

Heaven

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"In my Father's house are many dwelling places... I go to prepare a place for

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Our Services

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 am
Worship: 10:20 am
Evening: 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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I DO...I DON'T

Weddings are awesome. Seeing a young couple in love, the cake, the smiles, the tears are all a part of weddings. Our Lord used the setting of weddings for several of His parables. The first miracle Jesus did was at a wedding.



An important part of our wedding culture is the repeating of the vows. Some vows are considered "traditional," others, "contemporary." Some couples write their own vows. A vow is a promise. It is a promise made before the audience. It is a promise made before parents. It is a promise made to each other. And most importantly, it is a promise made to God. Part of our wedding tradition is for the bride and groom to say, "I do." "I do" is an affirmation to what has been promised. "I do" is a pledge of the heart.

But in saying, "I do" a couple is also saying, "I don't." This is a lesson that some struggle with throughout their marriage. Some are married, but they act like they are single. They have forgotten the "I do...I don't" principle.

- **In saying "I do" to the married life, a couple is saying "I don't" to the single life.** Coming and going as you please, doing whatever you feel like, not telling anyone where you are or what you are doing is something you DON'T DO when you are married. Someone is counting on you. Accountable and responsibility are foundations upon which trust is built. Without these, the person we are married to no longer can trust us.

- **In saying "I do" to the married life, a couple is saying "I don't" to flirting and carrying on long conversations with those of the opposite sex.** Your friendships take on a different level once you become married. Men and women, who are not married to each other, spending a lot of time together are clueless to the danger that lies ahead. Saying we are "just friends" doesn't work once you've said, "I do." The invitation for disaster begins when men and women start telling intimate things to people they are not married to. Talk to your mate, that is who you are supposed to talk to. Co-workers, neighbors, and even friends from the past can hurt your marriage if you don't make a difference. The "lonely hearts club" between people who are not married often leads to sin and divorce.

Remember, "I do" includes "I don't."

Respect for the Bible

A preacher received a call about 1:00 A.M. A lady said, "Would you mind coming over to my house right now to discuss the Bible?" The preacher dressed and drove over, not knowing just what to expect when he arrived. When he got there he found the woman's "pastor" sitting in the living room.

The lady said, "I have been listening to you on the radio and your preaching has me disturbed. I invited my preacher over and we have been discussing the Bible all night. He has agreed for me to invite you over. Here is what I want to do. I will ask the questions and then each of you can answer."

Here is the way that it went.

Lady: "What is baptism for?"

Her Pastor: "I think the significance of baptism lies behind a deeper meaning of the expressions of faith..."

Lady: "Are you through?"

Her Pastor: "Yes."

Lady: "All right, now it's your turn."

Preacher: "You have your Bible. Please turn and read Acts 2:38."

The lady reads. There is silence.

Lady: "Is that all you have to say?"

Preacher: "Is that not enough? Does that not answer your question?"

Lady to her pastor: "See, that's just what I told you. I asked you a question and you talked ten minutes without one verse of Scripture. I asked him and he made no comment. He just had me to read what the Bible said."

The outcome of the study was that the lady was baptized. She received a Bible answer to a Bible question. A doctor that referred to a mathematics book to answer medical questions would not be considered much of a doctor. A preacher that refers to philosophy or human reasoning to answer a spiritual question isn't much of a preacher.

Nothing beats Bible questions being answered with Bible verses!

Franklin Camp



Family

News for You

- **Patrick Cawthon** is preaching both lessons today
- **Roger** is in a gospel meeting in Boston, MA with the Tyngsboro congregation. The meeting goes through Wednesday evening.
- **Shiela Reames, Brian Guinn, the Merry's** are out of town
- **ALL SONG LEADERS** meet with **Lee Quinn TODAY** after PM SERVICES
- Sunshine basket for Jeanie Wilder. Deadline is **June 18th**. Items are placed in room B-1.
- **Nora & Loren Mann's** 70th wedding anniversary is **June 19th**. The celebration party has been cancelled.
- **June 21st** there will be an outside cleanup work party starting at 8:00 AM. Bring yard tools! Everyone is welcome!
- Congregational Meeting Sunday **June 22nd** at 4:30 PM. Please come!
- New A.M. worship format begins **July 6th**
- VBS: **July 7-9**
- Youth lectures: **July 25-26** (If you would like to donate money to help see **Jason Brewer** or **Randy Woolbright**.)
- Marriage Getaway: **August 15-16**
- Fall Gospel Meeting: **Sept 28-Oct 1**

For your Prayers:

- **Imogene Hendricks, Nora Mann, Jeanie Wilder** continue to need our prayers. Imogene and Jeanie are both now home.
- **Ellen Whipple** had out patient surgery on Thurs.
- Prayers are requested for **Marvin Loughmiller** who has cancer.

New A.M. Worship Format Begins Sunday July 6th

Begin with Song
Welcome by song leader
Prayer
Song
Lord's Supper & Offering
Reading
Song
Sermon
Invitation Song
Song
Announcements
Closing Prayer

**P.M.
Worship
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