

SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 9, 2012

Announcements for the Week

Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Prayer- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Lawrence Pope

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – Alex Tucker

Closing Prayer- David Fuller

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Comments – Andy Fuller

Serving – Jay Dobbs

Scripture – Jake Pope

Closing Prayer- Matt Fuller

Wednesday Night – September 12, 2012

First Prayer – Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – Matt Fuller

Invitation – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer – David Fuller

September 26 Sunday Night Lesson – Matt Fuller

September 30 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments:

September	Communion	Cleaning
16	German	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
23	Criswell	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

Notes:

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

Some Parting Thoughts:

Some people see things that are and ask, Why? Some people dream of things that never were and ask, Why not? Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that.

One of the symptoms of an approaching nervous breakdown is the belief that one's work is terribly important. - Bertrand Russell



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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The Bible Greenhouse

1. What defeated king was buried with his sons under an oak tree?
2. Which tree does Jesus say can be uprooted and thrown into the sea – if one has enough faith?
3. What city was the “city of palm trees”?
4. What trees foliage was found in the carvings inside the temple?



A Blessing From The Recession

By David Maxson

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace... [1 Peter 4:9]

Has anything positive come from our recession? If nothing else it has helped us to define what is most important to us. Americans in recent history have grown accustomed to having a lot of discretionary income. Worrying about food and clothing has not been a concern for most of us (Matthew 6) Though most of us are still nowhere close to starvation, the recession has forced many of us to tighten our budgets. Many have had to make tough choices, not just over whether we go on a vacation this year or not, but whether we continue to help needy Christians and support the preaching of the gospel in a financial way.

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For some, at least, this has made what we give to the Lord more of a sacrifice. Beyond what we put in the collection plate, simple acts of service and hospitality have become more of a sacrifice for us. We may not yet be in the position of the widow who put in her last two mites, but we are at least coming closer to offering to God something that is costly.

Lord God, teach us in this recession to put you first in everything.



By Leslie Diestelkamp

What is our goal anyway? Is it to fight against all evil? Indeed, this is a task we must perform, even though it may be a very distasteful one to any who truly try to

imitate Christ. It is quite inconceivable that one of His disciples would delight in any kind of fight. Yet, it is so necessary. If we fail, sin and false doctrine will tread down the influence of righteousness. If we refuse to fight, Satan will run loose without restraint. We must ever remember that the only soldiers God has--the only fighters against the devil--are true Christians. We are God's army. Fight, we must!

But is fighting our objective? Have we been redeemed to fight? Were we purchased with the precious blood of Jesus to be warriors? Contrariwise, "*We are laborers together with God*" (1 Corinthians 3:9). We are "*Created in Christ Jesus unto good works*" (Ephesians 2:10).

We are builders. Indeed, we must take heed how we build (1 Corinthians 3:10), but we must not fail to build. In the lesson of the vine and the branches (John 15), Jesus did not portray the disciple as a fighter, but as a builder. He did not say that one must fight to stay on the vine, but He did say that if we fail to bear fruit we will be cut off.

In their efforts to build the walls of Jerusalem, it is said of Nehemiah and his companions, "*every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded...*" (Nehemiah 4:17-18). There was no use for them to work hard if they did not keep the enemy driven off. On the other hand, their work was building! The Bible does not say, "And so fought they," but it does say, "*So built we the wall*" (Nehemiah 4:6).

Let us not fail to put the emphasis in the proper place. If the church prospers in our eyes, but is not kept pure and true, all our work is in vain. If the church is not exactly what the Lord expects it to be, all our labor is useless. On the other hand, let us not fight for the sake of fighting. Let us not be prevented in the work of building by an antagonistic spirit that only keeps us in a fight and ever keeps us out of work!

When the forces of denominationalism threaten; when the power of infidelity strikes; and even when sectarianism, modernism and institutionalism appear in the church, fight we must, but to build is still our primary task.

Even if all the evil forces could be overcome (and they can't), the harvest of saved souls cannot be gathered in unless we have sown the good seed and cultivated it well.

A great and mighty people have emerged from years of fighting error. Our strength is now challenged for "*The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few...*" (Luke 10:2). Workmen--builders--are needed today. Sometimes they may have to fight while they build, but everywhere and under every circumstance they must build.



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1. Saul [1 Chronicles 10:12]
2. The sycamine [Luke 17:6]
3. Jericho [2 Chronicles 28:15]
4. The Palm [1 Kings 6:29]

