

# 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: The Discipline of Personal Bible Study". 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 April 26, so be sure and attend to help!

The Lord's Supper Communion services will be held immediately following today's worship services. We ask that you stay and participate in this sacred and required act of worship.

## #137: At the Cross (Blue Hymnal)

### Verse One

Alas! and did my Savior bleed? And did my Sov'reign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head For such a one as I? (Chorus)

### Verse Two

Was it for crimes that I have done He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree! (Chorus)

### Verse Three

Well might the sun in darkness hide And shut his glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died For man the creature's sin. (Chorus)

### Verse Four

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe;  
Here, Lord, I give myself away - 'Tis all that I can do! (Chorus)

### Chorus

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,  
And the burden of my heart rolled away -  
It was there by faith I received my sight, And now I am happy all the day!

## The Lord's Supper

### Background:

Before being arrested and crucified, Jesus shared the Passover feast with his Disciples, During this dinner, Jesus paused, blessed the bread and fruit of the vine, and shared them with His Disciples, saying, "Do this in remembrance of me." (Luke, 22:19) This was the initiation of the Lord's Supper – a communal act of worship shared with all believers in celebration of redemption from spiritual death. And just as Jesus asked, we do this act of worship as often as necessary to remind us of our Savior, what He did for us, and what He desires to do for us.

### The Communion Service:

We celebrate the Lord's Supper by sharing a small morsel of unleavened bread and a small cup of grape juice. We begin by preparing our hearts and minds for this event – besides baptism, it is the only ritual that Jesus required, so it is a very sacred time. While the meal is being served, no one is supposed to speak or move, and no one should be eating the meal. Singing of hymns may be allowed during this time, since this is an act of worship preparation. Once everyone has received a serving, the pastor will speak the words that Jesus spoke during His Last Supper. At that time, he will indicate when to eat the unleavened bread and when to drink the juice.

After sharing this meal, we shake hands with all of the participants as we sing hymns of praise for our salvation.

# Welcome to the Everlasting Covenant Church

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April 5, 2015

### Mission Statement

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

# Order of Services

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.

### Resurrection Guaranteed:

“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”

– 1 Corinthians 15:22, KJV



## Morning Worship Services – 10:30 a.m.

- Devotion ..... Deacons & Congregation
- Morning Hymn: “At the Cross” ..... Choir & 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



### Sermon Notes

Scripture: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Words of Wisdom:

## Cleaning House



Last Week I threw out Worrying, it was getting old and in the way.  
 It kept me from being me; I couldn't do things God's way.  
 I threw out a book on MY PAST (didn't have time to read it anyway). Replaced it with NEW GOALS, started reading it today.  
 I threw out hate and bad memories, (remember how I treasured them so)? Got me a NEW PHILOSOPHY too, threw out the one from long ago.  
 Brought in some new books too, called I CAN, I WILL, AND I MUST. Threw out I might, I think and I ought. WOW, you should've seen the dust.  
 I ran across an OLD FRIEND, haven't seen him in a while. I believe his name is GOD, Yes I really like His style.  
 He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself. Like PRAYER, HOPE AND FAITH, Yes I placed them right on the shelf.  
 I picked up this special thing! and placed it at the front door. I FOUND IT - its called PEACE.  
 Nothing gets me down anymore.  
 Yes, I've got my house looking nice. Looks good around the place. For things like Worry and Trouble there just isn't any space.  
 Its good to do a little house cleaning, get rid of the things that don't belong on the shelf. It sure makes things brighter. BE BLESSED AND BE A BLESSING TO SOMEONE ELSE!!

### Responsive Reading: Isaiah 53:1-11 (NIV)

- 1 Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
- 2 He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.
- 4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.
- 6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.
- 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.
- 9 He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.
- 10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.
- 11 After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied ; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.