

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 7, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week** Andy Fuller

**Morning Service** **Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Phillip Dorn **Prayer-** Jason LaChappelle

**Song Leader-** Andy Dobbs **Song Leader-** Matt Fuller

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle **Comments** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Russ Sollars **Serving** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – J. Maxwell Irvin

**Scripture–** Justin Carr **Scripture** – Gary Goddard

**Closing Prayer-** David Fuller **Closing Prayer-** Michael Shepherd

**Wednesday Night – July 10, 2013 [7:00 PM]**

**First Prayer–** Mike Shepherd

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation** – Dan Buselmeier

**Closing Prayer** – Bill McIlvain

**July 28 Sunday Night Sermon** – Alex Tucker

**Upcoming Assignments**

July	Communion	Cleaning
14	Baker	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker
21	McIlvain	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land

**Service**

**“You are what you do, not what you say you'll do.” — C.G. Jung.**

I don't want my life to be defined by what is etched on a tombstone. I want it to be defined in what is etched in the lives and hearts of those I've touched.” — *Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free*

**“Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.” — Booker T. Washington, Up from Slavery**



*Schedule of Services*

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

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**Jesus The Miracle Man**

1. When Jesus healed a man of dumbness, what did the Pharisees accuse Him of?
2. When Jesus healed a paralyzed man, what did the man pick up and carry home?
3. When Jesus healed ten lepers, how many came back to thank Him?
4. How many loaves did Jesus use to feed the four thousand?.



**Jesus' Temptation and Ours**

By Edwin Crozier

The third temptation of Jesus in Matthew 4:1-11 may be easily misunderstood. When we look at it, we may not get past the thought of ruling the world. Who among us would not want all that power, prestige, fame and fortune? But was that the real issue? I do not believe so. We must keep in mind that Jesus had already been promised all the kingdoms of the world.

Psalm 2:7-8 says, *“I will surely tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to Me, ‘Your are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession.’*



## Jesus' Temptation and Ours

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Therefore, getting all the kingdoms of the world was not really the great temptation for Jesus like it might be for us. But then, how many of us have ever been or ever will be given the opportunity to rule the world?

What was the temptation for Jesus then? The temptation was to avoid suffering. God had promised Jesus to be the King, but only through the plan of sacrifice. Jesus would endure earthly life, three years of public work that would end in rejection, and then He would endure the cross. Most of all, He would endure the separation from the Father while on the cross.

Why go through all of that if Satan was willing to hand over all the kingdoms of the world at that very moment? Surely the ends would justify the means. Granted, He would have to worship Satan just once to get it done. But why not? That would make life so much easier for Jesus. Jesus would still get to be King. He could still accomplish all the Father wanted Him to as King.

But Jesus did not fall for it. The ends did not justify the means. He proclaimed that He would trust God. He would trust God to take care of Him in God's way. He would follow through with God's plans no matter how difficult they might be.

While we have never been offered all the kingdoms of the world, how many times do we compare the delayed gratification plan of the Lord and the instant gratification plan of Satan and make the wrong choice?

God has promised us eternal happiness with Him in heaven (1 Peter 1:3-5). But to get there we must walk a narrow and difficult road (Matthew 7:13-14). Satan offers us happiness and pleasure. All we have to do is jump off the narrow road and follow his will instead of God's.

We must not be deceived. Instead we must follow Jesus' example and recognizing that we are to serve God only, not ourselves and certainly not Satan.



## Sober Minded

*In Every Sense of the Term*



By David Diestelkamp

Researchers at the University of California San Diego reviewed 14 years of accident data and found that "A blood alcohol concentration of just 0.01 percent was associated with risky behaviors such as speeding." Lead researcher, David P. Phillips, Ph.D. says, "For a 180 pound person, that translates to one glass of wine or a bottle of beer." (*Better Homes And Gardens*, November 2011, pg. 184).

Even some people of the world are beginning to admit that for the person who doesn't want to make bad decisions that lead to "risky behaviors," even one drink is too much. As Christians, we have been taught by God's grace that, "*denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age...*" (*Titus 1:11-12*). We are committed to making decisions that are pleasing to God in all things and we therefore reject anything that clouds thinking or encourages risky behavior.

The world wants us to be wise drivers. After even one drink we are not fit to drive home. Impaired thinking will not get us to an eternal home of glory either. Be wise. "*Wine is a mocker, strong drink is a brawler, and whoever is led astray by it is not wise*" (*Proverbs 20:1*).



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1. Having demonic power [Matthew 9:34]
2. His bed [Matthew 9:1-8]
3. One [Luke 17:11-19]
4. Seven [Matthew 15:32-39]

