

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 14, 2013

Announcements for the Week

Doug Davidson

Morning Service

Prayer- David Fuller

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Marshall Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy

-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson

Scripture – Josh Hudson

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Evening Service

Prayer- Jason LaChappelle

Song Leader- Alex Tucker

Comments – Andy Dobbs

Serving – Philip Dorn

Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin

Closing Prayer- Marshall Irvin

Wednesday Night – April 17, 2013

First Prayer – Curran LaChappelle

Song Leader – Roger German

Invitation – David Fuller

Closing Prayer – Jay Dobbs

April 28 Sunday Night Sermon – Andy Fuller

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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Upcoming Assignments:

April	Communion	Cleaning
21	Prater	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker
28	Williams	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be tomorrow, April 15, at 7PM.

Service:

“For all works which are either commanded or forbidden by God are 'musts.' Nevertheless, no one should be dragged to them or away from them by the hair, for I can drive no man to heaven or beat him into it with a club.” — Martin Luther

“No enthusiasm will ever stand the strain that Jesus will put upon His worker, only one thing will, and that is a personal relationship to Himself which has gone through the mill of His spring-cleaning until there is only one purpose left--I am here for God to send me where He will.” — Oswald Chambers



Schedule of Services

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

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Miracles of Jesus

1. Why did the people complain when Jesus healed a woman who had been stooped for eighteen years?
2. Where was Jesus when He miraculously escaped from a crowd that was going to push Jim off a cliff?
3. What was the other affliction of the deaf man Jesus healed in the Decapolis?
4. How many loaves of bread were used to feed the five thousand?



The Blame Game

By Al Diestelkamp

Shifting blame has been around from the very beginning. When confronted for his sin in the garden, Adam tried to use this tactic by saying, *“The woman you gave me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate” (Genesis 3:12)*. Then when Eve was questioned, she tried to pass the blame by saying, *“the serpent deceived me, and I ate” (v.13)*.

Ever since, people have been playing the blame game in efforts to “excuse” sins and failures. Another well-known biblical example of the blame game happened at Mt. Sinai when Aaron, after he had personally “fashioned it with an engraving tool” (Exodus 32:4), tried to shift the blame on “the people” (v.22-23).

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Of course, it was futile for Adam and Eve to try to fool God with this ploy, and Moses didn't buy Aaron's story, but these examples haven't deterred the practice that thrives to this day.

In every area of human behavior we see people trying to justify their actions by diverting attention away from themselves to someone or something else. "It's not my fault!" is the claim.

In our nation's current economic crisis we hear blame-shifting every day. Politicians on both sides of the aisle have mastered this tactic. Republicans say the economy hasn't improved because of the policies of President Obama, while Democrats lay the blame for almost everything on former President George W. Bush.

In the business world, union leaders and management accuse each other of greed, corruption and inflexibility. The problem is always the other's fault. Unfortunately, the blame game often shows up in people's personal lives. Sin is sometimes excused by placing the blame at the feet of circumstances.

With drastic devaluation in the housing market some homeowners who find themselves "upside down" think they are justified in renegeing on their agreed upon mortgage contracts by accusing the banks of "predatory lending."

Many who find themselves in unhappy marriages feel justified in breaking their vows if they can point the finger of blame at their spouse. Those involved in the various forms of sexual immorality will often try to lay blame at the feet of a spouse, or even resort to blaming God by saying, "He made me this way."

The drunkard explains his "problem" as an illness, despite the fact that he "fashioned" himself with that disease by taking the first drink and ignoring the God-inspired warning that "Wine is a mocker, intoxicating drink arouses brawling, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise" (Prov. 20:1).

God, who always keeps His word, expects the same from His children (Matthew 5:37). He expects us to keep our promises, commitments and vows even when it would seem wise to "reconsider" them (Psalm 37:21). When a child of God sins He accepts no excuses or shifting of blame, but saves those with a contrite spirit (Psalm 34:18).



[A Thought About Your Vacation Planning](#)

By David Maxson

And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left..." [1 Kings 19:13-14]

On our honeymoon, Adrienne and I worshiped with a very small group. They met in a modest sized building, so we expected a fair number to show up. Little did we know that our presence in the Bible class would nearly double the attendance!

There are probably thousands of similar situations around the world each Lord's day where just a few souls gather together to worship. They meet in huts, under trees, in store fronts, in houses, and, in some cases, in church buildings that years ago held many more members.

These groups, no matter how small, are precious to the Lord. He said "where two or three gather together in my name, there I am among them." (Matthew 18:20)

When we go on vacation we should keep little groups like these in mind, and search them out to worship with them. It takes a little more work on our part, but what a great blessing we can give! We remind them that they are a part of a larger family; that they're not alone. They've made a conscious choice to stand for truth. Our presence tells them that they are not standing by themselves.

God, bless all of those who faithfully hold fast to God's truth and refuse to sell out. May we have more opportunities to support them.



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1. He healed her on the Sabbath [Luke 13:11-13]
2. His hometown of Nazareth [Luke 4:29-30]
3. Almost mute [Mark 7:31-35]
4. Five [Matthew 14:15-21]

