

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 6, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week** Andy Fuller  
**Morning Service**  
**Prayer-** David Fuller  
**Song Leader-** Andy Dobbs  
**Communion:**  
 -- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier  
 -- **Assisting** – Mark Jones  
 -- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs  
 -- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle  
 -- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson  
**Scripture** – Alex Tucker  
**Closing Prayer-** Andy Fuller  
**Evening Service**  
**Prayer-** Phillip Dorn  
**Song Leader-** Matt Fuller  
**Comments** – Andy Dobbs  
**Serving** – Marshall Foxworthy  
**Scripture** – J. Maxwell Irvin  
**Closing Prayer-** Jay Dobbs  
**Wednesday Night – January 9, 2013**  
**First Prayer** – Jason LaChappelle  
**Song Leader** – John Paul Baker  
**Invitation** – Alex Tucker  
**Closing Prayer** – David Fuller  
**January 27 Sunday Night Lesson** – To Be Announced

**Upcoming Assignments:**

January	Communion	Cleaning
13	Stone	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
20	German	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

**Notes:**

**The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The first meeting of the New Year will be tomorrow at 7PM. How many of these “extra credit” sessions will you attend this year? [See article below]**

**Recalculations from Last Week:** Everyone has 208 regularly scheduled opportunities to express attending services as appreciation to the Lord - Three on Sunday and one on Wednesday. If you participated in every Sunday morning session you have a 25% service ratio. By attending 10 Wednesday sessions your percentage would jump to 30%. If someone has not attended any Bible Classes at all last year, then just attending ONE class will see a 100% increase in that area!



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 Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,  
 Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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*People In Exile*

1. Who built a temple for Baal in Samaria?
2. Who asked Elisha's forgiveness for worshiping in the temple of the god Rimmon?
3. What king issued an order allowing the Hebrews to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem?
4. What king tricked the followers of Baal by gathering them in Baal's temple and then slaughtering them?



*Newness*

**By David Maxson**

*But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. [Philippians 3:13-14]*

It's exciting to turn the calendar. It's a new year! A new page! A fresh start! A clean slate! - Or is it?

The newness of any new year wears off pretty quick. We quickly discover that the new has the same frustrations and problems of old one. We have the same bad habits, the same weaknesses, and the same sins we dealt with before the New Year.



*Schedule of Services*

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

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## Newness

Continued

Our debts are still there. The consequences of bad decisions are still lingering. The guilt of past failures haven't gone anywhere with the turning of the calendar. All the emotional baggage of our past is still hanging around our necks.

But what the calendar can't do, Christ can. It is only with the cross that we can truly turn over a new leaf and finally close the book on our past. All the baggage, all the guilt, all the weight that has held us back... It's all taken away in Christ!

So enjoy and celebrate the New Year, Christian, and resolve to do better! The ability to move forward is our birthright! While the world languishes in the past, Christ liberates us from sin that we might press onward and upward. So press on!

Although we are not ought to be, we can thank God that we are not what we used to be. Pray that He will give us more grace that we may continue to press on toward the prize!



## Masks We Wear

By Donovan Newman

*"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." [Joshua 1:9]*



As we enter another semester whether in school or work, we are faced with many changes. In the holiday season, we get to spend time with our friends and family but as we go to the workplace, we get a feeling of aloneness. In Joshua 1:9, God gives commands to Joshua as he becomes leader of Israel after Moses' death. The Lord told Joshua to not be afraid because He is with him.

In our day to day lives, we are constantly mocked and scorned for our belief in God. Because of that, many Christians wear masks to work or school. They follow God commands while they are at their home or at worship but when they go out into the world, they put on their worldly mask. They don't want to stand out because they fear others might make fun of them.

In Joshua 1:6-9, we see God repeat over and over that Joshua needs to be strong and courageous. You can't be strong or courageous spiritually if you hide behind a mask to please the world. You can't win this battle with Satan by cowering behind what the world wants you to be.

In *Hebrews 4:12* it reads, *"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and lay bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account."* We can't hide from God. He knows everything we do or say. In the end, He will take all the masks away. Everything that we layered on ourselves to hide the truth about our faith will be taken away and all will be revealed.



A man of courage  
is also full of faith.  
Marcus Tullius Cicero

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1. Ahab [1 Kings 16:32]
2. Naaman the Syrian [2 Kings 5:18]
3. Darius [Ezra 6:1-12]
4. Jehu of Israel [2 Kings 10:18-27]

