

SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 22, 2013

Announcements for the Week Andy Dobbs
Morning Service
Prayer- Dan Buselmeier
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin
Communion:
-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller
-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell
-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller
-- **Assisting** – Alex Tucker
-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson
Scripture– Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- David Johnson
Evening Service
Prayer- John Paul Baker
Song Leader- Doug Davidson
Comments – Bill McIlvain
Serving – Darryl Griffing
Scripture – Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- Jay Dobbs
Wednesday Night – September 25, 2013
First Prayer– Marshall Irvin
Song Leader – Russ Sollars
Invitation – Matt Fuller
Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing
Sunday Evening Lesson – Matt Fuller
Sunday Evening September 29 – Congregational Prayer Service

Upcoming Assignments

September	Communion	Cleaning
29	LaChappelle	Foxworthy, German, Jones, Stewart
Oct. 6	Criswell	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker

The Ladies Bible Study is on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. The next meeting is October 7 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

“Words only reveal half of your heart. Service defines the other half.”

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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Giving Names

1. What was Hosea told to name his daughter?
2. What was Sarai's name changed to?
3. Who was told to name his son Solomon?
4. Who told Mary that her son was to be named Jesus?



Before We Criticize

By Heath Rogers

There are times when mistakes are made and things need to be pointed out.



Unfortunately, we all know that offering criticism can sometimes make a bad situation even worse. Serious thought needs to go into what we will say. Maybe it would help if we would ask the following questions before offering criticism.



Before We Criticize

Continued:

1. Why am I doing this?

Do I really want to help this person, or am I just doing this to make myself feel better? Am I trying to improve the situation, or do I just want to say, "I told you so!"? What is my motive?

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). Regardless of what the world believes, we don't have the right to let off some steam at the expense of another. Criticism that is only going to make us feel better needs to be kept to ourselves.

2. Do I have a right to criticize?

Was I available when this person could have used some help before? Can I sympathize with what they are going through? Can I offer some positive suggestions to go along with the criticism? Some people like to just sit on the sidelines and criticize the labors of others. Such people really have no right to criticize.

3. Have I examined myself?

It is not right for me to give criticism that I am not willing to take. Jesus says that I must make sure that the log is out of my eye first, then I can offer to help my brother get the speck out of his eye (Matthew 7:3-5). Criticism is respected when it comes from a respectable person, but no one appreciates a hypocrite.

4. What will I say, and how will I say it?

This is very important. I must choose my words very carefully. They have the power to build up or to destroy (Proverbs 12:18, 16:24). The Bible says,, *"Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt" (Colossians 4:6).* What we say, and the way we say it, will make all the difference in the world.

5. Will it glorify God?

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). Whose glory am I seeking? Am I saying something to help the cause of Christ or just to be heard? If it is just to be seen and heard by men, then truly I have my reward (Matthew 6:1-6).



Getting Over It

By David Maxson

"Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush." [Jeremiah 6:15]

There are certain things that we just know are wrong. Whether by nature or nurture, our conscience makes us feel bad when we sin. However, it is possible to lose that.

Take modesty, for example. Somewhere this summer, a girl will wear her first bikini, even though her inner sense of propriety and shame tells her not to do it. She will overcome this (for whatever reason) and will walk out there onto the beach with very little clothing (if you can call a bikini that) covering her body.

She will blush. It will not be a pleasant experience for her at first. The first few moments on the beach will be uncomfortable, but by the end of the day she may not feel so bad. The next day will be less shameful to her, and by the end of the week public nakedness may not bother her at all.

That's the way it is with anything that is wrong. The first time you lie you feel bad about it, but do it often enough and you won't blink an eye when you do it.

A conscience trained by God's Word is a sure defense against sin. We should nurture and train our consciences through constant study of God's Word and prayer. Anything that takes away our ability to blush (repeated sin, exposure to filth, etc.) should be avoided at all cost.



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1. Lo-ruhamah [Hosea 1:6]
2. Sarah [Genesis 17:15]
3. David [1 Chronicles 22:9]
4. The angel Gabriel [Luke 1:30-31]

