

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 17, 2013

Announcements for the Week Andy Fuller
Morning Service
Prayer- Mark Jones
Song Leader- Andy Dobbs
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Andy Fuller
 -- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy
 -- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller
 -- **Assisting** – David Johnson
 -- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson
Scripture – Darryl Griffing
Closing Prayer- Doug Davidson
Evening Service
Prayer- Jay Dobbs
Song Leader- Matt Fuller
Comments – Mark Jones
Serving – Phillip Dorn
Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Jason LaChappel
Wednesday Night – February 20, 2013
First Prayer – Matt Fuller
Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier
Invitation – Alex Tucker
Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell
February 17 Sunday Night Lesson – Doug Davidson

Upcoming Assignments:

February	Communion	Cleaning
24	Irvin	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
March 3	Griffing	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be Monday, March 18, at 7PM.

Congregational Meeting: We will have a congregational meeting next Sunday immediately following the morning services. It is important that everyone should be in attendance. Make plans accordingly.

Gospel Meeting: Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Ben Hall [from Embry-Hills Congregation] will commence on March 3 and continue till Wednesday, March 6. We will not alter the teaching program on Sunday but will suspend the bible classes on Wednesday to accommodate the Meeting.

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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. "Spare the rod and spoil the child"
2. "My brother's keeper"
3. "Fat of the land"
4. "A lamb for the slaughter."
5. "The blind leading the blind."

God's People In A World Of Darkness

Presented by Ben Hall

Lessons Are Based On (1 Peter 2:9-10)

- 1. Strangers & Exiles**
- 2. Newborn Babies**
- 3. Obedient Children**
- 4. A Royal Priesthood**
- 5. Called to Suffering**

Times of Services:

Sunday [March 3] 9 AM Bible Classes as usual
 10 AM – Lesson # 1 5 PM Lesson #2
 Monday through Wednesday: 7:30 PM

Schedule of Services

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

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[How To Deal With Stray Dogs](#)

By Ben Hall

As I was growing up in rural Alabama there were many cautionary warnings given to us kids as we dealt with the adventure-filled yet sometimes dangerous world around us. One such warning was concerning how to react if you were to come upon a stray dog. A stray dog's temperament, origin, health, and other important issues is unknown, which means a stray should be handled with caution. The main piece of advice was this: "Never turn your back and run away." The reason for this instruction was that running away could startle the poor animal who might respond in a violent manner due to his instincts. Slowly and calmly backing away was the best way to avoid being harmed since if a dog gets scared and pursues a human with the intent to eat, most people will not be able to outrun the imminent harm.



Many times we Christians deal with Satan in the same way that we were told to deal with stray dogs, and that is foolish. God does not instruct us to back away slowly from Satan. He actually commands the exact opposite. Christians are told to **flee** "immorality" (1 Corinthians 6:18), love of things of this world (1 Timothy 6:11), and "youthful lusts" (2 Timothy 2:22) among other things. We cannot slowly back away from the temptations Satan presents to us. Rather, we are to turn and run with all our strength as far away as possible! Here are some thoughts that hopefully will help us flee from Satan's charms.

1. Acknowledge the serious nature of sin. Until we realize how big of a deal sin really is we will never run from it. We must learn to see sin and temptation as something that is *evil*. When we see the danger of sin, we will have no other reaction than to flee. You know what is funny to me about the advice that is given on how to deal with stray dogs. Everyone knows that no matter what you were told, when you feel threatened by a dog you always run. We sense danger and run away. We must feel that same urgency when threatened by sin and run!

2. Remember what you are. The Spirit describes us as a temple, or a dwelling place, for God. God only dwells in holiness, righteousness, and truth. We must flee the lusts of this world to keep our bodies holy so that the Spirit will continue to dwell in us. If only we could remember that God dwells in us, then we perhaps we would flee from the Devil more zealously.

3. Realize that you do not belong to you. Why do we give in to temptation? Is it not our own selfish, fleshly desires that we allow to control our decisions? We continually sin because we think that we should do what we want to do. Fleeing sin takes work and goes against the desire we too often have. But we need to see that we "*are not [our] own*" because we "*have been bought with a price*" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). Jesus came and paid the price for your salvation, and now He commands that you flee immorality because you belong to Him.

4. Devote yourself to glorifying God. Paul told Timothy to flee evil and replace that with pursuing the things of God (1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22). But that sounds like a lot of work! Why should I put so much effort into fleeing sin while chasing after good things? This race is run because you were bought with Jesus' blood so that you would "glorify God in your body" (1 Corinthians 6:20). This is our ultimate purpose in life so we must put forth the work to flee Satan and pursue God with all we have to bring glory to Him.

I believe one reason that I do not flee from sin as I should sometimes is the same reason that logic told us not to run from stray dogs. Many times, *I am afraid that I am not fast enough to get away*. I think that even if I run, Satan may catch me and I will not escape his grasp. Let us never forget the words of Jesus when He said that, "*if you have faith...nothing will be impossible for you*" (Matthew 17:20). Trust in the Lord that even the impossible task of successfully fleeing sin will result in victory because God is on our side and will never forsake us! What can Satan do to us?



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1. [Proverbs 13:24]
2. [Genesis 4:9]
3. [Genesis 45:18]
4. [Isaiah 53:7]
5. [Matthew 15:14]

