

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 6, 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

Jason LaChappelle

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Marshall Foxworthy

**Song Leader-** Andy Dobbs

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Payden Frix

-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Jake Pope

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

**Scripture** – Alex Tucker

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Dan Buselmeier

**Song Leader-** John Paul Baker

**Comments** – Roger German

**Serving** – Phillip Dorn

**Scripture** – Gary Goddard

**Closing Prayer-** David Johnson

**Wednesday Night – May 9, 2012**

**First Prayer** – Roger German

**Song Leader** – Matt Fuller

**Invitation** – John Paul Baker

**Closing Prayer** – Kevin Criswell

**May 22 Sunday Night Lesson** – Bill McIlvain

**Upcoming Assignments:**

May	Communion	Cleaning
13	Fuller	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
20	C. Stewart	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

**Notes:**

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

**Next Sunday – Gospel Meeting:** Daniel DeGarmo is planning 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. There are **flyers in the foyer** that you can take to send to your friends and family.

**Help! Family Bible Week Coming Soon!** FBW will be here sooner than you think. We need helpers in all areas. Please see one of the elders to let them know what you are willing to do.

*Schedule of Services*

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

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*Artsy Crafty Types*

1. What coppersmith, according to Paul, done him great harm?
2. What craftsman from Tyre was put in charge of all the temple's bronze work?
3. What son of a goldsmith was involved in rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?
4. What engraver and embroiderer helped construct materials for the tabernacle?

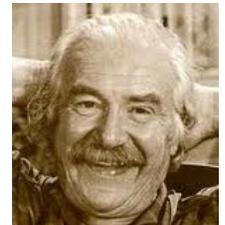


*You Can Count On Me*

By Frank Himmel

*Many a man proclaims his own loyalty, but who can find a trustworthy man? [Proverbs 20:6]*

**Grandpa Walton used to say** that when there is a difference between what a man says and what he does, he had learned to go with what the man does. Sadly, a gap (sometimes a sizeable one) between commitments made and commitments kept is all too frequent. "You can count on me..."



## [You Can Count On Me](#)

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**You can count on me to love, honor, and cherish.** That is what we vow when we marry. That is what God requires (Ephesians 5:22-23), "until death do us part." The husband commits to a lifetime of self-sacrificing love, care, and provision for his family. The wife commits to a lifetime of love, respect, and submission to her husband.

But alas, even among some Christians, "You can count on me" proves an idle boast. Self-centeredness, anger, dishonesty, laziness, and lust come to be the reliable traits. The importance of getting to know a prospective mate well, learning all you can about his/her spirituality and character, cannot be overemphasized.

**You can count on me to do the job.** That is what we say to the company that hires us. We are committing to consistent, quality work, *"not with eye service... but with sincerity... heartily, as for the Lord"* (Colossians 3:22-24). Yet today's employers say reliable workers are "scarce as hen's teeth."

One man told me he often hires a crew of ten, hoping six or seven will show up. This is what we say to those who ask us when we agree to contact a visitor, teach a class, or so some work at the building. They are depending on us. Are we trustworthy?

**You can count on me to pay the bill.** That is what we say every time we make an extended purchase, whether signing a lease, ordering utilities, taking out a loan, or using a credit card. That creditor expects you to keep your word. So does God (Matthew 5:37; Romans 13:8). If you do not have the means to pay, you have no business making the commitment. Bankruptcies and defaults in our society are at an all time high. Do not be deceived into viewing that as anything except what it is -- a shortage of trustworthy people.

**You can count on me to keep the appointment.** That is what we say when we agree to meet another at a given place and time. Not to show up is a personal affront. Tardiness is inexcusable. It is an irksome habit, born of inconsideration and is easily preventable. Some of us are continuously late for the services of the Lord even though they have always been held at the same time. This is not only inconsiderate and disruptive to those who have arrived on time, it is inconsiderate to the Lord.



## [Is The Grade Too Steep?](#)

By Shane Williams

Researchers have found that most people recognize a hill to be steeper than it really is. This is especially true if they are carrying something or are tired. Participants consistently misjudged the slope of a hill. Often they would estimate up to four times what it actually was, believing a five degree slope was nearly twenty degrees! No one thought they could be so far off.

It goes to show that when we are tired, burdened or exhausted, even a small problem can seem too big for us to handle. When we encounter a trial in life, we might be tempted to just sit down and stay there. Perhaps we think the grade of the hill is too steep for us.

That is why we need to find the encouragement of God's Word. It draws our attention to God, who does not tire and knows our need. Isaiah wrote: *"The Creator of the ends of the earth neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength"* (Isaiah 40:28-29).

Since we so easily overestimate life's difficulties, we need courage to keep going when we are tempted to quit. Take a step of faith today and join those who depend on the Lord.

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint"* (Isaiah 40:31).

In His strength, you can conquer any steep grade. God always gives us the strength to carry on.



### Answers from page 1

1. Alexander [2 Timothy 4:14]
2. Hiram [1 Kings 7:13-14]
3. Uzziel [Nehemiah 3:8]
4. Aholiab [Exodus 38:23]

