

# 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 May 31, so be sure to attend and 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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## 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.

## Coworkers with the Truth:

“We therefore ought to receive such, that we might be fellowhelpers to the truth.” – 3 John 8, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Words of Wisdom:

## Making Pancakes



Six -year-old Brandon decided one Saturday morning to fix his parents pancakes. He found a big bowl and spoon, pulled a chair to the counter, opened the cupboard and pulled out the heavy flour canister, spilling it on the floor. He scooped some of the flour into the bowl with his hands, mixed in most of a cup of milk and added some sugar, leaving a floury trail on the floor which by now had a few tracks left by his kitten. Brandon was covered with flour and getting frustrated. He wanted this to be something very good for Mom and Dad, but it was getting very bad.

He didn't know what to do next, whether to put it all into the oven or on the stove and he didn't know how the stove worked! Suddenly he saw his kitten licking from the bowl of mix and reached to push her away, knocking the egg carton to the floor. Frantically he tried to clean up this monumental mess but slipped on the eggs, getting his pajamas white and sticky.

And just then he saw Dad standing at the door. Big crocodile tears welled up in Brandon's eyes. All he'd wanted to do was something good, but he'd made a terrible mess. He was sure a scolding was coming, maybe even a spanking. But his father just watched him. Then, walking through the mess, he picked up his crying son, hugged him and loved him, getting his own pajamas white and sticky in the process!

That's how God deals with us. We try to do something good in life, but it turns into a mess. Our marriage gets all sticky or we insult a friend, or we can't stand our job, or our health goes sour. Sometimes we just stand there in tears because we can't think of anything else to do. That's when God picks us up and loves us and forgives us, even though some of our mess gets all over Him.

But just because we might mess up, we can't stop trying to "make pancakes" for God or for others. Sooner or later we'll get it right, and then they'll be glad we tried.

## Responsive Reading: Galatians 3:23-29 (NIV)

- 23 Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed.
- 24 So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith.
- 25 Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.
- 26 So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith,
- 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
- 28 There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.