

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 3, 2013

Announcements for the Week

Doug Davidson

Morning Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Alex Tucker

-- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – Kevin Criswell

Closing Prayer- John Paul Baker

Evening Service

Prayer- Matt Fuller

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

Comments – Roger German

Serving – Marshall Foxworthy

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Darryl Griffing

Wednesday Night – February 6, 2013

First Prayer – David Johnson

Song Leader – Matt Fuller

Invitation – David Fuller

Closing Prayer – Jay Dobbs

February 24 Sunday Night Lesson – Doug Davidson

Upcoming Assignments:

February	Communion	Cleaning
10	Bailey	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney
17	Buselmeier	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle

Notes:

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

More Opportunities to serve: Everyone has 208 regularly scheduled opportunities to show service to our Lord - Three on Sunday and one on Wednesday. If you participated in every Sunday morning session you have a 25% service ratio.

By attending our Gospel Meeting next month you can increase your opportunities to serve. Make it an intention to be there at every service.



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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Everyday Phrases – Where can you find them?

1. "The skin of my teeth"
2. "Wolf in sheep's clothing."
3. "Salt of the earth."
4. "Holier than thou."
5. "Woe is me!"



When Discouraged, Remember This

By Pat Higgins

Does it seem as if life is becoming just one trial after another? None of us knows the deadline God has assigned to our lives -- some die suddenly in their thirties, forties and fifties, but we do know that with each passing day we get closer to our end. Because God is faithful and not slack concerning His promise of finishing the good work He has begun in us, trials are a necessary part of the Christian life.

Still, it can be overwhelming. How do we combat discouragement? How do we endure to the end? God has given us the fundamental understanding we need to face our trials successfully and endure in *1John 4:17: "Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the Day of Judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world."*



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On its face it does not seem to be much. That is because to understand the power of this verse, we need to bring together other scriptures -- the "here a little, there a little" principle. The explanation begins with an incredible yet generally overlooked scripture.

The amazing scripture is in John 17. This chapter is the last prayer of Jesus Christ just before His arrest that Passover night. He begins by praying for Himself, then for His disciples. Verse 20 begins a section in which He includes all future believers, *"those who will believe in Me through their [the disciples'] word."*

At this point, consider for a moment how much God must love Jesus Christ. After all, they have been working together side-by-side for literally countless years -- all eternity -- in perfect harmony.

Relatively few couples are blessed with outstanding marriages that last fifty years or more. After so long, the depth of their relationship must be close and intimate. If that happens between two human beings in fifty years, what would it be like after a few billion? It would be intimate beyond our comprehension. Such is the depth of God's love for Christ -- far beyond our comprehension.

Now notice verse 23, especially the two requests made by Christ in the last half of the verse: *"I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them AS You have loved Me."* Jesus is asking God to reveal two things to the world: that God sent Him and that God loves us as much as He loves Jesus Christ.

Understanding the full impact of this verse hinges on a little, two-letter word "as." One definition is "to the same extent or degree; equally." Equally implies no more, no less. This definition makes Jesus' request staggering in its implications! It means we can truthfully say that there is not a being in the universe -- including Jesus Christ -- whom God loves more than us. Each individual whom God has called can say the same thing. God loves us all at the same incredible, beyond our comprehension level.

Think about it. The Creator of everything, the epitome of love, loves YOU as much as He loves His Son. That should make every day brighter as we journey homeward to be with Him.



[Don't Brag About Past Sinfulness](#)

By Edwin Crozier

Recently, someone introduced me to a video clip entitled "Four Yorkshire men." The video is of four apparently wealthy Englishmen reminiscing about the good old days when they were poor. These men humorously one-up each other about how poor and miserable they were as children. They didn't argue about who was wealthier. Rather, the point was seemingly that the one who had to overcome the most was really the best of the lot.

This video is played for laughs and it is very funny. However, it reminds me of a similar competition I've heard among Christians. We all know it would be bad to compete over who is the better Christian or who is spiritually the strongest. Instead, Christians sometimes get together and start talking about what they were like when they were sinners.

The problem is these penitent Christians almost sound proud of how sinful they had been. Have you ever heard folks get into that kind of conversation? It is almost as if we have to prove to everybody that we were the worst.

When we are truly penitent of our sins there will be no part of us that wants to brag or prove we were the greater sinner. The fact is, just like those four Yorkshire men, all this does is give us some kind of backdoor pass to bragging about our spirituality.

As we share the gospel with others, we may share the sins from which God set us free. As we strive to overcome sin, we will most certainly confess our sins to one another (James 5:16). However, we'll never have the desire to prove we are the best because we were the worst.

We'll never take pride in how awful we were. We'll never purposefully try to one-up each other in our past sinfulness. We won't feel the need to prove anything about our spirituality. We'll simply be thankful God forgave us. Let's keep it there.



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1. [Job 19:20]
2. [Matthew 7:15]
3. [Matthew 5:13]
4. [Isaiah 65:5]
5. [Isaiah 6:5]

