

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 19, 2014

Announcements for the Week	Andy Fuller
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Dan Buselmeier	Prayer- Darryl Griffing
Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle	Song Leader- Roger German
Communion:	
-- Comments – John Paul Baker	Comments – Andy Fuller
-- Assisting – Cliff Davis	Communion – Phillip Dorn
-- Assisting – Matt Fuller	
-- Assisting – Curran LaChappelle	
-- Assisting – Todd Hudson	
-- Scripture – Trey Irvin	Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Jay Dobbs	Closing Prayer- John Paul Baker
<u>Wednesday Night – January 22, 2014</u>	
First Prayer- Marshall Irvin	
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle	
Invitation – Dan Buselmeier	
Closing Prayer –Darryl Griffing	
January 19 Evening Sermon – Bill McIlvain	

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
26	Tucker	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
Feb 2	Casper	Foxworthy, German, Solars, Stewart

Preaching Changes

Bill & Theresa are in Florida the week of the 19th 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 on 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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Villains

1. Who plotted to have the entire Hebrew nation completely exterminated?
2. Who committed the first murder?
3. Who acknowledged the innocence of Jesus but allowed him to be crucified anyway?
4. What king was constantly making oaths of love and loyalty to David while frequently trying to kill him?



What Goes Around...

By David Maxson

And Pharaoh said to Jacob, "How many are the days of the years of your life?" And Jacob said to Pharaoh, "The days of the years of my sojourning are 130 years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life..." [Genesis 47:8-9]

This picture of Jacob at the end of his life is a pathetic one. The man who stood before Pharaoh at 130 years of age had lived a hard life. He was hated by his brother, deceived by his father-in-law, and lied to by his sons.



What Goes Around...

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He had to deal with unimaginable strife in his marriages (to two competitive sisters). He lived for years with the belief that Joseph had died.

But it is hard to feel too sorry for Jacob because most (if not all) of this suffering he brought on himself. His story illustrates the spiritual truth that you reap what you sow. His life was filled with the consequences of his own foolishness and sin.

Sometimes we suffer in spite of our righteous life (see Job). Sometimes bad things happen to good people. But sometimes we get exactly what we deserve. We reap what we sow.

Consequences are a blessing. If you're suffering for some sin right now, that represents the blessing of God in your life. It is intended to serve as a wakeup call. God is trying to get your attention. He loves you too much to allow you to continue in your rebellion against Him. He wants you to repent. He wants you to submit to His authority over your life.



Unacceptable Gifts

By Bryan Matthew Dockens

Not all **gifts for others** are offered on terms acceptable to God. There are some He refuses to honor.

Gifts offered without love are unacceptable. By inspiration Paul wrote, *“though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing” (1st Corinthians 13:3).*

Gifts offered with expectation of repayment are unacceptable. Jesus taught, *“When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just” (Luke 14:12-14).*

Anticipating reciprocation undoes the good in an act of kindness.

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Gifts offered without cost are unacceptable. When David needed to make sacrifice to God in a certain place the owner of the property offered it to him without price, but the king replied, *“No, but I will surely buy it for the full price, for I will not take what is yours for Jehovah, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing” (1st Chronicles 21:24).* A sacrifice must cost something.

Gifts offered dishonestly are unacceptable. Ananias and Sapphira, members of the church in Jerusalem, were struck dead by God for claiming to have given more than they did (Acts 5:1-11). The property they owned and the proceeds of its sale were theirs to do with as they pleased (4), but once given, they were required to be honest about the amount. Peter asked the man, *“Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?” (3).*

Gifts offered grudgingly are unacceptable. *“Let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver” (2nd Corinthians 9:6-7).*

Gifts offered that He never asked for are unacceptable. Wanting to honor God, David sought to build the temple, but Jehovah responded, *“Would you build a house for Me to dwell in? ...Have I ever spoken a word to anyone... saying, “Why have you not built Me a house of cedar?” (2nd Samuel 7:5, 7).*

Gifts offered inconsistently with His requirements are unacceptable. Nadab and Abihu were priests of God who *“offered profane fire before Jehovah, which He had not commanded” (Leviticus 10:1).* Although they were His priests, and although it was God Most High whom they worshipped, *“fire went out from Jehovah and devoured them” (2).* Worshipping the right God in the wrong way is wrong.



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1. Haman, minister of Persia [Esther]
2. Cain, who murdered his brother [Genesis 4:8]
3. Pontius Pilate [John 18-19]
4. Saul [1 Samuel 17-19]

