

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 2, 2014

Announcements for the Week Andy Fuller

Morning Service **Evening Service**

Prayer- Phillip Dorn **Prayer-** Andy Dobbs

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs **Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle

Communion: **Comments –** Trey Irvin
-- Comments – Doug Davidson **Communion –**Phillip Dorn
-- Assisting –Mark Jones
 Griffing
-- Assisting – Darryl Griffing
-- Assisting – Jay Dobbs
-- Assisting – Dean Shacklock
-- Scripture – Curran LaChappelle **Scripture –** Cliff Davis
Closing Prayer- Don Casper **Closing Prayer-** Mike Shepherd

Wednesday Night – February 5, 2014

First Prayer– Bill McIlvain
Song Leader – Marshall Irvin
Invitation – Andy Dobbs
Closing Prayer – Cliff Davis

February 26 Evening Service: Doug Davidson

Upcoming Assignments

February	Communion	Cleaning
9	Shacklock	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
16	Buselmeier	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land

Congregational Meeting

There will be a meeting for everyone in the congregation this morning immediately after the morning service. We have not made a habit of meeting unnecessarily, and when we do meet it of importance to everyone. Make it a point to stick around for a few minutes.

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.

Schedule of Services

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

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Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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False gods

1. What gods did the Avites worship?
2. What was the god of Ekron that was consulted by King Ahaziah?
3. What god did the Sepharites sacrifice their children to?
4. What nation was Milcom the god of?



Views OF Time

By Larry Rouse

A wise man is aware of how short life truly is. *“So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).* As we come to see the great uncertainty that the future holds from the standpoint of man’s wisdom and insight, we ought to take great comfort in knowing that we serve a God who holds the future in His hands. Men change, nations rise and fall, my own body grows old and will die, but our God never changes! “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).



Views OF Time

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The Difference 100 Years Makes

We tend to judge history by own current standards and experiences. Consider the difficulty we would have in understanding the generation that lived a little over 100 years ago. Consider these facts from another writer: “Here are the U. S. statistics for 1904. The average life expectancy in the US was 47. Only 14% of the homes in the US had a bathtub. Only 8% of the homes had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars in the US and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. Alabama, Mississippi, Iowa, and Tennessee were each more heavily populated than California. The average wage in the US was \$0.22/hour. More than 95% of all births in the US took place at home. 90% of all US physicians had no college education. Most women only washed their hair once a month and used borax or egg. The American flag had 45 stars. The population of Las Vegas, Nevada was 30. Only 6% of all Americans had graduated from high school. There were only about 230 reported murders in the entire US.” Now imagine what will the next 100 years bring!

The Struggle of Our Generation

Prosperity can be more damaging to a living faith than adversity! When Israel was told about the Promised Land and the great physical blessings that God would give them, He also included a warning of the likely reaction of the people to their prosperity. *“Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments, His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest—when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them; and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt....then you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth’ (Deuteronomy 8:11-17).*

Look again at how far we have moved in our physical prosperity within the church. Sociologists have noted that religious movements that “move up the ladder” of wealth and education often cast off their past beliefs to be more compatible with their new social relationships and status. The scriptures bear witness to this tendency to allow prosperity and education to choke a Biblical faith. *“Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him? (James 2:5)” “For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called” (1 Corinthians 1:26).*

The Need of Our Generation

We desperately need to build a people that looks to God as their foundation. Rather than trying to lament over numbers, reunite a human movement called “the restoration movement”, or make our worship man-centered so more people can be found in our assemblies, we need to learn again how to draw close to our God. *“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:8-10).*

What will last in this life? *“But this I say, brethren, the time is short, so that from now on even those who have wives should be as though they had none, those who weep as though they did not weep, those who rejoice as though they did not rejoice, those who buy as though they did not possess, and those who use this world as not misusing it. For the form of this world is passing away” (1 Corinthians 7:29-31).* The handwriting is already on the wall for this world as the Lord is returning and all physical things will be “burned up” (2 Peter 3:9-10). Where do you stand?



Answers from page 1

1. Nibhaz and Tartak [2 Kings 17:31]
2. Baal-zebub [2 Kings 1:2]
3. Adrammelech [2 Kings 17:31]
4. Ammon [1 Kings 11:5]

