

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 20, 2012**

**Announcements for the Week**

John Paul Baker

**Morning Service**

**Prayer-** David Fuller

**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Dave Ward

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

**Scripture** – Jake Pope

**Closing Prayer-** Matt Fuller

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** John Paul Baker

**Song Leader-** Roger German

**Comments** – Andy Dobbs

**Serving** – Alex Tucker

**Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** Philip Dorn

**Wednesday Night – May 23, 2012**

**First Prayer** – Marshall Foxworthy

**Song Leader** – Jason LaChappelle

**Invitation** – Matt Fuller

**Closing Prayer** – David Fuller

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

**Upcoming Assignments:**

May	Communion	Cleaning
27	Tucker	Johnson, Baker, Stone, Land
June 3	Hudson	Davidson, Hudson, Goddard

**Notes:**

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

**Gospel Meeting Concluded:** Daniel DeGarmo presented some fine lessons for us to consider. They are all posted to our website. Please feel free to direct your friends and family to our site. We hope to have even more content available as the months go by.

**Family Bible Week Coming Soon!** FBW will be here sooner than you think. Now we need to ramp up our efforts to make this a good one. 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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Deacons: John Paul Baker -- Doug Davidson -- Andy Fuller

Marshall Irvin -- Jason LaChappelle

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## Visions Of God

1. Who had a vision of the Ancient of Days seated upon a throne?
2. Who looked up steadfastly into heaven and saw Jesus on the right hand of God?
3. Who knew a man who had been caught up into the "third heaven" ?
4. What did Isaiah see filling the temple when he beheld God sitting on His throne?



## Death On The Interstate

By Jim Jonas

The wreck had happened just minutes before we came upon it. Debris was scattered across I-20; liquid cargo was spewing from the overturned tanker; a blue tarp concealed the lifeless body still trapped in the mangled cab. The sobering scene brought several things to mind:

The message of death was coming to someone's house. The truck driver, identified in the newspaper as Donald Watwood of Hanceville, was someone's husband, father, brother, son or friend. They did not yet know Donald had died. I could imagine the knock on the door that would forever change lives and turn this beautiful autumn Saturday into a date of darkness for friends and family. ❄️

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This is a terrible message that has been painfully received so often in human history. When told of Absalom's death David agonized, *"O my son Absalom – my son, my son Absalom – if only I had died in your place! O Absalom my son, my son!"* (2 Samuel 18:33).



The things we see have a tremendous impact upon us. It is one thing to read about a fatal accident in the paper; it is another thing to see it before your very eyes. Likewise, it is one thing to read about the Grand Canyon; it is quite another to see it. Visual

encounters are extremely powerful; what we see can make a vivid impression upon our thoughts and emotions. Should we not then be very discriminating in regard to what we see?

Yet too many Christians have a cavalier attitude toward what they see. Some pride themselves on their assumed ability to view filth and violence and not be affected by it. By "affected" they usually mean "tempted." But temptation is not the only concern. If numbed to the violence and gore of movies, will I respond as I should when I see real-life suffering? Some doctors fail to respond compassionately to their patients because they have hardened themselves to suffering. Hollywood is an expert in using realistic visual images to manipulate people emotionally. Do not underestimate the power of what you see.

We missed potentially being involved in the wreck by a matter of minutes. In fact, had I not been about seven minutes late in meeting my ride, we would have been very near the site at the exact time of the accident. How often have we barely missed death, sometimes without even realizing it? Each must learn to live with the realization that *"there is but a step between me and death"* (1 Samuel 20:3). This would affect many of the decisions we make in life. 

## [Apologies](#)

By David Maxson

*Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from a pure heart... [1 Peter 1:22]*

According to a recent OnePoll survey of 4,000 adults, 70% of us don't mean it when we apologize. Why? The survey didn't say but perhaps we're apologizing to be polite or to get someone off our back. Whatever the reason we make a lot of insincere apologies.

The survey also suggested that even a forced apology works. People respond to an apology even when it is less than sincere. A bad apology is better than no apology at all.

But as born again believers we understand that God has called us to a higher standard. God wants more than apologies. He wants broken hearts. Our God is looking for so much more than outward obedience. He is looking for hearts that have been transformed by the message of the gospel. A mere apology is not enough, there must be genuine sorrow behind it.

This is not to say we hold off on saying the words, "I'm sorry" until our heart is fully behind it. As Christians we do what's right regardless of how we feel about it. But we must not be satisfied with forced apologies. We must empty ourselves to the point that we sincerely grieve over the pain we've caused others.

*Purify our hearts, Father. Give us a fervent love that will put others ahead of self. Help us to say "I'm sorry" and truly mean it.*



### Answers from page 1

1. Daniel [Daniel 7:9]
2. Stephen [Acts 7:55]
3. Paul [2 Corinthians 12:2]
4. The train of God's robe [Isaiah 6:1]

