

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 14, 2013**

**Announcements for the Week** Marshall Irvin  
**Morning Service**  
**Prayer-** Mike Shepherd  
**Song Leader-** Doug Davidson  
**Communion:**  
 -- **Comments** – Andy Fuller  
 -- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle  
 -- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs  
 -- **Assisting** – Justin Carr  
 -- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson  
**Scripture**– Alex Tucker  
**Closing Prayer-** Andy Fuller  
**Evening Service**  
**Prayer-** Matt Fuller  
**Song Leader-** Alex Tucker  
**Comments** – Darryl Griffing  
**Serving** – Jay Dobbs  
**Scripture** – Michael Shepard  
**Closing Prayer-** Andy Dobbs  
**Wednesday Night – July 17, 2013**  
**First Prayer**– Michael Shepherd  
**Song Leader** – Marshall Irvin  
**Invitation** – Andy Dobbs  
**Closing Prayer** – Phillip Dorn  
**July 28 Sunday Night Sermon** – Alex Tucker

**Upcoming Assignments**

July	Communion	Cleaning
21	McIlvain	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
28	Foxworthy	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney

**Service**

“So long as we love we serve; so long as we are loved by others, I would almost say that we are indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.” — Robert Louis Stevenson, Lay Morals

“When you find yourself in need of spiritual nourishment, it is in the opportunities to serve others that you will find the abundance you seek.”  
 — Steve Maraboli, Life, the Truth, and Being Free

“Life is for service.” — Fred Rogers, Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers: Things to Remember Along the Way



*Schedule of Services*

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

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**Taxes!!**

1. Who taxed his subjects in order to pay tribute to Pharaoh Necho of Egypt?
2. What king is remembered as placing a “heavy Yoke” of taxation on Israel?
3. What king of Israel paid tribute money to King Shalmaneser of Assyria?
4. Who laid a tax on the whole Persian Empire?



**Adultery & Idolatry**

By David Maxson

*And she did not know that it was I who gave her the grain, the wine, and the oil, And who lavished on her silver and gold, which they used for Baal. [Hosea 2:8]*

What's so bad about idolatry? Imagine a woman who is cheating on her husband. She runs around with her secret lover, going on dates with him in private locations. She calls and texts when away from him. She orders expensive gifts online to be sent to his office. She tells her husband she's going away with her "girlfriends" on the weekends when she's really taking off with her Romeo. --

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That's bad. But let's take this scenario a step further. Let's imagine that this is a stay-at-home wife. She has no income earning occupation. All the discretionary income she has comes from her husband, which means all she spends on her private romance is funded by her husband.

That's what is so bad about our idols. Everything we own comes from God. He has given us all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17). How do you think God feels when He sees us using these things on our idols?

It is hard to understand how can still love us after all we have done. He gives us our families, our health, our jobs, our homes... everything comes from His hand! And we use these things on our lovers! Ask Him to forgive us and to help us to reject these idols that we serve!



## [How Airplanes & Christians Fly](#)

By Jim Jonas

While driving recently, I saw a small Cessna which had just taken off from DeKalb-Peachtree airport. In the distance behind the Cessna was a C-5 Galaxy on its final approach to Dobbins Air Base. The C-5 is a military jet, which is one of the largest cargo planes in the world. (It can hold 840,000 lbs).

The disparity in size of the two aircraft was staggering, but as I watched the airplanes I began thinking that size really has little to do with the principles of flight. Both the Cessna and the Galaxy are able to fly because of the same physical forces. To simplify, the proper shape of the wing coupled with velocity results in a tremendous amount of lift. Sure, one airplane was vastly more complicated than the other, but without the same basic laws of physics, neither could become airborne.

I thought how this mirrors spiritual life. No matter how mature one is compared to another, how long one has been a Christian compared to another, how much knowledge one has relative to another, all Christians operate according to the same basic principles.

**Trusting obedience.** All Christians begin at this point. There is no power in baptismal water; it is the same chemical make-up as water found anywhere else. Baptism is an act of obedience which, among other things, acknowledges that one is appealing to God for the salvation from sin that only He can give. This trusting obedience never goes away; it is merely perfected throughout the rest of one's life.

**Prayer.** All Christians, no matter how experienced in their faith, desperately need constant communication with God. Prayer is oxygen for the soul. The life of David is a good documentary of the mistakes a godly man can make when he stops consulting God (compare 1 Samuel 23:2-4, 11-12 with 27:1ff; 1 Samuel 30:6-8/2 Samuel 2:1; 5:19, 23 with 2 Samuel 6:1-3/1 Chronicles 15:11-15).

**Worship.** The new convert and grizzled veteran of faith alike need occasions to reflect on God and offer Him thoughts of praise. We don't ever "outgrow" this need, for we can never exhaust our comprehension of God's greatness, nor can we ever adequately express our gratitude and joy for what He has done on our behalf. Note Paul's outbursts of wonder and praise (doxologies) in his epistles as he ponders the depth of God (Romans 11:33-36; Ephesians 3:20-21; 2 Timothy 4:17-18).

**Study.** Young Christians may long for the day when their knowledge is so ingrained that they don't have to study so hard. This is a mirage. Growth of knowledge merely extends the horizons of one's ignorance. There is more to learn than we'll ever have the time to discover or the memory to retain it.

Comparatively speaking, the babe in Christ (the Cessna) doesn't fly very high, has a relatively weak motor and is vulnerable strong atmospheric forces. But still he flies, right beside the mature Christian (the C-5) who has the power to lift not only his own weight but the burdens of others. The adult child of God may fly higher, faster and further than the youthful believer, but he flies by the same physical forces. And – need it be said? – even big jets can crash when enough things go wrong at critical moments.



### Answers from page 1

1. Jehoiakim [2 Kings 23:33-35]
2. Solomon [1 Kings 12:1-14]
3. Hoshea [2 Kings 17:3-4]
4. King Ahasuerus [Esther 10:1]

