

SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 12, 2013

Announcements for the Week Jason LaChappelle
Morning Service
Prayer- Phillip Dorn
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Andy Fuller
 -- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller
 -- **Assisting** – David Johnson
 -- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy
 -- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock
Scripture– Curran LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Mark Jones
Evening Service
Prayer- Matt Fuller
Song Leader- Andy Dobbs
Comments – Darryl Griffing
Serving – Kevin Criswell
Scripture –J. Maxwell Irvin
Closing Prayer- Dan Buselmeier
Wednesday Night – May 15, 2013
First Prayer–Bill McIlvain
Song Leader –Curran LaChappelle
Invitation – Alex Tucker
Closing Prayer – Dan Buselmeier
May24 Sunday Night Sermon – Marshall Irvin

Upcoming Assignments

May	Communion	Cleaning
19	Ferrell	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
26	Dobbs	Foxworthy, German, McMullen, Jones, Stewart

NOTES

The Ladies meet on the first and third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be, May 20, at 7PM.

Family Bible Week 2013:

The questions and answers for each evening session is now available for the teachers. You can get a copy from one of the elders.

We are still asking for suggestions for advertising our Family Bible week. Please get with Bill as soon as you can.



Schedule of Services

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

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Exploits of Elijah & Elisha

1. What did Elisha do to make the poisoned pottage edible?
2. What happened to the Syrian soldiers when Elisha prayed?
3. How long was rain withheld after Elijah's prayer?
4. Who conceived a son after Elisha predicted she would?



The Spare Tire

By David Maxson

"The LORD is with you while you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you." [2 Chronicles 15:2]

When is the last time you used your spare tire? Personally, I can't remember the last time I used mine. In fact, on my current vehicle (which I've had six years now) I've never used it. Yet I wouldn't have bought my car without one.

How do you see God? Is He just an occasional part of your life? It is entirely possible to see God as like a spare tire: someone who is really important (even essential) yet not used or even thought about on a daily basis.



The Spare Tire

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Truth be told, for many of us God is only there for emergencies. He's kind of like a contingency plan. We might need Him sometime, so it's nice to have him there. It's nice to know we can pull him out of the trunk when we need Him. But once our life gets back in order we want to conveniently stow Him back where He belongs... in the trunk!

It doesn't work that way with God! God is not a mere contingency plan, there for us to use whenever we need Him. If we do not make God a part of our regular lives (through Bible study, prayer, meditation, communion, service, etc.), then we cannot expect Him to be there for us when we feel like we need Him.

God is not a spare tire. He will not be treated that way. He will accept nothing less than first place in your life.



Is A Cold Invitation Useful?

By Edwin Crozier

A sister in Christ was shopping at Wal-Mart. The church with which she worked had printed up some cards to use for inviting people to the assemblies and classes. The preacher had made a big deal about inviting people, even strangers like the Wal-Mart checkout clerk.

"How on earth could that possibly be useful," some thought. "Such a cold invitation will never get anyone interested." By cold invitation they meant this was a cold contact. That is, there was no relationship developed between the shopper and the checker.

This sister decided to take the plunge and invite the checker. I regret to inform you that the checker never showed up and to my knowledge has never been converted.

However, there was a man in his 30's standing behind the Christian who witnessed the whole event. He asked the sister, "Do you have another one of those cards?"

She gave him one. This man had been going through a difficult time in his life. A friend of his, a Christian who lived and worked with a church that was about 45 minutes away from where he lived had talked to him about the gospel and about Christ's church. He just had not acted on it.

For some reason this gesture of a Christian inviting a checkout clerk from Wal-Mart sparked something in him. He visited a few assemblies. Then he studied with the preacher. He was baptized into Christ.

What would have happened if that one sister had decided inviting the checkout clerk from Wal-Mart was a cold and useless invitation? I don't know. I do know this. The invitation was offered and it impacted somebody. Will that happen every time? No. In fact, most of our invitations will never be anything more than us shining our lights. Let's face it Jesus warned us the majority will not want to listen (Matthew 7:13-14).

However, we never know where a simple invitation might lead. The only way to find out is to offer the invitation.

Do you remember the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4? The apostles went into the town and nothing great happened because they didn't offer any invitations. The Samaritan woman went back and offered some simple invitations and many of the people ended up believing in Jesus. Who would have ever thought a simple invitation to come check it out for yourself would have ever gone so far?

Think for a moment. Who can you invite to our assemblies and classes this week? Don't try to guess what the outcome will be, just sow the seed and let the Lord do the rest.



Answers from page 1

1. He poured meal into it [2 Kings 4:38-41]
2. They were struck blind [2 Kings 6:18]
3. Three and a half years [1 Kings 17:1]
4. The Shunammite woman [2 Kings 4:14-17]

