

**Announcements**

**Scripture: Luke 18:35-42**

**Prayer**

**Song - 949—I Will Enter His Gates**

**Song - 274—I Have Found a Friend in Jesus (All)**

**Song - 742 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (1,2,5)**

**Comments**

**Lord's Supper & Collection**

**Song - 513—One Step at a Time (1,3,4)**

**Sermon: Don't Ask for Peanuts**

**Song - 520—Only a Step (1,2)**

**Song - 48—Anywhere With Jesus (1)**

**Prayer**

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Horace Phillips

**Lord's Table (AM)**

Prayers: Dewayne Ross

Benjamin Huff      Bryan Ausmus  
 Devin MacDonald      Dwain Thacker  
 Fred Babbit      Keith McDougal  
 Layne Adams      Mark Hamm

**Lords Supper (PM)**

Layne Adams      Darrell MacDonald

**Greeters**

Horace & Betty Phillips

Jerry & Joretta Doyle

Darrell & Lindsay MacDonald

**Building Closer**

Brian Huff

**Prayers**

February 3

AM      Arless Murray      Jerry Doyle  
 PM      Brian Jaworsky      Randy Vance

February 10

AM      Bill Sherman      Josh Dyer  
 PM      Brian Huff      Richard Lowrance

February 17

AM      Blue Suarez      Kevin Keenan  
 PM      Dwain Thacker      Roger Scott

February 24

AM      Dale Crews      Michael Gustafson  
 PM      Mason MacDonald      Roy Cowan

**Schedule of Services**

**Sunday**

Bible Study      9:00 AM  
 AM Worship      10:00 AM  
 PM Worship      5:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study      7:00 PM

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# The Sentinel



**Get Out of Jail**

*There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.—Romans 8:1*

I've never been in jail, as a prisoner, except in Monopoly. Micaiah, my oldest grandson, learned the game recently. So, we played. One of the shared explanations was about the one corner of the game board, titled "Jail". He learned that there are drawn cards, or a few other actions that can send a player to jail. Once in jail, a player has to do certain things to be able to return to normal play. There are also the "Get out of Jail Free" cards; if you are fortunate enough to have one. As we played, he found himself with two of the cards. I had none. At one point, he was kind enough to offer one of those cards to me. He is a good grandson. (I did tell him to keep it for himself.) Of course, Monopoly jail is just part of a board game.

I have been to real jails. I have been there to visit individuals, and I have been within the confines of some prisons to preach. I have never been an incarcerated resident. The majority of us have never even been sent to the confines of a jail by judgment. I think we would like for it to stay that way. Being imprisoned is not a comforting or positive thought. If all is in order, being in jail means that laws have been broken, and guilt has been assigned. When you are the one in jail, it becomes a personal matter of scrutiny, recognition, and reality.

Take a leap of thought and suppose you have been judged guilty and sent to prison for the duration of your life. There are no appeals, no commutations, and no parole. Frankly, you know of no hope for change. While such a sentence can be understood, it can never be fully accepted with any sense of quality of life. Then suppose someone reaches through those bars of imprisonment and places a

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“Get Out of Jail—Free” card in your hands. Words would fall short. Of course, there would be questions and doubts. Only the foolish individual would not consider and wonder what the “catch” might be.

Jesus spoke of freedom. He connected freedom with the message He brought. He claimed truth. He further claimed that it was truth that would bring freedom. It was and is a great message. The problem was that many of His hearers didn’t know that they were not free. It is hard to present the picture of freedom to people who think they already know what it is. Jesus was like an explorer who knew the earth to be round, and was facing those who were satisfied in the belief that the earth was flat. Regardless of recognition or satisfaction of condition, a prison is a prison. Jesus identified the prison, but He did much more than talk.

Jesus handed us a “Get Out of Jail” card. More than a furlough or parole, it is an exoneration and restoration. It is a clean record. Yes, the bad acts can be remembered, but they cannot be used against you. In the words of Paul, there is “no condemnation”. There is one connected challenge that is tied to the release. As Jesus told the condemned woman, “Sin no more.” — Russ

## Upcoming Events

### New Classes for Young Ladies and Young Gentlemen on Wednesday evenings

For the young ladies class, see Mandi Lowrance or Nancy Coleman for age details and curriculum.

For the Young Men class, see Tres Lowrance or Brian Jaworsky for age details and curriculum.

Feel Free to invite friends to come to the class with you.

- **The Ladies' Coffee** — on the first and third Fridays each month.
- **The next Men's Breakfast**—The men's breakfast will be February 23 at 8 am.
- **The AWTG** (Area Wide Teen Gathering) is this evening (2/10), in Seminole. Carpoolers please plan to leave Southern Ridge at 3:45PM.
- **Epic Deadline:** March 1 is the deadline to have application forms submitted for participation in Epic this year.
- **Make plans to attend the Affirming the Faith seminar**— March 1-2. Brochures are available in the foyer.

- The **All Church Dinner** for February is next Sunday (2/17). Come share the feast.

**Who said:** - “Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” — **Answer next week**

**Last Week:** James and John - Mark 10:35

## News and Information

### Keep In Your Prayers

♦ **George Frazier** is to have kidney surgery soon.

♦ **Riley Baldwin** - throat surgeries.

Also remember:

♦ **Wayne Haynes**

♦ **George King**

♦ **Linda Marcom**

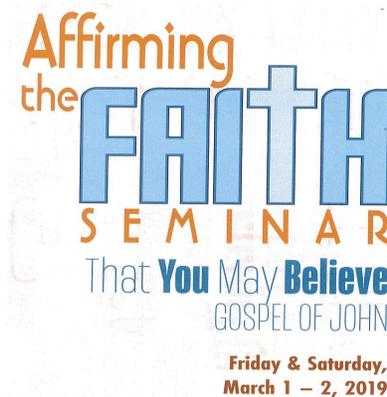
♦ **Marguriete Shobert**

### Volunteers Needed

We need some volunteers to prepare the Lord's Supper. We would like to establish a monthly rotation. A brief training will show what is involved. If you have any questions or to volunteer, see Randy Vance.

### Church Directory:

If you asked for a paper copy of the church directory, see Randy Vance.



### Daily Bible Reading

- 10) Isaiah 47-49
- 11) Isaiah 50-52; Mark 12
- 12) Isaiah 53-55; Mark 13
- 13) Isaiah 56-58
- 14) Isaiah 59-61
- 15) Isaiah 62-64
- 16) Isaiah 65-66; Mark 14
- 17) Exodus 1-3; Mark 15

**Caring Contact:** Each week, the elders are making visits to members and to people who have visited our services. If you would be willing to help with this outreach by sending a card or making a telephone call, please contact **Bill Sherman** for more information or to volunteer. Email: [ousherman@reagan.com](mailto:ousherman@reagan.com)

### Happy Anniversary

Rick & Syd Greenroyd - 2/26

Roy & Crystal Cowan - 2/26

### Happy Birthday

Marilyn Horne - - - 2/11

Betty Phillips - - - 2/11

Russ Dyer - - - 2/14

Arless Murray - - - 2/14

Kayden Floranda - - - 2/16

Michelle Haftman - - - 2/25

Donal Ruminer - - - 2/29

There's a great day coming,

A great day coming,

There's a great day coming by and by;

When the saints and the sinners shall be parted right and left,

Are you ready for that day to come?