

SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 11 , 2012

Announcements for the Week Andy Fuller
Morning Service **Evening Service**
Prayer- Phillip Dorn **Prayer-** Andy Fuller
Song Leader- John Paul Baker **Song Leader-** Doug Davidson
Communion:
-- **Comments** – Marshall Irvin **Comments** – Roger German
-- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy **Serving** – Phillip Dorn
-- **Assisting** – Roger German
-- **Assisting** – David Johnson
-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard
Scripture – Curran LaChappelle **Scripture** – Jay Dobbs
Closing Prayer- Ronald Sammons **Closing Prayer-** Ronald Sammons

Wednesday Night – March 14, 2012
First Prayer – Doug Davidson
Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier
Invitation – Andy Fuller
Closing Prayer – David Fuller

March 25 Sunday Night Lesson – Andy Dobbs

Upcoming Assignments:

March	Communion	Cleaning
18	Buselmeier	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle
25	Foxworthy	Dorn, Gray, Irvin, Pope, Williams

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is tomorrow, March 5th at 7PM.

Gospel Meeting: Daniel DeGarmo has confirmed that he will be coming here to speak for us May 13-16. The plan is to bring the entire family to be with us. We certainly should be looking forward to doing what we can to promote this event in our community.

Elder & Deacon Meeting: The elders and deacons will be meeting today at 3PM. A congregational meeting will be scheduled sometime later.



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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Dan Buselmeier, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,
Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Encounters With Angels

1. Who was miraculously delivered while chained to 2 soldiers?
2. What captain of the palace guard did Joseph serve under?
3. What Gittite soldier supported David during Absalom’s rebellion?
4. What king had Nebuzaradan as commander of his troops?



Diligently Seeking God

By Gary Henry

But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. (Hebrews 11:6)

Our seeking of God must be diligent. What does this mean? It means that we must give ourselves to the quest for God with a priority and a passion that we don't invest in any other pursuit. God must be first in our hearts. We must be ready to sacrifice anything else -- indeed *all* else -- to see His face. Our hearts must be purged of any conflicting interest or competing desire. **"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God"** (Matthew 5:8). In our longing for God we must be utterly sincere, and in our seeking of God we must be passionately committed. He deserves no less than our all.



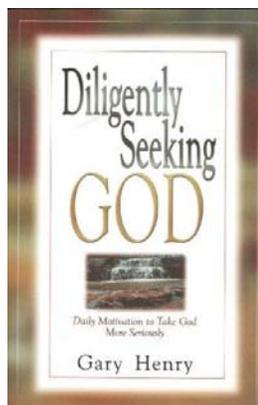
Schedule of Services

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

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God's making of the world is such that we find it necessary to seek and to search for Him, but in truth *"He is not far from each one of us"* (Acts 17:27). His hiddenness in this present broken world is not meant to hinder us from finding Him, but to entice us.

As He whets our appetite for Himself, God is weaning us away from our sinful, self-sufficient rebellion. He is teaching us to love Him.

With convicting evidences of His power and loving tokens of His goodness, He is drawing us toward His eternal presence. *"I drew them with gentle cords, with bands of love"* (Hosea 11:4). It is God's good pleasure to be found by all who long for Him in honest, obedient love.

God is not neutral with regard to the inclination of our hearts. He desires that we find Him. He yearns for those who delight in Him. *"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you"* (James 4:8). Yet there is a danger: we must not deceive ourselves that we are seeking *God* if in fact it is only certain blessings *from* God that we seek.

Resisting the tendency to focus on ourselves, we must learn to seek *Him*, simply and contentedly. When we diligently do so, our reward will be God Himself and He will fill our deepest longings according to the design of His own love.

Having sought God earnestly, we will be enriched by the joy of a heart that overflows with His glory.



Home Renovation

By David Maxson

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. [Galatians 2:20]

The Christian life is like a home renovation.

- ***We are a rundown home in disrepair that is bought by God (Acts 20:28; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 1 Peter 1:18-20).***
- ***Christ then takes up residence in our hearts and begins the work of renovating us in his image (Ephesians 4:20-24; Colossians 3:5-11).***

There is, however, an important area where this analogy breaks down. When a home is purchased, the previous owners move out before the new owners move in. Does that happen with us when Christ resides in our hearts? Do we not still exercise some measure of control?

Imagine the difficulty of moving into a place and the old owners are still there. Before you can make any changes, you must first get permission from the old owner. You've bought the house and you hold the title, but the old owner still says what can and cannot be done.

We would never agree to buy a house under those conditions. When we buy a home we demand that the previous owners move out.

Why would we think Jesus would be any different? When Jesus dwells in our hearts he demands there be a spiritual eviction. We must relinquish control and allow him the freedom to change anything he wants.



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1. Peter [Acts 12:6]
2. Potiphar [Genesis 39:1]
3. Ittai [1 Kings 16:9-20]
4. Nebuchadnezzar [2 Kings 25:8]

