

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 29, 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

Andy Dobbs

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Lawrence Pope

**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – John Paul Baker

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Jake Pope

-- **Assisting** – Payden Frix

**Scripture** – Matt Fuller

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Marshall Foxworthy

**Song Leader-** Various

**Comments** – Andy Dobbs

**Serving** – Mark Jones

**Scripture** – Kevin Criswell

**Closing Prayer-** Jay Dobbs

**Wednesday Night – May 2, 2012**

**First Prayer** – David Fuller

**Song Leader** – Matt Fuller

**Invitation** – Andy Dobbs

**Closing Prayer** – John Paul Baker

**April 29 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments:**

May	Communion	Cleaning
6	Pope	Dorn, Gray, Irvin, Pope, Williams
13	Fuller	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

**Notes:**

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

**Gospel Meeting:** Our meeting with Daniel DeGarmo is right around the corner He will be bringing his family to be with us that week. Set aside May 13-16 to attend. Now is the time to make a list of folks you would like to invite to attend with you. We certainly should be looking forward to doing what we can to promote this event in our community.

**Help! Family Bible Week Coming Soon:** The Elders & Deacons will be meeting this afternoon to continue planning this year's Family Bible Week. This year's working theme is "Climbing Mountains". Suggestions please??

*Schedule of Services*

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

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## Who Said That?

1. What shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me.
2. The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver grow between his feet, until Shiloh come.
3. The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.
4. Turn again, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands?



## Profanity By Definition

By Adam Willingham

"O my God!" "Good God!" "Jesus Christ!" These words are good and pure when used properly but profane when used to express nothing more than surprise or amazement. A person might utter the precious Lord's name when he merely steps on his shoelace or hears a piece of juicy gossip. There is even a website entitled OMG, devoted solely to celebrity gossip. Even serious matters are no excuse to abuse the Lord's name, let alone trivial matters. But every day, everywhere we go, it is being done - whether it be at work, in town, on television, on the internet or even in our homes.



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When the Lord's name is not specifically abused it is often replaced with euphemisms. Sadly, many of us have grown comfortable with hearing the Lord's name in vain and perhaps find it less offensive than other vulgar language. You may not even notice when somebody uses it. How often do you turn the channel when you hear a "cuss word" but not when you hear the Lord's name in vain?

Do we not realize that profaning God's name is the worst language possible? It is profanity by definition. Profane simply means blasphemous or obscene, taking something holy and using it in any other manner than holy. The Lord's name in vain should be to Christians utterly disgusting, repulsive and offensive.

*"You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain" (Exodus 20:7).* This is the third of the ten commandments. Although the main point is to never use God's name to confirm a false oath, a natural progression of that thought is to refrain from any trivial or irreverent usage of His name.

Jewish scribes were so reverent with the name of the Lord that before they wrote His name they would dip their stylus afresh in new ink every single time. They did this so that God's name would not fade with the rest of the words. We should strive to have this same regard for the holiness of that great and awesome name.

Although we are no longer under the Old Testament, the concept of reverencing God and Christ is unchanging, replete in the New Testament. *"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ..." (Ephesians 1:3); "He is also head of body, the church; and He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have first place in everything" (Colossians 1:18); "Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe" (Hebrews 12:28).*

Blessing. First place. Reverence. Awe. This is how our holy God deserves to be treated. Why should we treat His holy name any differently?

*"Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forever" (Psalm 113:2).*



## [David's Prayers](#)

By Edwin Crozier

I was reminded of a lesson on prayer I often forget. I know God allows us to pray for our desires. But I also know *James 4:3 says, "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures"*. I have to check my motives before asking. I cannot pray from selfishness. Yet, how often I do.

I pray for health. But why? I pray for prosperity. But why? Then I consider the requests made of me in prayer. I am asked to pray for someone's relative who is sick. But why? I am asked to pray that someone receive a job or promotion. But why?

Don't misunderstand. I am not saying any of these requests are invalid. Instead, I want us to be challenged to think and pray like they did in the Bible. I am constantly amazed by it.

Three psalms stood out to me this week—Psalm 58, 59, 64. In each one, David asks for deliverance from suffering, pain and oppression. However, in each one he explains why.

Psalm 58:11 says David asked for deliverance so men will see there is a reward for the righteous and there is a God who judges the earth. Psalm 59:13 says David asked for deliverance that men would know the God of Jacob rules to the ends of the earth. Psalm 64:9 says David asked for deliverance so all men would fear God and declare His great works.

Wow! When I pray for deliverance, I don't want to suffer pain. I want comfort and ease. David prayed because he wanted God glorified. I don't believe David was trying to manipulate God. I believe he really was most concerned about the glory this would bring to God.

What will we do with the good health if God gives it to us? Is there any benefit to God in our having good health? Please, don't misunderstand. I am not trying to limit our prayers. I just want us to think a little before we pray.



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1. Moses [Exodus 17:4]
2. Jacob [Genesis 49:10]
3. Eve [Genesis 3:13]
4. Naomi [Ruth 1:11]

