

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 21, 2013

Announcements for the Week

Andy Fuller

Morning Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Jason LaChappelle

Evening Service

Prayer- Josh Hudson

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Comments – Alex Tucker

Serving – Darryl Griffing

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Wednesday Night – April 24, 2013

First Prayer – Bill McIlvain

Song Leader – Alex Tucker

Invitation – Dan Buselmeier

Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell

April 28 Sunday Night Sermon – Andy Fuller

Upcoming Assignments:

April	Communion	Cleaning
28	Williams	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
May 5	Denney	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney

Notes:

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be Monday, May 6, at 7PM.

Service:

“A true Christian does not judge whether a person is worthy of help, but only judges a need and how to best meet that need.” — Toni Sorenson

“Verily, a man should not cling to those who have passed, for he will likely neglect service to the living.” — Wayne Gerard Trotman, Veterans of the Psychic Wars

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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Military Men

1. What Philistine soldier was slain by a boy carrying a bag of stones?
2. Who was commander of Solomon's army?
3. Who was commander of David's army?
4. What commander led a successful revolt against the ill-fated King Zimri?

Trophy For Sale By David Padfield

One day last summer I was on my way to lunch when I drove by a house that was having a rummage sale. Even though I did not stop for the sale, I could not help but notice the display closest to the street -- what caught my eye was a table filled with old trophies that were now for sale on someone's driveway.



I had to wonder why anyone would be interested in purchasing a used trophy. What could they possibly do with it? The trophies for sale probably had the name of the recipient engraved on it, along with a brief description of their meritorious actions. Who would want to put someone else's trophy on their mantle?

Trophy For Sale Continued

Later, I began to wonder why the seller wanted to get rid of their old trophies in the first place. I am sure that at one time those trophies held a lot of value, or at least some emotional attachment. Trophies usually signify some accomplishment -- they serve to remind us of some success in our business or personal life. Maybe a bowling trophy loses its luster when one stops bowling. That trophy from a winning high school football season might not seem as important thirty years later when your own children are in college. What we value today might wind up in the trash or on a table at a rummage sale tomorrow.

The truth of the matter is that there is nothing in this life we can carry with us into the next. The trinkets and knick-knacks we treasure here on earth will be of no value in eternity. This being so, it makes one wonder why we spend so much time acquiring earthly possessions, but so little time preparing for the life which is to come.

Suppose you gained all that this world has to offer -- what would you really have? A handful of tinsel? Jesus told His disciples: *"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" (Matthew 16:24-26).*



Lessons From The ER By Jim Jonas

A teenage boy was recently taken to the emergency room with severe chest pains. His parents were naturally worried, for they had never seen him in this kind of distress. Some lessons they learned:

Triage -- The ER was packed with children: one boy had a severely lacerated finger; babies were sick and in respiratory distress. But due to the type of distress the teenager was having, he was given high priority and taken to a room within minutes. This process is called "triage," an evaluation that places higher priority patients before those with lesser ailments.

Perhaps triage should be practiced in normal life. Seems that our lives become cluttered with what seem to be critical issues -- like the ER waiting room -- but on further review are not that important.

The Attending Doctor -- Tests were quickly done on the teenager which ruled out heart trouble. After a few other routine exams, the ER doctor reassured the boy that he had no serious illness. He said the pain was real and could be severe, but it was being caused by ... growing pains. Cartilage was stretching and inflammation was mimicking symptoms of heart distress.

How comforting it was to the young patient and to his anxious parents to have an attending doctor who had seen, by his own estimation, thousands of similar cases. This experience enabled him to quickly and accurately rule out serious problems. But what really impressed the parents was his demeanor. He could see their concern and gave calm reassurance that, regardless of the degree of pain, their son's condition was relatively minor. Concerning spiritual matters, how valuable are wisdom, experience, calmness in the midst of high emotion and crisis?

The Magnifying Force of Fear -- The young teenage patient was naturally scared by any thought that he was seriously sick. His fear only intensified the pain, and as the waves of inflammation came and went, his body stiffened and shook in reaction. But given the doctor's reassurance, he began to look at the pain in a different way. He relaxed and calmly endured the discomfort.

Again, the father thought how this mirrors real life. When the disciples thought their boat was sinking, they cried out, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" But they weren't, actually. And Jesus answered, *"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" (Matthew 8:25-26).* Later, when the disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, they thought they were seeing a ghost: *"And they cried out for fear." And Jesus replied, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid" (Matthew 14:26-27).* Fear exaggerates; fear discounts the power of God; fear imagines things that aren't really there; fear keep us from doing the things that need to be done. Trust and confidence, well-placed in the proper object, is the antidote for fear.



Answers from page 1

1. Goliath [1 Samuel 17:48-54]
2. Benaiah [1 Kings 4:4]
3. Joab [2 Samuel 9:1-11]
4. Omri [1 Kings 16:16]

