

SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 8, 2013

Announcements for the Week	John Paul Baker
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Doug Davidson	Prayer- Marshall Irvin
Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier	Song Leader- John Paul Baker
Communion:	
-- Comments – Andy Dobbs	Comments – Marshall Irvin
-- Assisting – Phillip Dorn	Serving – Kevin Criswell
-- Assisting – David Johnson	
-- Assisting – Justin Carr	
-- Assisting – J. Maxwell Irvin	
Scripture – Russ Sollars	Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin
Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller	Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd
Wednesday Night – September 11, 2013	
First Prayer – Doug Davidson	
Song Leader – Mike Shepherd	
Invitation – Andy Dobbs	
Closing Prayer – David Johnson	
Sunday Evening September 29 – Congregational Prayer Service	

Upcoming Assignments

September	Communion	Cleaning
15	Irvin	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle
22	Griffing	Dorn, Williams, Irvin, Griffing

After a summer hiatus, the Ladies Bible Study will commence tomorrow, Monday September 16, at 7PM.

The Elders and Deacons will be meeting on Sunday, September 29, at 3:30 to address congregational matters. Please forward all prayer requests to one of these men in conjunction with the Service on Sunday evening.

Service

“The more you become aware of and respond to the needs of others, the richer your own life becomes.” — M. Marti



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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Currency Exchange

1. What did the hungry Esau give up to Jacob in exchange for food?
2. By what other name was the tax collector Matthew known?
3. What did John the Baptist tell the tax collectors who came to him for baptism?
4. What was Judas given to betray Jesus?



BIG May Not Be Better

By Hiram Hutto

Have you ever noticed how many people have "The Tower of Babel Complex?" Remember the tower of Babel? These people said, *"Let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name"* (Genesis 11:4). Evidently they thought, "the bigger the better" or, the way to be really somebody is to do big things in big ways. Many people are of that same disposition. They are not anybody, in their estimation, unless they can "see their name up in lights," unless they have "the most" of whatever it is. Thus, the almost insatiable desire to "get to the top"--wherever that is.



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In direct opposition to this, have you ever noticed how, according to the teaching of Jesus, greatness is not necessarily in doing the "big" things, but rather in the small things; and with Him and His people, the way up is the way down. This is just one of the many ways in which the kingdom of Christ is "not of this world," that is, its standard of greatness is not the same as the world's standard. Let's notice some of these.

1. Recognition: How many people in Europe or Asia have ever heard of you? Probably none, if you are like most of us. Is this of any consequence? No, for God assures us that if we are of those who belong to God, *"ye are of more value than many sparrows"* (Matthew 10:31) and although *"two sparrows are sold for a farthing," not "one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father."* If God is concerned about the little sparrows, surely he is concerned about his people. The people in France, Germany, or wherever may not have ever heard of us, but God has.

2. Prominence. There are not many who will read this bulletin whose deeds will be acclaimed by men. You won't get your name in the newspaper for some worthwhile activity. Chances are you will not be receiving any medals. Yet remember, Jesus said, *"whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward"* (Matthew 10:42). The world may never recognize you as a "hero", but God does even when you do a thing that little. Why then should we be concerned so much about what the world thinks of us?

3. Big Men. No doubt you have observed how the world almost goes wild over the movie star or the TV personality. The autograph-seekers almost drive them mad. And I even heard of a middle-aged woman who was a member of the church trekking all the way to Memphis when Elvis died. Yet God is not impressed with all that, nor does He want us to be. Listen: *"Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate"*

Romans 12: 16. Perhaps it is especially appropriate that the next words are *"Be not wise in your own conceits"*. But does this not at the same time tell us the very ones whom we should honor? What if Elvis, or whoever, "plays to audiences of thousands?" God takes no favorable recognition of such. He is concerned about people who do His will, and those who do are "precious in his sight", no matter how insignificant they may seem to be.



[Sunday Privilege](#)

By David Maxson

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. [Psalm 84:10]

Where would you rather be today than in God's presence among His people?

"My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God." (v 2)

To the psalmist, this is like a physical craving. There is a longing. There is overflowing joy and singing. He would be honored to just hold the door for everyone else going in rather than the alternative.

If you have a moment or two this morning, think about the privilege we have! We are coming into the courts of the Lord God!

"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, Blessed is the one who trusts in you!" (Vs. 11-12)



Answers from page 1

1. His birthright [Genesis 25:29-34]
2. Levi [Luke 5:29-32]
3. To collect no more than what was legal [Luke 3:12-13]
4. Thirty pieces of silver [Matthew 26:14-16]

