

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 9, 2014

Announcements for the Week	Jason LaChappelle
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Russ Sollars	Prayer- Marshall Irvin
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin	Song Leader- John Paul Baker
Communion:	
-- Comments – Andy Fuller	Comments – Marshall Irvin
-- Assisting –John Paul Baker	Communion –Kevin Criswell
-- Assisting – David Johnson	
-- Assisting – Phillip Dorn	
-- Assisting – Andrew Johnson	
-- Scripture – Cliff Davis	Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin
Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller	Closing Prayer- Don Casper
<u>Wednesday Night – February 12, 2014</u>	
First Prayer- Doug Davidson	
Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier	
Invitation – Andy Fuller	
Closing Prayer – David Johnson	
February 26 Evening Service: Doug Davidson	

Upcoming Assignments

February	Communion	Cleaning
16	Buselmeier	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
23	Irvin	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

Graphics Needed

We are trying to create a new “Welcome To The Neighborhood” brochure and we would like to make it more visual than text oriented. Perhaps you have some pictures or illustrations that depict we are all about in regard to our work and worship here. This brochure will go primarily to newcomers to our area.

Submit what you have to Bill. Thanks

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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Who made These Statements?

1. Entreat me not to leave you, or to return from following after you; you wherever you go, I will go.
2. My father chastised you with whip, but I will chastise you with scorpions.
3. I know you can do everything, and that no thought can be withheld from you.
4. If it seems good to the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

The Gay Response

By David Padfield

I recently received an E-mail in response to an article on homosexuality. The note sent to me was titled, "The Gay Response." Even though it seems like boiler-plate, I'll reprint it here and make a few comments about it.

The Gay Response "For telling us there was something wrong with us, For misreading the living word of God as words of prejudice and fear, For treating us like sinners, like victims, and like second-class citizens, For placing a burden of guilt where there should be only God's love and joy, For telling us we were not allowed to be happy, For all of these mistakes: We forgive you."

The Gay Response

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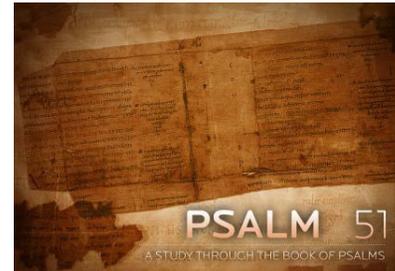
The author of this "response" is seriously wrong in most of his assumptions. The word of God does not contain "words of prejudice and fear." It does contain solemn warnings for those who violate its sacred precepts -- warnings to gays and straights alike.

I do not consider homosexuals to be "victims" -- I believe they simply choose to lead a deviant life style. On the other hand, they are sinners -- just like some homosexuals and sodomites in Corinth before Paul preached to them. *"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).* We are grateful to report that these sinners turned from their sins, for the next verse says, *"... such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." (1 Corinthians 6:11).*

God's love can remove the guilt of sin -- but only when we repent of our sin. His joy comes to those who have their sins forgiven (Psalm 51:1-12).

I have never tried to deny anyone their happiness. However, true happiness comes from a knowledge that your life is in harmony with the will of God. *"Blessed (or happy) is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2).*

I do not desire the "forgiveness" of this man, for I do not seek to be "forgiven" for repeating what God said. Forgiveness of sins can only come from God, based upon genuine repentance and obedience to His will. The one who wrote this "response" seems to have no desire to cease the practice of what God calls sin.



[Psalms 51:1-12] Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your loving-kindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions. [2] Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, And cleanse me from my sin. [3] For I acknowledge my transgressions,

And my sin is always before me. [4] Against You, You only, have I sinned, And done this evil in Your sight— That You may be found just when You speak, And blameless when You judge. [5] Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me. [6] Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom. [7] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. [8] Make me hear joy and gladness, That the bones You have broken may rejoice. [9] Hide Your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. [11] Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me. [12] Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.



- I shall not fear anyone on Earth.

- I shall fear only God.

- I shall not bear ill will toward anyone.



Answers from page 1

1. Ruth [Ruth 1:16]
2. Rehoboam [1 Kings 12:14]
3. Job [Job 42:2]
4. Esther [Esther 5:4]

