

SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 22, 2013

Announcements for the Week	Andy Dobbs
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Dan Buselmeier	Prayer- John Paul Baker
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin	Song Leader- Roger German
Communion:	
-- Comments – Andy Fuller	Comments – Bill McIlvain
-- Assisting – David Johnson	Communion – Darryl Griffing
-- Assisting – Matt Fuller	
-- Assisting – Trey Irvin	
-- Assisting – Andrew Johnson	
-- Scripture – Gary Goddard	Scripture – Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- Mark Jones	Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis

Wednesday Night – December 25, 2013

First Prayer– Andy Fuller
Song Leader – John Paul Baker
Invitation – Bill McIlvain
Closing Prayer – Andy Dobbs

December 24 Evening Prayer Service

December 29 Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

December	Communion	Cleaning
29	Goddard	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker
Jan 5	TBD	TBD

Prayer Service This Evening

James 5:13-18 *Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*



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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A Gallery of gods

1. In Paul's speech to the men of Athens, he mentions the altar of a god. What is the altar's inscription?
2. After Gideon's death, what Canaanite god did the Israelites turn to?
3. Ezekiel say a woman weeping for what god?
4. Who worshiped Succoth-benoth?



A Reminder For This Season

By Mike Willis

The purpose of this article is to remind us of the necessity of emphasizing the fundamentals of the gospel. Peter emphasized the need to re-teach the fundamentals of the gospel when he said, *"Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance; Knowing that shortly I must put off this my tabernacle, even as our Lord Jesus Christ hath shown me. Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance"* (2 Peter 1:12-15).



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Preachers and elders need to remember that we constantly have a turnover in membership—young people growing into maturity, people moving in, growth in spiritual maturity of the ones who are members, etc. Old truths need to be re-stated; one must not assume that “everyone knows this” and not preach on it.

The issue about Christmas is the issue of whether man has the right to establish a holy day for the church to observe or has God revealed how he wants men to worship him. In the Old Testament, the northern nation of Israel had a king named Jeroboam who made many changes in Old Testament worship. He moved the place of worship from Jerusalem to Dan and Bethel, appointed priests of every tribe, set up a calf at the two sanctuaries, and made new holy days. *“And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Bethel, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made”* (1 Kings 12:32).

One could argue that, so long as one worships God, what difference does it make which day the feast is observed? However, the biblical historian succinctly says about Jeroboam’s changes in Israel’s worship, *“And this thing became a sin”* (1 Kings 12:30). So significant were the apostasies which Jeroboam introduced that the historian made this assessment of several of Israel’s subsequent kings, *“And he did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin”* (1 Kings 15:34; cf. 16:2, 19; 22:52; 2 Kings 3:3; 10:29; etc.). The point is that God has revealed

to man how he wishes to be worshiped and man does not have the right to change divinely revealed worship.

The New Testament draws upon the principles revealed in the Old Testament. Jesus said about the changes which the Pharisees made in their teaching and worship, *“This people draw nigh unto me with their mouth, and honor me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men”* (Matthew 15:8-9). Worship that is authorized by man rather than by God is sinful worship. Paul spoke about humanly devised worship being “will worship” (that is self-imposed rules) that had no value to God (Colossians 2:22).

Those warnings in Scripture about adding to and detracting from divine revelation need to be taught to a new generation.

- *If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God* (1 Pet. 4:11).
- *Whosoever transgresses, and abides not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abides in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that bids him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds* (2 John 9-11).
- *For I testify unto every man that hears the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book* (Revelation 22:18-19).

Whether the teaching is done in December, April, or July is of little consequence, but the teaching needs to be done so that this generation of Christians will recognize that man sins when he creates holy days for the church, whether those holy days be Christmas, Easter, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, or Thanksgiving. **Truth Magazine Vol. L: 2 January 2006**



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1. “To the Unknown God” [Acts 17:22-23]
2. Baal-berith [Judges 8:33]
3. Tammuz [Ezekiel 8:14]
4. The Babylonians [2 Kings 17:30]

