

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on January 30, so be sure to attend and help!

Sermon Bullet: Milk and Honey by Wayne Blank

The English word "milk" originated from an old Anglo-Saxon (i.e. Saxony in Germany; Anglo-Saxons were a tribe of the Germans who became the English people) word, meolc, which meant to milk i.e. the original literal meaning referred to the process, not the product. "Milk" is used to translate the Hebrew word, pronounced khawlawb, which means milk, or more specifically in the Biblical usage, cream, as in the richest portion of a substance.

The English word "honey" also originated from an old Anglo-Saxon word, hunig, which, like the English word, literally meant honey. "Honey" is used to translate the Hebrew word, pronounced deh-bawsh, which means honey, or syrup. Just as cream is the richest part of milk, syrup is a purified product of a natural substance e.g. sweet maple syrup is made from watery maple sap. In the Bible, the original words for both "milk" and "honey" referred to a refined essence, not merely plain milk and honey i.e. ordinary milk and honey existed in Egypt as much as it did in the land of Israel.

The "land of milk and honey" is one of the most well-known terms of the translated Holy Scriptures. But the gift of deliverance (which, as is obvious in the word, means to deliver, not merely to remove) to that "best part of the whole" has always been conditional upon obedience to the LORD - that's what does the refining. That applied to the physical promised land, and it applies to what the physical promised land merely prophesied - salvation into the Kingdom of God.

Words of Wisdom: Party Invite!

You Are Cordially Invited To A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Guest of Honor: Jesus Christ

Date: Every day. Traditionally December 25, but He's always around, so the date is flexible.

Time: Whenever you're ready, (please don't be too late, though; or you'll miss out on all the fun!!).

Place: In your heart ... He'll meet you there (you'll hear Him knock).

Attire: Come as you are ...grubbies are okay. He'll be washing our clothes anyway. He said something about new white robes and crowns for everyone who stays till the last.

Tickets: Admission is free. He's already paid for everyone..(He says you would not have been able to afford it ...it cost Him everything He had!!)..

Refreshments: New wine, bread and a far-out drink He calls "living water", followed by a supper that promises to be out of this world!!

Gift Suggestions: Your heart. He's one of those people who already has everything else. (He's very generous in return though; just wait until you see what He has for you).

Entertainment: Joy, Peace, Truth, Light, Life, Love, Real Happiness, Communion with God, Forgiveness, Miracles, Healing, Power, Eternity in Paradise, and much more! (All rated "G" so bring your family and friends).

R.S.V.P. Very Important! He must know ahead so He can reserve a spot for you at the table. Also, he's keeping a list of His friends for future reference. He calls it the "Lamb's Book of Life".

Party Being Given By His Kids (That's us) Hope To See You There!

"Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.

Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear." (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of the saints.) ... 'Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!' ..."

Revelation 19:7-9 NIV

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Welcome to the EVERLASTING COVENANT CHURCH

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Vision Statement



Enhancing Our Knowledge of Jesus Christ,
Empowering All Believers for Ministry, and
Encouraging Continuous Dedication to the Lord.

ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship / Refreshments – 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 A.M.

A Bride Worth Waiting for:
"Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years." – Genesis 29:30, NIV



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

- Devotion Deacons & Congregation
- Responsive Reading Pastor & Congregation
- Selection Choir & Congregation
- Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
- Tithes and Offerings Deacons
(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor
- Selections Choir & Congregation

Sermon
Invitation to Christ



BENEDICTION

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 34 (NIV)

- 1 I will extol the Lord at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
- 2 I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- 3 Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.
- 5 Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.
- 6 This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.
- 8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
- 11 Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
- 12 Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,
- 13 keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- 15 The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their cry;
- 16 but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to blot out their name from the earth.
- 17 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- 19 The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all;
- 20 he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.
- 21 Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
- 22 The Lord will rescue his servants; no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____
