

SERVICE SCHEDULE for November 17, 2013

Announcements for the Week	Andy Fuller
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Mark Jones	Prayer- Darryl Griffing
Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle	Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier
Communion:	
-- Comments – Doug Davidson	Comments – Andy Fuller
-- Assisting – Mark Jones	Communion – Phillip Dorn
-- Assisting – Matt Fuller	
-- Assisting – Curran LaChappelle	
-- Assisting – Todd Hudson	
-- Scripture – Justin Carr	Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Jay Dobbs	Closing Prayer- John Paul Baker
<u>Wednesday Night – November 20, 2013</u>	
First Prayer- Marshall Irvin	
Song Leader – Russ Sollars	
Invitation – Doug Davidson	
Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing	
November 24 Evening Lesson –Jason LaChappelle	

Upcoming Assignments

November	Communion	Cleaning
24	Dennev	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
Dec 1	Carr	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Dennev

Ladies Bible study is on the first and third Mondays of the month. Next meeting is tomorrow, November 18 at 7PM

Gospel Meeting Recorded Lessons

Our meeting with Tim Smelser has concluded. There are audio cd's available in the foyer for distribution. The lessons should be available on our website sometime in the future for downloading.

The lessons are designed around the aspect of biblical authority. We certainly hope that you will share this information with others as you have opportunity.



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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Taxes, Extortion & Bribes

1. What tax collector climbed a tree to see Jesus?
2. Who kept Paul in prison, hoping Paul would try to bribe him for release?
3. Who warned the people of Israel that having a king would mean having taxation?
4. What figure did Jesus use as a contrast to the humble tax collector?



Applauding The Practice

By Joe Fitch

Long ago at the Olympic Games in Athens, it is said a feeble old man came in late. No seats were left. As he passed their seats, the Athenians laughed at him. Then he passed two Spartans. Quickly they rose to offer him a seat, for they had been trained to be modest and courteous. When the Athenians saw this, they cheered the Spartans. "Ah," said the old man, "The Athenians admire what is right; the Spartans practice it."

A godly man died suddenly. People were shocked -- stunned by the unexpected. Brethren in Christ felt keenly the loss of a dependable worker and companion.



Applauding The Practice

Continued

Men of all classes and persuasions gathered in small groups to sadly shake their heads, recall the past, and applaud a good man.

"He was sure a hard worker -- always tried to do more than was expected." That was true. He exemplified Paul's admonition: *"...let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth"* (Ephesians 4:28). It was not the statement that was amazing but who said it -- a lazy fellow who did nothing he could get out of.

Another added, "He was surely honest -- as honest as the day is long." A thought flashes to mind: *"Provide things honest in the sight of all men"* (Romans 12:17). No one disagreed, but these words of praise fell from lips skilled in lies wherever a dollar is at stake.

The applause continues: "He was a church-going man. Surely if there was ever a Christian, he was one." Heads nod agreement, but neither they nor the speaker are accustomed to filling a pew when people gather to worship. They are more in the habit of walking roughshod over the principles of Christianity than keeping them.

A preacher spoke to mourners of his dead friend and the Bible he lived by. "What a beautiful eulogy." Yet many who were impressed by the words spoken refuse to live so that such can honestly be said of them. When the applause subsides, an observer is compelled to add a final word - *"Go, and do thou likewise"* (Luke 10:37). No greater tribute can be paid a good man than to imitate his devotion to good. *"That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises"* (Hebrews 6:12).

I can't help thinking as a result of listening and observing:

- Many people pay little attention in life to the things that are so important when it comes time to die.
- We are so prone to compliment others for the very virtues which we carefully avoid cultivating in ourselves.

A godly man commands the admiration of all -- even the vile and irreligious. There are far more people willing to applaud a good life than are willing to make the sacrifices necessary to live one. Some folk are content with the office of spectator -- applauding good but not practicing it. 

Submission Or Agreement?

By David Maxson

"Which commandment is the most important of all?" Jesus answered, "The most important is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'" [Mark 12:28-30]

What does it mean to submit? The story is told about a farmer who gave his son plans for a farm. A house, a barn, a fence, and a well were included in these plans. Where all these things were to go on the property was clearly marked in the plans.

The son took those plans and put the house, fence, and barn right where his father asked him, but when he looked at the location of the well, it seemed to be too far from the house, so he dug the well right next to the house.

The question is: When did the son submit to his father?

The answer is, NEVER! When he put the house, the barn, and the fence where his father asked he was not submitting to his father's will, he simply agreed with what him in those cases.

Are we submitting to God or do we just happen to agree with him sometimes? Have we submitted to God's design for worship, organization, and work in the church or does God's way just happen to suit our preferences? Have we submitted to God's will concerning patience and forbearance? Turning the other cheek? Meekness? Forgiveness? Do we follow God only when he agrees with what we want to do anyway? Do we obey only when it is convenient?

The bottom line is this: What do we do when God's instructions just don't make sense? Pray for a submissive heart to trust God's wisdom in everything.



Answers from page 1

1. Zacchaeus [Luke 19:1-10]
2. Felix [Acts 24:26]
3. Samuel [1 Samuel 8]
4. A Pharisee [Luke 18:9-14]

