

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 27, 2013

Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

Morning Service

Prayer- Andy Fuller

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Alex Tucker

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Payden Frix

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Marshall Foxworthy

Evening Service

Prayer- Andy Dobbs

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Comments – Alex Tucker

Serving – Payden Frix

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Kevin Criswell

Wednesday Night – January 30, 2013

First Prayer – Bill McIlvain

Song Leader – Matt Fuller

Invitation – David Fuller

Closing Prayer – Doug Davidson

Upcoming Assignments:

| February | Communion | Cleaning |
|----------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| 3 | Jones | Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land |
| 10 | Bailey | Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney |

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 4, at 7PM.

Start Taking Personal stats: Everyone has 208 regularly scheduled opportunities to serve the Lord in a collective way –3 times on Sunday and one on Wednesday. Coming every Sunday morning at 10 AM will give you a 25% service ratio.

FBW 2013 Teachers Meeting - There are other opportunities to serve the Lord. For instance, next Sunday there will be a meeting of the ladies who are interested in teaching the Family Bible Week classes. This meeting will be immediately following morning services. Will you serve?



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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Military Men

1. What was the name of the military commander who send Paul from Jerusalem to Caesarea?
2. What soldier was in charge of David's bodyguard?
3. Where was Paul when a Roman soldier stopped him from being murdered by an angry mob?
4. What Canaanite commander was murdered by Jael?



Consistent Inconsistency

By David Diestelkamp

A frustrated woman says to her husband, "You're so inconsistent!" Defensively he responds, "Not all the time!" Although humorous in marriage (because it's too often true), it isn't funny in our spiritual lives (because it's too often true).

Jesus taught an all or nothing, "**He who is not with Me is against Me,**" gospel (Matthew 12:30). Although spiritual consistency is rooted in repentance and God's forgiveness in Christ, we must have hearts which consistently yearn for the way of God.



Consistent Inconsistency

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Inconsistency & Faith

“Even the demons believe—and tremble!” (James 2:19). So what’s the problem with demon faith? There is a disparity between what they know, and even accept as true, and what they do. Even calling Jesus, “Lord” is inadequate if it doesn’t produce what is consistent with that confession—doing what He says (Luke 6:46).

Faith that isn’t based on God’s word is easily changed by feelings, situations, and false teaching. This inconsistency is called being *“...tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men...” (Ephesians 4:14).* Faith which inconsistently trusts God’s will as a guide for life is compared to *“...a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:6-8).* To be consistent, true faith must be anchored on what it knows to be true in God’s word (Romans 10:17).

Inconsistency & Hope

The main reason behind inconsistency is the false sense of security it provides. Before others, it is a hypocrisy that says, “I’m better than I really am.” To self, occasional righteousness provides the opportunity to accentuate the positive to the downplaying of known negatives. Sometimes doing right is better than always doing wrong—right? There is a third choice!

We must consistently remember that ours is the *“hope of eternal life” (Titus 1:2).* The hopes, promises, and dreams that this life offers pale in comparison to the *“blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Savior Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13).* Inconsistent focus on our true hope will devastate sober minded decision making ability. Inconsistent choices are inevitable when they are based on the ever changing hope this world tries to offer.

Inconsistency & Law

I once heard a US Supreme Court justice explain why the Court reluctantly overturns rulings. He said, ***“Inconsistency breeds contempt for the law.”*** If we change the law whenever it pleases us it loses its meaning and authority.

God is our lawgiving King; we are His law keeping citizens. Inconsistent obedience says to God and others that some of what God says is important, but some of it isn’t. When God and others look at us what do they see? Are we lawmakers or law keepers?

Someone said that in religion there are believers, unbelievers, and make-believers. Consistent consistency will demonstrate which believer we truly are.



Wrong Is Always Wrong

Wrong is wrong, even if you don't get caught. The eyes of the Lord are in every place. Wrong is wrong, even if you do it for a good cause. The end never justifies the means. The honorable purpose does not justify a dishonorable deed or action.

Wrong is wrong, even if it doesn't bother the conscience. The conscience can be trained or educated to accept wrong-doing; even an honest sin or an evil done in sincerity is sinful in the sight of God. *Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap."*

Wrong is wrong, even if it is commonly considered Acceptable. The bible says *"Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil."* Wrong is always wrong despite our efforts to excuse our actions. Remember, there is never a right way to do wrong!

For *“He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” (1 Peter 3:10-12)*



Answers from page 1

1. Claudius Lysias [Acts 23:26]
2. Benaiah [2 Samuel 8:18]
3. Outside the Temple [Acts 21:30-33]
4. Sisera [Judges 4:2]

