

SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 28, 2013

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Prayer- Mike Shepherd
Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Evening Service

Prayer- Michael Shepherd
Song Leader- Bill McIlvain

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Marshall Irvin
-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing
-- **Assisting** – Justin Carr
-- **Assisting** – Andy Fuller
-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

Comments – Russ Sollars
Serving – Jay Dobbs

Scripture– Jay Dobbs
Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin
Closing Prayer- Darryl Griffing

Wednesday Night – July 31, 2013

First Prayer– Bill McIlvain
Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier
Invitation – Andy Fuller
Closing Prayer – Mike Shepherd

July 28 Sunday Night Sermon – Alex Tucker

Upcoming Assignments

August	Communion	Cleaning
4	Stone	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle
11	German	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing

Service

“Helping, fixing, and serving represent three different ways of seeing life. When you help, you see life as weak. When you fix, you see life as broken. When you serve, you see life as whole. Fixing and helping may be the work of the ego, and service the work of the soul.” — Rachel Naomi Remen

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” —Colossians 3:23



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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Offerings To Idols

1. When Elijah challenged the priests of Baal, what were they sacrificing to their god?
2. What king of Israel offered sacrifices to the two golden calves he had made?
3. What idol associated with Moses, was offered sacrifices by later generations?
4. What wicked king, a dabbler in sorcery, sacrificed his son in the fire?



Why I Pray

By Warren Berkley



Thoughts To Ponder

A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities.

An optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.



Why I Pray

Continued

I pray because I believe God listens. "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us." (1 John 5:14)

I pray because God has told me that He cares and is able to help. "Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7; see also Luke 12:6-7; Hebrews 4:16)

I pray because my Savior said I ought to pray. "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart." (Luke 18:1)

I pray because I'm thankful for all the good things God has given. "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." (Philippians 4:6; see also, Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

I pray because I need pardon. "My little children, these things I write to you, that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." (1 John 2:1; see also Acts 8:22 & Psalm 51:1-9)

I pray because I adore and love my Father. "In this manner, therefore, pray: 'Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.'" (Matthew 6:9)

I pray because I've read so many accounts of people who prayed to God with great results. "Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit." (James 5:17-18) "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

I pray because of God's exhortation. "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior." (1 Timothy 2:1-4)

Going To The Well & Coming Up Empty

By David Maxson

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." [John 4:13-14]

A woman comes to a well to draw water, just as she had done her whole life. Only this time, she meets a Man who reveals to her why she is still thirsty. He offers her something to completely quench her thirst so she never has to come back to again to draw water.

We all have a well we go to. For some of us it is pornography or sex. Others use their career or the pursuit of an education. Some use a drug or a shopping mall. The problem with these "wells" is that they fail to satisfy. Indeed, it is impossible for them to do that.

The "well" for this woman of Samaria seems to have used men. She had been with one man after another (six in all) trying to quench her thirst. Not only was she left feeling empty after each of these relationships, there were many scars left on her heart. In fact, it appears that these painful experiences had caused her to lose faith in her well (the fact that she was not married to the last man is indication of this).

Jesus did not look on her with righteous anger, but with compassion and pity. It is true, she was a sinner. She had not only lived the life of an adulterer, but of an idolater, seeking to fill her empty heart with something other than God. But Jesus in pity reached out to this sinner and offered her something better, something that would truly fill and satisfy.

Jesus wants to do that for us. Though we have used other things as substitutes, Jesus is reaching out to you and me saying, "Come to Me and be satisfied! Drink deeply of My love and you will never have to come to this well again!"

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1. A bullock [1 Kings 18:25]
2. Jeroboam [1 Kings 12:32-33]
3. The brazen serpent [2 Kings 18:4]
4. Manasseh [2 Kings 21:6]
