

SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 21, 2013

Announcements for the Week Dan Buselmeier
Morning Service
Prayer- Mark Jones
Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs
 -- **Assisting** – Michael Shepherd
 -- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing
 -- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock
 -- **Assisting** – David Johnson
Scripture– Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- David Fuller
Evening Service
Prayer- Dan Buselmeier
Song Leader- Russ Sollars
Comments – Mark Jones
Serving – Kevin Criswell
Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Roger German
Wednesday Night – July 24, 2013
First Prayer– David Fuller
Song Leader – Matt Fuller
Invitation – Marshall Irvin
Closing Prayer – David Johnson
July 28 Sunday Night Sermon – Alex Tucker

Upcoming Assignments

July	Communion	Cleaning
28	Foxworthy	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney
Aug 4	Stone	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle

Service

“There is indeed a certain sense of gratification when we do a good deed that gives us inward satisfaction, and a generous pride that accompanies a good conscience...These testimonies of a good conscience are pleasant; and such a natural pleasure is very beneficial to us; it is the only payment that can never fail. “On Repentance” — Michel de Montaigne

“Stale godliness is ungodliness. Let our religion be as warm, and constant, and natural as the flow of the blood in our veins. A living God must be served in a living way.” — Charles H. Spurgeon



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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Sorcerers, Mediums & Magicians

1. What prophet claimed that Edom, Moab, Ammon, and Tyre all had sorcerers?
2. Who called on magicians to duplicate the miracles of Moses?
3. Who was the sorcerer Paul encountered on the isle of Paphos?
4. What medium was consulted by a king who had outlawed all mediums?



The \$2400 Telephone

By Gene Taylor

What kind of telephone would you expect to get if you paid \$2400.00 for it? You would anticipate getting the latest in technology, possibly a video phone. The last thing you would expect would be just a plain old rotary phone that was not cordless; had no call-waiting, caller-ID or speed dialing; and would not even accept touch-tone service. But that is exactly what my parents got. As a matter of fact they had two of them for the same price.



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You see, when they moved into their house in June 1958, no one could own their own phone. You had to rent it from the phone company. So they rented two of them -- a desk model for the den and a wall model for the recreation room. Each phone cost them \$5.00 per month on their bill.

They paid that amount for each phone for 40 years, 480 months. When you multiply it out it comes to \$2,400.00 per phone.

Several years ago when the government regulations changed and people could now own their own phone equipment, they just never bothered doing it. Their phones worked and they were happy with them. Anyway, five dollars is such a small amount. So they kept paying that rental fee every month never realizing how expensive those old rotary phones were to them.

The High Price Of Sin

As my parents never realized how costly those phones were, many people are in the same boat when it comes to the wages of sin. Sin seems pleasurable to them (Hebrews 11:24-25) and they don't seem to suffer much because of it.

What they do not realize is that if they continue in sin they will find it to be very costly in the Day of Judgment. *Romans 6:23* states, "*For the wages of sin is death...*" The "death" in this passage is not the physical death which comes at the end of our lives here upon the earth.

Rather, it is the "second death" of eternal separation from God in a place of torment. *Revelation 21:8* says, "*But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.*"

Jesus tells of the high cost of sin in *Matthew 16:26* where He says, "*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?*" The sinner forfeits his eternal soul when he sins. Because of ignorance, many never realize what a price they are paying for their sins.

There is hope for the sinner, though. Jesus died on the cross to pay the high cost of sin (1 Peter 1:18-19). Sadly, some, knowing of that sacrifice and the saving power of the gospel (Romans 1:16), refuse to obey Christ because they are happy with their lives and possibly even rationalize that "if God is really a loving God, hell won't be so bad." While God is described as love (1 John 4:8), He is also referred to as a "consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:29).

Never underestimate the high price of sin. Wake up to what it really costs you. Give obedience to the gospel of Christ to have your sins remitted (Acts 2:38) so that you will not have to pay with your soul.



[Unanswered Prayer](#)

By Janis Glover

The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day, she asked him why.

'Well, Honey,' he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, 'I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon.'

'So, how come He doesn't?' she asked.



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1. Jeremiah [Jeremiah 27:3-10]
2. Pharaoh [Exodus 7:11-12]
3. Elymas [Acts 13:6-8]
4. The witch of Endor, who was visited by Saul [1 Samuel 28:7-25]

