

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 12 , 2012

Announcements for the Week

Marshall Irvin

Morning Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons

Evening Service

Prayer- Andy Fuller

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Comments – Bill McIlvain

Serving – Phillip Dorn

Scripture – Alex Tucker

Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons

Wednesday Night – February 15, 2012

First Prayer – Doug Davidson

Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier

Invitation – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer – David Fuller

February 26 Sunday Night Lesson –Doug Davidson

Upcoming Assignments:

February	Communion	Cleaning
19	McMullen	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
26	Bailey	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is February 20 at 7PM.

Elder & Deacon Meeting: The elders and the deacons are meeting today at 3:00 to discuss congregational matters. Should you have something to address please see one of them before leaving today. This will be the first time our newly appointed deacons will be meeting. First item on the agenda will be scheduling Daniel DeGarmo to speak for us.

Purpose: This bulletin is written primarily as a teaching and evangelism tool. We will send it out by way of email to any and all who request it.

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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Dan Buselmeier, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Those Who Ran

1. What boy ran into the Philistine camp to confront their best warrior?
2. What servant of the prophet Elisha ran to meet the woman of Shunem?
3. What short man ran to see Jesus but could not see because of his height?
4. Who ran to meet the Lord in the plains of Mamre?



God's Forgiveness

By David Maxson

But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. [1 Timothy 1:16]

How many of us, having committed a sin for which we are particularly ashamed, have delayed confession because of the extra burden of guilt we feel? We fully intend to confess our sin to God, but only after we've "proven" our worth by not sinning over a period of time.



Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

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God's Forgiveness

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We must be careful that we don't equate God's forgiveness with human forgiveness. To the fleshly way of thinking, forgiveness is something that must be earned. To God's way of thinking, forgiveness is a gift.

When God forgives it is free and complete. He releases us from the debt we owe Him, and He never brings it up again. When we forgive each other it is conditional and partial. We may say, "I forgive you," with our lips, but in our hearts what we're really saying is, "I forgive you, but I will never trust you again." That's not forgiveness from the heart (Matthew 18:35). That's probation.

God wants to forgive you... whatever you've done and however long you've persisted in doing it. Don't let your fleshly mind distort what God's grace is. Grace is a gift. It is free. It is completely undeserved.

But God not only wants to forgive you, He also wants to transform you! And the only way that can happen is if you bring the weight of guilt you're carrying right now to Him. Don't try to do this on your own. You'll never be good enough. You'll never be worthy. You'll never be truly free. Let God free you from both the guilt and the power of sin.



The Best Things In Life Are Free

By Jim Jonas

Who says that nothing in this world is free? True, most of the things in this life advertised as free have costs hidden in the fine print. But the greatest blessings that can be enjoyed in this world are truly free.

The Thoughts of God

If you want to know what Dr. Adkins thinks about losing weight, or what Bill O'Reilly thinks about the state of the world, they'll be glad to tell you – for the price of their best-selling book.

But the greatest thoughts of the greatest mind – the Creator Himself – are free: *"Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit*

who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God" (1 Corinthians 2:12). God has revealed the most crucial information about the most important issues concerning the human being: our true identity, purpose, destiny. And to think what NASA spends to send a probe to a dead planet in search of mankind's origin!

While the information from God is free, it doesn't come to us automatically. We must acquire it via reading, research, or discussion, but what rich discoveries are there for the taking!

Speaking to God

If I want to communicate with family or friends who are not in my immediate presence, technology enables me to do that ... for a price. And forget about picking up the phone and dialing President Obama. Forget the President, just try getting a human being at the phone company. But think of it: God has given me free access to Him anytime. And there's no busy signal: *"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14).*

The Gift of Salvation The calving of glaciers in Alaska, the emerald waters of Tahiti, the Mediterranean cradle of Christianity – all can be yours through Princess Cruises for the low, low price of ... (double occupancy, of course). So, compared to these exotic ports of call, how much do you think it would cost to live in heaven forever? *"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord ... Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (Romans 6:23; 2 Corinthians 9:15).*

So, where does the line form? What, no line you say?! Amazing, isn't it? The latest fad brings frenzied spending, but when it comes to the spiritual riches freely offered by God there are plenty of supplies. May we learn to value the things that really matter, and may we fulfill God's joy in giving by accepting that which He freely offers.



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1. David [1 Samuel 17:48-49]
2. Gehazi [2 Kings 4:25-26]
3. Zacchaeus [Luke 19:4]
4. Abraham [Genesis 18:1-2]

