

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 12, 2014

Announcements for the Week Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Prayer- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson

-- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis

Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller

Evening Service

Prayer- Marshall Irvin

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

Comments – Marshall Irvin

Communion – Kevin Criswell

Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin

Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Wednesday Night – January 15, 2014

First Prayer- Doug Davidson

Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier

Invitation – Darryl Griffing

Closing Prayer –David Johnson

January 19 Evening Sermon – Jason LaChappelle

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
19	German	Dobbs, Bailev, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
26	Tucker	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing

Preaching Changes

Bill & Theresa are planning to be in Florida on the 19th & 22nd of January. Andy Dobbs will have the morning Lesson and Jason LaChappelle will be speaking at the evening service. Bill is expected to be back by the 26th and he will present both lessons on that day.

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies have a bible class scheduled for the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. They meet here at the church building @ 7:00PM. Maybe some of you have made a resolution to spend more time in service. This is a good time to start.



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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Who Said It?

1. Am I a dog, that your come to me with staves?
2. Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands.
3. Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.
4. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.



A Bad Reason For Having Children

By David Maxson

And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the LORD has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." [Genesis 29:32]

Are we guilty of using our children to boost our own self-image?

It's so easy to see in others. Leah and Rachel's motives could not be more obvious, giving their children names which meant: "Now this time my husband will be attached to me" or "I have wrestled with my sister and prevailed" or "Now my husband will honor me." (Genesis 29:34; 30:8, 20)



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We see it in these mothers who shamelessly parade their preschoolers in beauty pageants. We point the accusatory finger at the hyper competitive little league dads who vainly try to groom their children for big time athletic scholarships in college.

But what about the rest of us? What is easy to see in everyone else is harder to see in self. We all struggle with the desire to see our children succeed in whatever they are doing (athletics, academics, music, Scouts, etc.) to make us look good. What is the solution for this?

1. Understand they are not your children. They are given to us on loan from God. We are merely stewards of God's blessings. We encourage them to achieve and succeed to bring glory to Him, not ourselves. We want them to exercise their talents to be useful to accomplish His purposes, not our own.

2. Glory in God, not your kids. We don't need our children to affirm our worth. We're valuable because God says we are. We have infinite worth because the blood of an infinitely worthy being was given for us. The fact that our child receives a full scholarship to an Ivy League school doesn't make us more special.

Instead of trying to exalt self, let us help us to develop our children's talents and gifts so that they might serve the Lord.



[Winning Last Place](#)

By Steve Klein

We live in a society that is sports crazy. We love football and fishing, racing and wrestling, soccer and softball -- not to mention baseball, basketball and golf. Nearly all of us have had the experience of cheering for our team or favorite player to win, whether the contest was professional, college, high school or just the youth league team that our child or grandchild played on. And many of us have participated in sports ourselves. We've personally experienced "the thrill of victory and the agony of defeat."

From a spiritual perspective, sports are not necessarily a bad thing. According to the Bible, sports teach us important lessons about disciplining ourselves when striving for a goal (1 Corinthians 9:24-

27), playing by the rules (2 Timothy 2:5), and running with endurance (Hebrews 12:1). Obviously, we can allow sports to become a bad thing if we place too much importance on them or allow them to crowd out spiritual concerns. But sports can also impact us negatively in other ways. They can train us to be too competitive, self-seeking, and ambitious -- too concerned with winning at all costs.

In most sports competitions, everyone wants first place. But there are times in the life of every Christian when he should seek last place. ***In Mark 9:35, Jesus told the twelve apostles, "If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all."*** Jesus condemned the scribes and Pharisees because ***"They love the best places at feasts, the best seats in the synagogues"*** (Matthew 23:6). ***He told His disciples, "But when you are invited, go and sit down in the lowest place . . ."*** (Luke 14:10).

The Bible reveals that we should be striving to win last place in our relationships with others!

"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself." (Philippians 2:3).

". . . Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."" (1 Peter 5:5).

". . . Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion." (Romans 12:16).

Here are some practical suggestions for winning last place. The next time that you disagree with a brother in an area of judgment or opinion, insist that your brother get his way. The next time that your wife or husband neglects to do a chore that merely benefits you, do it yourself. The next time they are looking for a volunteer at work to do some menial task, volunteer! Win last place!



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1. Goliath [1 Samuel 17:43]
2. The women of Israel [1 Samuel 18:7]
3. Peter [Acts 10:34]
4. Mary [Luke 1:38]

