
Closing Prayer

Jerry Brinkley
Eric Paige
Dakota Fuss
Mark Ames
Brian Jaros
Tom Hill
Brian Jaros
Justin Ashton
Wade Kinney
Justin Elam
Nick Pippenger
Ethan Riffle
Cannon Whitby

Jerry Brinkley
Eric Roper
Jerry Brinkley
Walter Purcell

Brian Jaros
Tom Hill

Ethan Riffle
Josh Holland

Greeters — Trevor Copeland and Bob Alley

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

Wed. Evening 8-5-15: Song—Wolfgang; Speaker-D. Ashton; Prayer-Kinney

What! No Special Programs?

Visitors to our assemblies are sometimes amazed (and maybe disappointed) to learn that this congregation does not have a special youth program. Nor a kitchen. Not even a bus ministry.

Do we have something against young people? Or kitchens? Or busses? Not at all. We have several young people, each of whom we appreciate greatly. Beside that, every member of this church either is, or used to be young. Obviously we have nothing against kitchens. In fact, I do not know of a family among us who does not have access to a kitchen. In view of the fact that several of our children ride busses every day, it is apparent that we do not have anything against busses.

Nevertheless, this congregation has never hired a youth minister, built a kitchen, nor owned a bus. In view of the fact that the private life of each individual member of this church is living proof that not one of us opposes young people, kitchens, or busses, why is it that we as a collective unit, each acting in concert with the rest, have never developed a special youth program, built a fellowship hall, or bought a bus?

The answer is partially and indirectly given in the preceding paragraph. You see, we recognize a difference between the individual Christian and the local church. Scripture recognizes this difference also, for in I Corinthians 12:14 Paul said, "the body is not one member, but many." If the body is the church, and it is (Ephesians 1:22-23), and "the body is not one member," then no individual member is the church. In fact, the difference between the individual member and the church is illustrated in Matthew 18:15-17. In these verses we observe individual action, the action of a plurality of members, and church or group action.

Let the church be the church! Let us make certain that church work is indeed church work – as is enjoined upon the church in the scriptures. Otherwise, the designation "church of Christ" is misleading, for it attaches the name of Christ to that of which He is not the Author. Remember that if it takes food, fun and frolic to reach the young people, it will take the same to keep them. What people are converted by, they are converted to. And in the fun and games department, we cannot offer them a single thing which cannot also be offered equally as well by any man-made denomination.

On the other hand, God's drawing and converting power is His word (John 6:44-45; Romans 1:16). Those who are reached and kept by anything else may be converted – but they are not converted to the Lord. Brethren should be extremely dubious of any activity which will visibly swell their ranks but which will not bring a corresponding increase in spirituality, nor add to the number enrolled in the book of life. And if we reach people by any means other than the gospel, they (and we) may get excited, but they will not be converted, nor will their names be "written in heaven." But ours might be "blotted out!"

—Bobby Witherington

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.
- Don Carlson had knee replacement surgery last Fri. He is expected to be in rehab for 3 weeks.
- Melissa Brinkley was hospitalized with a stomach virus but is now at home.
- Jim Kolze has surgery scheduled in Aug.

Prayers for Loved Ones

- Blair Elam's father and mother, (Helen, Elaine Petry's sister) are both coping with multiple medical issues.
- 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 in KY.
- Lyna Fowlkes son, Daryl recovering from a stroke.

Children's Bible Study

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

Edification Group

Group 1 will meet today in the library.

Travelers

Those that are away traveling or recently returned.

- Rebecca, Samantha and Jonathan Hill are in CA until Aug.7 and Tom is in Channahon until Aug.
- Lynn Paige is in Washington State visiting family. Kevin is in TX.
- The Whitbys are on vacation for 10 days.

Congregational Meeting

Starting with the next quarter in September the Wednesday service will begin with the invitation portion at 7:15 PM and then go to the Bible classes at the 7:30 buzzer and then all leave at the end of class at the 8:15 buzzer. There will be no gathering upstairs, etc. This is a trial period of 3 months. When there is a response to the invitation the classes will still follow afterwards although shortened and the dismissal time will remain at 8:15.

Moving

Phil and Mikki Prince and family will be moving to the Denver area within the next 2 weeks. We wish them well in their new home. They will be missed.

2016 Budget

In order to balance the budget for 2016 the following areas may be impacted; Outside support of preachers, intern program, and the number of gospel meetings per year. This is to be discussed in the group meetings.