

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 2, 2012**

<b>Announcements for the Week</b>	Andy Dobbs
<b>Morning Service</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>
<b>Prayer-</b> Phillip Dorn	<b>Prayer-</b> Jason LaChappelle
<b>Song Leader-</b> Jason LaChappelle	<b>Song Leader-</b> Roger German
<b>Communion:</b>	
-- <b>Comments</b> – Marshall Irvin	<b>Comments</b> – Andy Dobbs
-- <b>Assisting</b> – Mark Jones	<b>Serving</b> – Phillip Dorn
-- <b>Assisting</b> – Kevin Criswell	
-- <b>Assisting</b> – Justin Carr	
-- <b>Assisting</b> – David Johnson	
<b>Scripture</b> – Jake Pope	<b>Scripture</b> – Connor LaChappelle
<b>Closing Prayer-</b> Marshall Foxworthy	<b>Closing Prayer-</b> Ronald Sammons
<b><u>Wednesday Night – September 5, 2012</u></b>	
<b>First Prayer</b> – Andy Dobbs	
<b>Song Leader</b> – Jason LaChappelle	
<b>Invitation</b> – Alex Tucker	
<b>Closing Prayer</b> – Curran LaChappelle	
<b>September 26 Sunday Night Lesson</b> – Matt Fuller	
<b>September 30 Sunday Night Song &amp; Scripture Service</b>	

**Upcoming Assignments:**

September	Communion	Cleaning
9	Hudson	Dorn, Gray, Irvin, Pope, Williams
16	German	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

**Notes:**

**The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. Next meeting is September 17 at 7PM.**

**Some parting Thoughts:**

“Justice is not Healing. Healing comes only by suffering and patience, and makes no demand, not even for Justice. Justice works only within the bonds of things as they are...” — J.R.R. Tolkien, Morgoth's Ring: The Later Silmarillion

*Schedule of Services*

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

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***Horns Of The Altar***

1. What king of Judah tore down Jeroboam's altar at Bethel and pounded the stones into dust?
2. Who built an altar and called it "The Lord is my banner"?
3. What kind of stone was, according to the Law, not supposed to be used in making an altar?
4. What was the altar in the tabernacle made of?



***Social Drinking "Evidence"***

By Al Diestelkamp



*'No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities' [1 Timothy 5:23]*

This passage is used by some who want to justify social drinking of alcoholic beverages. However, this was never intended by the Holy Spirit to be the favorite passage of brewers and distillers. Notice what the passage says, and what it doesn't say:



## **Social Drinking “Evidence”**

Continued

1. It says, in effect, “don’t drink the water” which was believed to be the source of Timothy’s trouble.
2. It says “use” wine—not imbibe in it.
3. It says use “a little” wine—not a lot of wine.
4. It says to use a little “wine,” not beer, whiskey or a number of other intoxicating drinks that many think this verse justifies.
5. It says use it “for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities,” not for social recreation.

By the way, though Paul was not a doctor, Luke, who was with Paul during this time, was. This advice was like unto a prescription for one man’s particular illness. Need I remind you that it’s not advisable to use other people’s prescriptions? Besides, we have other remedies for stomach ailments that were not available to Timothy.

This text also implies that this was not a usual beverage for Christians in that Paul had to instruct him, because of his problem, to use this as a remedy.



## **Dad’s Rules For School**

By Jim Jonas

*A Christian father gave his son the following advice when leaving for college:*

*Pray every day & read your Bible every day.*

*Study hard and do the best you can academically.*

*Be a good example to others.*

*Take care of yourself physically.*

*Call home regularly.*

*Don’t miss church services, no matter how busy you are.*

*Remember Mom; she will miss you greatly.*

*Stay away from kids bent on getting into trouble.*

*Always put God first.*

*Remember who you are and where you are going.*

When I first left the cozy confines of home for university life I was a few months shy of eighteen. I had been raised by strong Christian parents, my academic background was sound and finances were adequate. My mother had encouraged independent decision-making and was supportive in every way.

We drove the 130 miles to Tampa, and Mom went to the grocery store and bought enough to stock the pantry and fridge in our apartment. All too soon it was time for her to leave for home, and suddenly I had what I had been yearning for: *freedom!* But oh how painful that freedom was sometimes! I experienced a period of social awkwardness and searing loneliness which makes me thankful to this day for the companionship of my wife and children.

I found myself on a downward spiral of self-pity, debilitating idleness and bitter criticism until a few of my friends declared me a reclamation project and helped get my feet on solid ground and pointed in the right direction. For them I am eternally grateful.

Upon reflection, one of the biggest blessings was that I *never* voluntarily missed an assembly of the church. While I wasn’t always doing or being what I should, this constant connection with Christians kept my conscience tender and gave me access to the people who could give me the kind of help I needed.

College years are full of financial, academic, social, emotional and spiritual challenges. May we parents work to equip our children to handle independence. What basic skills and principles will they remember most when in the heat of battle?



### **Answers from page 1**

1. Josiah [2 Kings 23:15]
2. Moses [Exodus 17:15]
3. Cut stones [Exodus 20:25]
4. Acacia wood covered with bronze [Exodus 21:7]

