

## Which of the Two Covenants Do You Want?

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Understanding that there is a clear distinction between the Old Testament and the New Testament is critical to a proper understanding of the Bible. While there is certainly more to the application of Second Timothy 2:15, “rightly dividing the word of truth” no doubt includes rightly dividing the old covenant from the new covenant.

While some try to bind certain parts of the old covenant upon Christians today, one must recognize the definitive line that God draws between the two covenants. One must ask himself, “Which of the two covenants do I want?”

The old covenant was made only with the Jews (Deut. 5:1-3), while the new covenant is for all nations (Mark 16:15-16). Which one do you want?

The mediator of the old covenant was Moses (John 1:17; Gal. 3:19), while the mediator of the new covenant is Jesus Christ Himself (Heb. 8:6; 9:15). Which one do you want?

The old covenant was dedicated with the blood of animals (Heb. 9:18-22), while the new covenant was dedicated with the blood of Christ (Heb. 9:12-14). Which do you want?

The old covenant was designed to prepare man for Christ’s first coming (Gal. 3:19-25), while the new covenant reveals Christ’s first coming and prepares man for His second coming (Heb. 9:15-28). Which one do you want?

The old covenant could not take away sins (Heb. 10:1-4, 11), while the new covenant forgives them completely (Heb. 8:8-12). Which one do you want?

The old covenant was nailed to the cross, ending its authority as God’s law (Col. 2:14; Gal. 3:24-25), while the new covenant began its authority as God’s law when Jesus was nailed to the cross (Heb. 9:15-17). Which one do you want?

The old covenant is described as “a yoke of bondage” (Gal. 5:1), while the new covenant is described as “the perfect law of liberty” (Jas. 1:25). Which one do you want?

The old covenant promised the land of Canaan as an inheritance (Deut. 26:8-9), while the new covenant promises eternity in heaven as an inheritance (1 Pet. 1:4). Which one do you want?

When one truly understands the difference between the two covenants and God’s distinctive purpose for each one, it is apparent how entirely unlawful it is to go back to a law that is no longer binding to find approval for something today. Pulling just one law over makes “a debtor to keep the whole law” (Gal. 5:3). Thank God for Jesus and the new covenant!

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study 9:45 AM  
Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM  
No Sunday PM Service  
Tuesday Ladies’ Bible Study 10:00 AM  
Wednesday PM Bible Study 7:00 PM

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If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

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## ***Friendly Reminder - BLUE LIGHT***

When the “blue light” is lit at the front of the auditorium it means “**Quiet Please**”

**Prayers** *In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

**Butts & Edie Sumner** Let's keep them in our prayers as they deal with health issues.

**Bruce Brink** had a thyroid ultrasound on Wednesday.

**Ruby Taylor**, a lifelong friend of Bev McArthur, was admitted to Sisters Hospital recently with double pneumonia. She is now back home.

**Michelle Phillips**, Louella Hopkins' daughter in law, is sick with the flu.

**Diane Alvarez**, age 67 and a friend of Louella Hopkins, has macular degeneration and is hoping to be able to take advantage of a new procedure being done in Pittsburg, PA.

**Gary Stevens**, a friend of Heather Bennett, is dealing with some health issues.

**Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.**

*Also*

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time. (Scott Forney, Robert Horrace)

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

## **Upcoming Events** *(Lord willing)*

**Mar. 09** Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

**Mar. 16** Ladies Day at Horseheads church of Christ. See posting.

**Mar. 17** Men's Business Meeting

**Mar. 23** Ladies Day at Northside church of Christ in Rochester. See posting.

**Mar. 24** Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus - here - 6 PM

**Mar. 31** Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing hosted by Amherst church of Christ



## **Classes and Sermon**

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

**Sermon Topic Today:** You Gotta Say Amen

**Scripture Reading:** Matt. 6:15-16

No Sun. PM Service

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup> Kings

## **Serving Today**

**Announcements** Bruce Brink

**Song Leader** Marvis Garrett

**Direct Communion** Ray McArthur

**Serve** Bruce Brink

**Serve** Wayne Carter

**Serve** Richard Wheeler

**Clean Trays** ~~Joanne Morden~~  
Audrey Dailey

## **Weather Related Cancellation of Services**

With the possibility for inclement weather be sure to check TV station Channel 2 for any cancellation of services. If you are unable to view this channel please call someone before traveling to the building to confirm whether services are being held.

The “Phone Tree” will also be used in this situation. Always use your own discretion when traveling in inclement weather. The safety of our members is of utmost importance.



## **Bees Outsmart Scientists** via House to House / Heart to Heart

Scientists have long recognized that bees are intelligent creatures. Many believe that this intelligence is the product of millions of years of natural selection. But the extremely fast learning ability of the bee puts in doubt the millions of years and instead shows the hand of the Creator.

Researchers at Princeton University decided to find out whether bees were smart enough to find their food source if it was moved. The researchers moved the prime food source fifty meters farther from the hive. It took the bees less than one minute to locate the moved food source. The men then moved the food source another fifty meters away. The bees still took less than a minute to find the food source. Two more moves, each a precise fifty meters, produced the same results.

However, the bees had also been studying the researchers. Before the researchers could move the food another fifty meters, they found the bees had discovered the pattern and were already waiting at the new location!

God is our Creator and has clearly left evidence of His handiwork —His fingerprints—in the creation itself. For those who have eyes to see, this fills us with wonder, and yes, with love for the Creator God who first loved us.

**“And God said, Let the earth bring forth the . . . creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.” — Genesis 1:24**