

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 24, 2013

Announcements for the Week Doug Davidson
Morning Service
Prayer- Roger German
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier
 -- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn
 -- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell
 -- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy
 -- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson
Scripture – Matt Fuller
Closing Prayer- David Fuller

Evening Service
Prayer- Alex Tucker
Song Leader- Curran LaChappelle

Comments – Marshall Irvin
Serving – Jay Dobbs

Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin
Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Wednesday Night – February 27, 2013

First Prayer – Darryl Griffing
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle
Invitation – Jason LaChappelle
Closing Prayer – Marshall Foxworthy

Upcoming Assignments:

March	Communion	Cleaning
3	Griffing	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart
10	LaChappelle	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

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 immediately following this morning's services. It is important that everyone should be in attendance. We will take a very short break following the closing prayer and then pick back up soon afterwards.

Gospel Meeting: Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Ben Hall [from Embry-Hills Congregation] will begin next Sunday [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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 Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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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 - Lessons #3-5



Do You Want To See God?

By Ben Hall

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God” (Matthew 5:8).
 There is not a more heart stirring reward listed in the blessing statements in this passage which we call the Beatitudes. To fully embrace the beauty of the creator of the universe is an amazing gift that no man on Earth has ever fully been afforded. However, seeing God is not a grace that all people will receive.

Schedule of Services

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

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What does it mean to be “pure in heart”? Does it mean that I clean out mean thoughts, lustful desires, or other worldly evils? These are certainly crucial elements of creating and maintaining a pure heart but our brother James helps us understand purity of heart when the Spirit says through him, *“purify your hearts you double-minded” (James 4:8b).*

What is one of our hearts’ most detrimental corruptions? It seems that the tragic pollution in this text is being “*double-minded.*” To be “pure in heart” is to have an intense, singular devotion to God without any other desires (sinful or not) dividing our hearts from him.

The issue for many Christians is that we have yet to lay aside all the weights and encumbrances which divide our interests and make us into double-minded people. So how can I tell if I am “pure in heart” or “double-minded”? While certainly not an exhaustive set of tests, perhaps there are a few things we can examine to discover whether our hearts are pure in our devotion to God or if we need to purify our double-mindedness.

1. How strongly do I trust God through prayer?

[James 1:5-8] If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like 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.

Those who are “double-minded” are people who ask for help from God yet doubt His ability to deliver. We must first rely on God enough to ask for His help in our walk with Him *and actually believe* that He is the one and only who could fulfill our needs. When I consider this, I share in the prayer of the man who said, “Lord, help my unbelief!”

2. What are my goals in life on earth?

[Matthew 6:31-34] “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Though it is a familiar verse, we can never forget Jesus’ command that we *“seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness.”* When you consider your future plans in life, who is the center of them? I spoke with a brother recently who shared his dream of retiring not so that he could relax or move be granted earthly pleasures but so he could preach the gospel overseas. Do I have a pure desire for greater service in the Kingdom or is my heart divided between my life with God and the things that surround me here?

3. Do I care about what God says to me? (Psalm 119:11)

The psalmist said to God, *“You word I have stored up in my heart, that I should not sin against you” (Psalm 119:11).* He wanted God in his heart more than anything else. If we are going to have a pure, undivided devotion to God then we must know and desire God’s will to become a part of us on the deepest level. The only agent that can purify my heart is God and while I pray that He would *“create in me a clean heart” (Psalm 51:10)* I must labor with Him in this by hiding His word in my heart.

A single-minded purity in heart that is devoted to God is at times an overwhelming challenge, but we know that it is possible by the blood of Lamb. If we are willing to give ourselves over in total commitment to our God then He will bless us. The blessing of seeing God’s face will not go to all but only to, “His slaves... ***They will see His face***” (Revelation 22:3b-4)

