

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for June 16, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week** Jason LaChappelle  
**Morning Service** **Evening Service**  
**Prayer-** Mark Jones **Prayer-** Phillip Dorn  
**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle **Song Leader-** Marshall Irvin  
**Communion:**  
-- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier **Comments** – Darryl Griffing  
-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn **Serving** – Kevin Criswell  
-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell  
-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle  
-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock  
**Scripture** – Gary Goddard **Scripture** – Gary Goddard  
**Closing Prayer-** Andy Fuller **Closing Prayer-** Dan Buselmeier

**Wednesday Night – June 19, 2013**  
**First Prayer** – Bill McIlvain  
**Song Leader** – Curran LaChappelle  
**Invitation** – Alex Tucker  
**Closing Prayer** – Jason LaChappelle  
**June 23 Sunday Evening Lesson** – Curran LaChappelle  
**June 30 Sunday Night Song & Scripture Service**

**Upcoming Assignments:**

June	Communion	Cleaning
23	Land	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle
30	Goddard	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing

**Service:**

**“It is not what you leave to your children that matters, but what you leave in them.” — 300 Questions to Ask Your Parents Before It's Too Late**

**“As long as there are ways we can serve, then we have a job to do.” — Everyday Grace**

**“You are good. But it is not enough to be good. You must be good for something. The world must be a better place for your presence and the good that is in you must be spread to others.” — Gordon B. Hinckley**

*Schedule of Services*

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

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*Taxes, Extortion & Bribes*

1. Whose wife was threatened with having her family's house burned down unless she would find the answer to Samson's riddle?
2. Who made for Jesus a feast that was attended by many tax collectors?
3. What Persian king exempted the priests and Levites from paying taxes?
4. What empire's taxation led to Jesus being born in Bethlehem?



*Why Don't They Like Me?*

By David Maxson

*Then this Daniel became distinguished above all the other presidents and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel...[Daniel 6:3-4]*

Godly living is a threat to those who are ungodly for several reasons. First, those who seek to please God work hard at their jobs. They work for the Lord and not for men (Ephesians 6:7; Colossians 3:23), and so they're going to be especially productive. This oftentimes is rewarded with a promotion, which in turn can create envy.



## Why Don't They Like Me?

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Another reason some feel threatened is the absolute integrity that godly people maintain in their lives. They are going to be scrupulously honest. They are going to be faithful and trustworthy. They will not cut corners. They will be just and fair. They will not use their position for their own advantage.

And while it seems odd that this kind of person would be hated, to those who are corrupt in their dealings with others, and don't mind bending the rules for their own advantage, they view someone who refuses to operate in this way as a real threat.

The scriptures tell us to expect persecution because of our holy lives (2 Timothy 3:10-13; 1 Peter 4:12-19). In America we've grown accustomed enjoying freedom to practice our religion as we please. This will not always be the case. We must prepare ourselves for the day when official persecution becomes a reality.

Father, thank you for Daniel's example of courage. Give us the same faith he had so we might be able to face the lion's den.



## The Truth Is ---

By David Sargent

Recently in traffic court, a man who received an expensive parking ticket for illegal parking testified that a uniformed officer had given his OK for the man to park there. The Judge asked the man if he would recognize the officer if he ever saw him again. The man replied that he would. The judge then said, "Good. When you see the officer again, tell him he owes you \$57."

The point: Just because an authority figure offers a judgment about a matter has no bearing on whether it is true or false - right or wrong. Truth is Truth! It is independent of opinion, polls, and presentation.

In his book *Up from Slavery*, Booker T. Washington explained that during the period following the Civil War, many people became teachers thinking it would be an easy way to make a living.

One such fellow went from village to village, teaching for a while and receiving pay for it. As he entered one town, the people asked if he taught that the earth is round or flat. He replied that he was prepared to teach either way.... based on the preference of a majority of his patrons!

Truth is NOT determined by survey, despite our modern attempts to make it so. Ultimate truth is found in GOD ALONE! God has revealed the truth in His Word (John 17:17).

**The truth is...** We have a SIN problem! *"For ALL have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).*

**The TRUTH is...** We CANNOT solve our sin problem with good works! Trying to be a person of good moral character is commendable, but insufficient to erase the stain of sin from our lives. *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is NO other name under heaven... whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).*

**The Truth is...** God LOVES us despite our sin! *"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).*

**The Truth is...** We MUST accept God's offer of salvation on His terms! We WILL enter eternity without God and without hope unless we have responded to Him on to His terms.

*Acts 2:38-40* <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself." <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, "Save yourselves from this crooked generation."



### Answers from page 1

1. Samson's wife [Judges 14:15]
2. Levi a.k.a. Matthew [Luke 5:29-32]
3. Artaxerxes [Ezra 7:24]
4. Rome [Luke 21-7]

