

SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 29, 2013

Announcements for the Week

Doug Davidson

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Andy Fuller

Prayer- Matt Fuller

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Various

Communion:

Comments – Andy Fuller

-- **Comments** – Marshall Irvin

Communion – Trey Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – Cliff Davis

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

-- **Scripture** – Connor LaChappelle

Scripture – Various

Closing Prayer- Andy Dobbs

Closing Prayer- Bill McIlvain

Wednesday Night – January 1, 2014

First Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – Roger German

Invitation – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer – David Fuller

December 29 Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
5	Foxworth	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
12	Stone	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

Quotes

A team is where a boy can prove his courage on his own. A gang is where a coward goes to hide. -- Mickey Mantle

Valor is stability, not of legs and arms, but of courage and the soul.-- Michel de Montaigne

Courage is not the absence of despair; it is, rather, the capacity to move ahead in spite of despair. --Rollo May

Keep your fears to yourself, but share your courage with others. --Robert Louis Stevenson



Schedule of Services

Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.

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Elders: Dan Buselmeier, Andy Dobbs, Bill McIlvain

Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Prisoners

1. Whose brothers were imprisoned after being falsely accused of being spies in Egypt?
2. Who was imprisoned for prophesying the destruction of the kingdom of Judah?
3. What king of Judah was blinded and imprisoned because he defied Babylonian authority?
4. Who prophesied doom and defeat for King Ahab and was put in prison for his harsh words?



Finding The Wonderful Life

By David Maxson

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life." [Mark 10:29-30]

The movie "It's a Wonderful Life" continues to be a beloved classic. It harkens back to a simpler time when people didn't have much, but they were thankful for what they had. People struggled through hard times, the Depression, and War. --

[Finding The Wonderful Life](#)

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They struggled... and yet were able to survive. They survived because of their faith in God. They survived because they didn't have to go through life alone. They had help from above and they had help from their fellow man. They had good men like George Bailey who was more concerned with helping out a friend and a neighbor than making an easy profit.

This movie highlights a lot of things that have been lost in our world. Where can we find people who exhibit a strong faith in God? Is there a place where children are encouraged to pray? Is there a community like the one in this movie still out there? Can we find people who treat one another like neighbors are supposed to? Is there still a place where folks care more about serving others than serving themselves?

I think you know the answer. Though these things are hard to find nowadays, there is a place where these values continue to be encouraged and thrive. It's where they've always been. They are in the church. Among God's people you can still find this kind of faith, love, and community.

[Your Morning Routine](#)

By David Maxson

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.[Mark 1:35]

What is the first thing we do each morning? For many of us it is to start with a cup of coffee or to take a shower, something to wake us up. Some of us may check email or Facebook. Still others may read the morning paper or turn on the news.

But the absolute best way to start a day is with prayer, and for a lot of practical reasons:

- It reminds us that God is in control of our day before our crazy day starts.

- It gets us in a thankful mood before we're faced with problems and challenges.
- It focuses our attention on God's will before we make our plans for the day.
- It sets up a strong defense against sin before we've faced any temptations.
- It puts us in the right frame of mind for the rest of the day since we have started out with God first in our thoughts

[Happy & Serious](#)

Hard times are marvelous times - after they are over. They provide a rich source of material for "back when" stories. They also give us a feeling of superiority - "In our day took a real man to survive." So, the hard times stories survive, and grow and grow.

Innocent, clean humor can put life in its proper focus, and we can see ourselves for the blunderers we often are. Here is the crux of the matter. If we can learn to laugh at ourselves, to see our own absurdities, and not be so pride-filled as to try and to justify them, we have come a long way toward being objective. Pity the fellow who takes himself too seriously. There is little chance for self-improvement here.

It is the things of God we must take seriously, for God is no fool. We may act foolishly in our clumsy efforts to serve Him -- and even deserve ridicule (1 Kings 18:27). But our God remains holy and reverend.

"Religion will disappear" --- Karl Marx

"Karl Marx has disappeared" -- God

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1. Joseph's [Genesis 42]
2. Jeremiah [Jeremiah 37 & 38]
3. Zedekiah [2 Kings 25:6-7]
4. Micaiah [1 Kings 22:6-27]