

SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 31, 2013

Announcements for the Week

Marshall Irvin

Morning Service

Prayer- Andy Fuller

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller

-- **Assisting** – J. Maxwell Irvin

Scripture – Todd Hudson

Closing Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Various

Comments – Darryl Griffing

Serving – Roger German

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Andy Dobbs

Wednesday Night – April 3, 2013

First Prayer – TBA

Song Leader – TBA

Invitation – TBA

Closing Prayer – TBA

March 31 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments:

April	Communion	Cleaning
7	Land	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
14	Davidson	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be tomorrow, April 1, at 7PM.

Service:

“Man is a fallen star till he is right with heaven: he is out of order with himself and all around him till he occupies his true place in relation to God. When he serves God, he has reached that point where he doth serve himself best, and enjoys himself most. It is man's honor, it is man's joy, it is man's heaven, to live unto God.”

— Charles H. Spurgeon, Humility and How to Get It



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

March 24, 2013

Sorcerers, Witches, and So Forth

1. What emperor had a bevy of magicians and psychics who could not interpret his strange dreams?
2. What prophet called the city of Nineveh the mistress of witchcraft?
3. In what city did Paul find many believers who had formerly dabbled in witchcraft?
4. What queen of Israel practiced witchcraft?



Breaking Bread From House To House

By Bryan Matthew Dockens

“So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart” (Acts 2:46). In addition to frequent public assemblies, the earliest members of the church made time to enjoy common meals with one another. It would behoove modern Christians to do likewise.

“Breaking bread from house to house” provides a worthwhile alternative to sinful influences. The Bible warns us, “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits’” (1st Corinthians 15:33). Solomon, too, bespoke the danger of bad company, leading that warning with a suggestion for better habits: “He who walks with wise men will be wise, but the companion of fools will be destroyed” (Proverbs 13:20).

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Sharing meals with brethren is more than avoiding sinful influences; it is an active and deliberate effort to benefit from better friends. "Breaking bread from house to house" presents opportunities for spiritual development. *"Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.' And Jesus answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her'" (Luke 10:38-42).* Although Jesus was an invited guest, and a meal was being prepared, the Lord made certain that His visit was about teaching. Attending services in first day of the week are important, but the conversations had in simple living room and kitchen table interaction can be the most informative and encouraging.

"Breaking bread from house to house" gives the future wayward something to miss. When a brother or sister in Christ goes astray, refusing to repent, it is incumbent upon the faithful to "withdraw" from such (2nd Thessalonians 3:6). What that amounts to is spelled out by Paul when he instructed the brethren in Corinth *"not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner – not even to eat with such a person"* (1st Corinthians 5:11). Meals with brethren are benefits lost to those under discipline by the church, making it all the more important to emphasize and participate in these blessings while available; otherwise, what will the wayward miss when they are gone?

"Breaking bread from house to house" means unknown benefits. The Holy Spirit teaches, *"Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some have unwittingly entertained angels"* (Hebrews 13:2), apparently referring to an instance in the life of Abraham (Genesis 18). This reminder does not imply, necessarily, that the modern disciple is likely to play host to angels, only that the work of hospitality carries imperceptible benefits; greater works than are initially understood may be done by those willing to welcome others into their homes. Jesus made clear that He takes personally how Christians treat others (Matthew 25:34-40); therefore engaging in and accepting hospitality among brethren is an important part of one's relationship with Christ.



[Vicarious Living](#)

By David Maxson

And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." [Genesis 29:32]

Are we guilty of using our children to boost our own self-image?

It's so easy to see in others. Leah and Rachel's motives could not be more obvious, giving their children names which meant: *"Now this time my husband will be attached to me"* or *"I have wrestled with my sister and prevailed"* or *"Now my husband will honor me."* (Genesis 29:34; 30:8, 20)

We see it in these mothers who shamelessly parade their preschoolers in beauty pageants. We point the accusatory finger at the hyper competitive little league dads who vainly try to groom their children for big time athletic scholarships in college.

But what about the rest of us? What is easy to see in everyone else is harder to see in self. We all struggle with the desire to see our children succeed in whatever they are doing (athletics, academics, music, Scouts, etc.) to make us look good. What is the solution for this?

- Understand they are not your children. They are given to us on loan from God. We are merely stewards of God's blessings. We encourage them to achieve and succeed to bring glory to Him, not ourselves. We want them to exercise their talents to be useful to accomplish His purposes, not our own.
- Glory in God, not your kids. We don't need our children to affirm our worth. We're valuable because God says we are. We have infinite worth because the blood of an infinitely worthy being was given for us. The fact that our child receives a full scholarship to an Ivy League school doesn't make us more special.



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1. Nebuchadnezzar [Daniel 2:10]
2. Nahum [Nahum 3:4]
3. Ephesus [Acts 19:19]
4. Jezebel [2 Kings 9:22]

