

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 13, 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

Andy Fuller

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** Lawrence Pope

**Song Leader-** Doug Davidson  
Paul Baker

**Communion:**

- **Comments** – Marshall Irvin
- **Assisting** – Mark Jones
- **Assisting** – David Johnson
- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle
- **Assisting** – Ronald Sammons

**Scripture** – Dave Ward

**Closing Prayer-** Lawrence Pope

**Wednesday Night – May 16, 2012**

**First Prayer** – Andy Fuller

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation** – Daniel DeGarmo

**Closing Prayer** – Payden Frix

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

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Roger German

**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier

**Comments** – Bill McIlvain

**Serving** – Phillip Dorn

**Scripture** – Marshall Foxworthy

**Closing Prayer-** Ronald Sammons

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Deacons: John Paul Baker -- Doug Davidson -- Andy Fuller

Marshall Irvin -- Jason LaChappelle

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## The Runners

1. Who sent Cush to run to David with the news of Absalom's death?
2. According to Isaiah, what sort of people can run and not be weary?
3. What prophet ran after another prophet to accept the appointment as his successor?
4. What usurper to the throne of Israel gathered up fifty men to run before him?



## A Dying Practice

By David Maxson

*Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer. [Psalm 19:14 ]*

Meditation is becoming a lost art. With every new electronic gadget our world is filled with more noise and distraction away from the quiet peacefulness that used to encourage meditation.

The farmer plowed his field and thought. The shepherd looked after his flock and thought. The 21st century saint has his play list running in his ears while a phone is in his left hand texting and his left hand is on a mouse surfing the web at the same time!

**Upcoming Assignments:**

May	Communion	Cleaning
20	C.Stewart	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker
27	Tucker	Johnson, Baker, Stone, Land

**Notes:**

**The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is May 21 at 7PM.**

**Gospel Meeting This Week:** Daniel DeGarmo will be preaching for us until Wednesday of this week. Today's lessons will center on our involvement in Spiritual Warfare. May each one of us bring our family and friends.

**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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We are suffering spiritually because of this. Meditation does not rise to the level of Bible study, prayer, or singing in importance. However, it is an excellent complement to all of those disciplines.

Even if spiritual songs and sermons are on our iPod and only spiritual websites are bookmarked on our computers and we're staying connected with Christian friends on Facebook, there still needs to be quiet in our day. We need time to process.

Some suggestions:

- Commute in silence. Just drive in your car with absolutely nothing on. Think about what you've read from God's Word or think about your blessings or consider the opportunities to serve the Lord..
- If possible, go on an electronics fast. You may not be able to do this at work, but sacrifice your free time when you'd normally be plugged in to something. Take a walk. Find a park bench. Stretch out a blanket in a shady place. Make some quiet space and just sit there and think.

*Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*



## [Putting On The New Self In the Digital Age](#)

By Edwin Crozier

We are told in Ephesians 4:20-24 that we Christians should put off the old self and put on the new self that is *“created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness”*. Then in Ephesians 4:25-32, we have some illustrations of these changes.

We know what this passage says. We are working on it in many aspects of our lives. There is one aspect of modern life, however, in which this work is often overlooked—the Internet.

The faceless nature of the Internet and e-mail often allows us to sin without even realizing it. Certainly, we are careful with the biggies—no pornography, no gambling, no stalking. But what about some of the sins mentioned in Ephesians 4:25-32?

**We are to speak the truth.** Did we check to make sure that e-mail we are forwarding actually tells the truth? I am often shocked at the

number of Christians who forward an e-mail to me with the disclaimer: “I don’t know if this is true, but it sure makes you think.” Sadly, forwarding false e-mails simply gives atheists and skeptics fuel for their accusations that we are gullible people who won’t do our homework. Lying by forwarding an e-mail is still lying.

**We aren’t supposed to sin when we’re angry.** That means even though we are angry we don’t dwell in bitterness, have outbursts of wrath, clamor, slander, or gossip. When we write on the Internet, even if we are having highly emotional discussions, we must still write with kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness no matter how anyone else has written to us.

**We aren’t supposed to steal.** Did we download a song from a website and put it on our mp3 player without paying for it? Some musicians allow it, but for the most part that is illegal. It is theft.

**We must let no corrupt word come out of our mouth,** but only that which will build up. When we are e-mailing, blogging, commenting or facebooking, are we saying things that build up? Certainly, we can educate people even about things where we disagree, but is our goal really to help people grow or is it to vent our spleen and take down anyone who gets in our way.

**We are to remove clamor, slander, and malice.** Clamor simply means to make a lot of noise, an outcry. Sadly, far too many are blogging, facebooking and/or twittering with nothing in mind but to raise their own outcry of clamor about one topic or another. Many people pursue malice by working hard to sharpen their wit in order to hurt, belittle, and mock others online. They think they are being funny or just making a point. Even online, we are to speak with kindness, tenderheartedness, and forgiveness.

The digital age provides many blessings. But it has also provided many opportunities to turn from the Lord. Remember what the Bible said, *“That is not the way you learned Christ!”* Let’s act like Jesus even when we’re online.



### **Answers from page 1**

1. Joab [2 Samuel 18:19-23]
2. They that wait upon the Lord [Isaiah 40:31]
3. Elisha [1 Kings 19:19-21]
4. Adonijah [1 Kings 1:5]

