

SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 18 , 2012

Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

Morning Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Jake Pope

-- **Assisting** – Ronald Sammons

Scripture – Alex Tucker

Closing Prayer- David Fuller

Evening Service

Prayer- Alex Tucker

Song Leader- Roger German

Comments – Marshall Irvin

Serving – Jake Pope

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- M. Foxworthy

Wednesday Night – March 21, 2012

First Prayer – Jay Dobbs

Song Leader – Bill McIlvain

Invitation – Jason LaChappelle

Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell

March 25 Sunday Night Lesson – Andy Dobbs

Upcoming Assignments:

March	Communion	Cleaning
25	Foxworthy	Dorn, Gray, Irvin, Pope, Williams
April 1	Dobbs	Foxworthy, German, Jones, Stewart

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is tomorrow, March 19th 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.

Evangelism Effort Renewing: Bill is looking for anyone wishing to participate in a local evangelism effort. More information on this aspect of our local work will be forthcoming. Let him know if you are interested.



Schedule of Services

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

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

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Houses Of Worship

1. Who received a vision of the Jerusalem temple while he was in exile in Babylon?
2. According to Paul, who is called to be the temple of God?
3. What Assyrian emperor was assassinated by his sons while he was worshipping in his pagan temple?
4. Who was told in a vision to measure the temple in Jerusalem?



Hearing But Not Listening

By David Maxson

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" [Luke 12:13-14]

Have you ever been to church and not listened to a word the preacher said because you were so upset about something? I wonder if this man was listening when Jesus spoke. Jesus preached about some pretty weighty subjects: hypocrisy (12:1-3), fear (12:4-7), and confession (12:8-12). This man even heard Jesus speak about hell (12:5), but all he could think about was his inheritance.



Hearing But Not Listening

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There are a lot of things that distract us from the Word. Jesus said the thorny ground was the heart consumed by *"cares and riches and pleasures of life."* (Luke 8:14) We have a lot of riches and pleasures to take our attention away from the things that really matter in life.

We should listen to what Jesus said to this man: *"Take care, and be on guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."* (Luke 12:15)

God has promised us the kingdom! Let's focus our attention on the things that matter most in this world.



Godly Motivation

By Jim Jonas

News item – Carrollton, Virginia: "Go to church, put money in the collection basket – it's almost expected. At Sweet Haven Holy Church of God in rural Isle of Wight County, you could get some money back.

After each service, Bishop Nathaniel Johnson passes out green play money. Find a bill with the pastor's initials on the back, you win between \$10 and \$100. Up to four people win each Sunday.

There's a catch – parishioners must be at church for the entire service, which often lasts more than two hours. He said attendance has doubled to about 100 people since he started the program about three years ago."

In acceptable service to God, proper motivation cannot be separated from action. To contribute to a humanitarian agency merely for the tax advantage is a matter of economics rather



than benevolence. To consume the elements of the Lord's supper with the mind distracted by other affairs is not to worship but to eat and drink judgment upon oneself (1 Corinthians 11:29).

The Jews continued their rituals but chafed under the burden: "When will the New Moon be past, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may trade our wheat?" (Amos 8:5). Christians must be careful to maintain a balance between what they do and why they do what they do. Neither of these elements should be sacrificed in favor of the other.

In the above news item, Nathaniel Johnson is more interested in filling his building with warm bodies than filling men's souls with proper awe and reverence for God. His attendance may have doubled but at what cost? Do men have to be paid to serve the God who has already sacrificed Himself for them?

What a pathetic commentary on the religious destitution of our nation.

But lest we only gleefully find fault in others, we should examine our own attitude as we serve God. There are more subtle ways to selfishly serve God besides expecting a cash payment. Do we only do for God what is convenient? Are we willing to do only those things which have a tangible reward? Do we only give out of our abundance (2 Samuel 24:24)?

Our public worship is not the totality of our service to God; it is merely one aspect of a faithful life. It has trappings which can be deceiving: making a fashion statement, punctual formality, "worship manners," a "check-list" approach to fulfilling our duties. We pay to attend games, concerts, movies, etc. What would you be willing to pay for the privilege of worshiping God?



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1. Ezekiel [Ezekiel 40-42]
2. All obedient believers [1 Corinthians 6:19]
3. Sennacherib [2 Kings 19:37]
4. John [Revelation 11:1-2]

