

SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 9 , 2012

Announcements for the Week	Marshall Irvin
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- David Fuller	Prayer- Phillip Dorn
Song Leader- Andy Dobbs	Song Leader- Matt Fuller
Communion:	
-- Comments – Dan Buselmeier	Comments – Andy Dobbs
-- Assisting – Mark Jones	Serving – Marshall Foxworthy
-- Assisting – Curran LaChappelle	
-- Assisting – Andrew Johnson	
-- Assisting – Jay Dobbs	
Scripture – Alex Tucker	Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin
Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller	Closing Prayer- Jay Dobbs

Wednesday Night – December 12, 2012

First Prayer – Jason LaChappelle
Song Leader – John Paul Baker
Invitation – Alex Tucker
Closing Prayer – David Fuller

December 23 Sunday Night – Prayer & Song Service

Upcoming Assignments:

December	Communion	Cleaning
16	Land	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker
23	C.Stewart	Johnson, Baker, Stone, Land

Notes:

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

Spring Gospel Meeting: The Elders have asked Ben Hall to speak for us this Spring for a gospel meeting. The dates have been set for Sunday, March 3 through Wednesday, March 6.

If you have any suggestions as to sermon topics, please give them to the elders. No themes or topics have been settled upon as yet.

'Tis the time to visit: The holiday season offers opportunities to reach out to others. Look and pray for opportunities to do so.

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Elijah and Elisha Happenings

1. What did Elijah call on to destroy the soldiers sent to arrest him?
2. Who was Elijah up against when fire from the Lord burned up a sacrifice and the water around the altar?
3. How many men did Elisha feed with twenty loaves of barley and some ears of corn?
4. How did Elisha raise the Shunammite woman's son from the dead?



Read Your Policy

By David Padfield

People often accuse insurance companies of not honoring their policies. Having spent a few years in that business I know the charge is seldom true. State and federal regulations force insurance companies to honor their policies. Insurers do exactly what they say in their policies; the problem is that most people have never read their copy. What keeps people from reading their policy?

Sometimes people trust their agent so they figure there is no reason to question his word. This is sad for there are a few "bad apples" in every business. Sometimes people claim the policies are too difficult to understand. I believe most people who say this have never attempted to read their policy anyway.



Schedule of Services

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

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I have also noticed that many people look at religion the same way they would a life insurance policy. They put blind trust in a smooth talking salesman (some preacher) and hope that he knows what he is doing.

They never read their policy (the Bible) for they imagine that they couldn't understand it anyway. It is much easier to trust a priest or preacher than to read and study for themselves.

The Holy Spirit guided the apostles in the writing of the New Testament (John 16:13). Paul told the Ephesians that *"when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ"* (Ephesians 3:4). The Bible was written so a person with a limited education can read it without difficulty.



Yes, there are some things that require a good deal of study. Peter spoke of the epistles of Paul *"in which are some things hard to understand, which those who are untaught and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures"* (2 Peter 3:16). Peter simply said some people will "twist" not only the difficult things, but also the "rest of the Scriptures."

When a man claims the Bible is too difficult to understand, he is impugning the character of God. Jesus told us we will be judged by His words (John 12:48).

It is against every law of humanity to hold a person accountable for something they can't understand. But, there is a big difference between the words "can't" and "won't."

Jesus spoke of some in His day by quoting Isaiah 6:9, 10. *"Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive; for the heart of this people has grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their heart and turn, so that I should heal them."* (Matthew 13:14, 15).

Proverbs 23:23 tells us to *"Buy the truth, and do not sell it."* To those who do not have a *"love of the truth," "God will send them a strong delusion, that they should believe a lie, that they all might be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness"* (2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12).

I have heard people speak of the Bible and say "it's a mystery to me." The word "mystery" can be used in two different ways. Sometimes it means something that is hidden and cannot be understood.

Other times it refers to something we are ignorant of. For example, the workings of a diesel engine are a "mystery" to me. I believe I could understand that engine if I applied myself, but right now I am ignorant of it. If the Bible is a "mystery" to you, it is because you have not applied yourself.

The Bible can be understood. It is given to us in this life and will be opened before us at the judgment (Revelation 20:12). What you know about God's word, and what you do about it, will determine what He says to you in the final day.

Let us imitate the noble Bereans who *"sought the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so"* (Acts 17:11).



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1. Fire from heaven [2 Kings 1:10-12]
2. The prophets of Baal [1 Kings 18:17-38]
3. A hundred [2 Kings 4:42-44]
4. He stretched his body out on the boy's [2 Kings 4:32-37]

