

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 23, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Trey Irving

-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller

-- **Scripture** – Gary Goddard

Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Evening Service

Prayer- John Paul Baker

Song Leader- Bill McIlvain

Comments – Bill McIlvain

Communion –Darryl Griffing

Scripture – Gary Goddard

Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis

Wednesday Night – February 26, 2014

First Prayer- Andy Fuller

Song Leader – Russ Sollars

Invitation – Trey Irvin

Closing Prayer – Andy Dobbs

February 26 Evening Service: Doug Davidson

Upcoming Assignments

March	Communion	Cleaning
2	Griffing	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
9	LaChappelle	Dorn, Williams, Irvin, Griffing

Gospel Meeting Needed

Our Gospel meeting with Coulter Wickerham is right around the corner. The theme for this series of lessons is entitled “Graceconomics” with Matthew 18:22 as the central theme.

The titles for all 6 lessons will be printed in next week’s Bulletin. Submit any addresses of people you want to invite 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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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

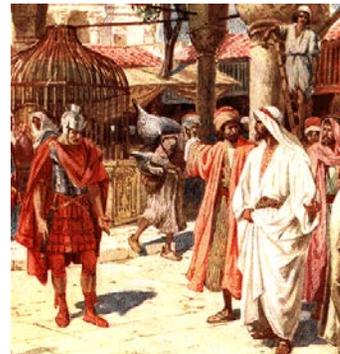
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Who Said That?

1. Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too superstitious.
2. Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor.
3. Who am I that I should go unto Pharaoh?
4. Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying The Lord your God has given you rest, and has given you this land.

Faith That Makes Jesus Marvel

By Jason Hardin



When was the last time you saw something that made you “marvel”? To marvel is to be filled with wonder, admiration, or astonishment at something that is extraordinary.

Who is the only man whose faith is said to have made Jesus marvel?

Faith That Makes Jesus Marvel

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*“Now a centurion had a servant who was sick and at the point of death, who was highly valued by him. When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent to him elders of the Jews, asking him to come and heal his servant. And when they came to Jesus, they pleaded with him earnestly, saying, ‘He is worthy to have you do this for him, for he loves our nation, and he is the one who built us our synagogue.’ And Jesus went with them. When he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends, saying to him, ‘Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof. Therefore I did not presume to come to you. But say the word, and let my servant be healed. For I too am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me: and I say to one, “Go,” and he goes; and to another, “Come,” and he comes; and to my servant, “Do this,” and he does it.’ When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, said, **‘I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.’** And when those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the servant well” (Luke 7:2-10).*

This centurion had “heard about Jesus”, he was a man of character and compassion, he believed Jesus was credible, he was willing to humbly acknowledge his own unworthiness, and he genuinely trusted that Jesus was capable of granting what he needed. “When Jesus heard these things, he marveled at him” (7:9a).

But this is not the only time Jesus is said to have “marveled.” -- *“He went away from there and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. And on the Sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished, saying, ‘Where did this man get these things? What is the wisdom given to him? How are such mighty works done by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?’ And they took offense at him. And Jesus said to them, **‘A prophet is not without honor, except in his hometown and among his relatives and in his own household.’** And he could do no mighty work there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and healed them. And he marveled because of their unbelief” (Mark 6:1-6)*

Here’s the question: When Jesus looks at my faith, or lack thereof, is He made to marvel?



Commitment

By Edwin Crozier

We hear a lot about commitment. But what is it really? Just the other day, I was talking with our brother Matt Hicks about commitment and he provided what I believe is the best definition I have ever heard. He said, “Commitment is following through on what you said even long after the feeling in which you said it has passed.” Wow! How profound is that?

Commitment is not keeping up when things are easy. Commitment is not sticking with it as long as you feel like it. Commitment is continuing on even after you’ve lost the feeling you had when you made the commitment.

There is the marriage commitment. How many people stay with the marriage until they have lost that loving feeling? Then they come up with numerous reasons why their vow to God no longer binds them. The number one reason is, “I just don’t love them anymore.” The number two reason is, “I know God just wants me to be happy.” Now they are no longer committed.

What about our Christian commitment? When we were baptized, we said we would devote ourselves to Christ. We knew, like the Christians in Acts 2:42, that we should be devoted to the apostle’s teaching, the breaking of bread, to fellowship and to prayer. We planned to do those things. We did do those things faithfully...for a while.

But then the novelty wore off. We quit spending time with Christians. We quit attending all the assemblies. We slacked off on prayer and Bible study. We had moments when we knew we should do better and we resolved to do better, but those fizzled. What happened? The feeling was gone and our commitment was really being tested.

How committed are we? Are we committed enough to follow through on what we said even when the feeling in which we said it has passed? Let’s work on that commitment in our personal lives, in our marriages and as Christians.



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1. Paul [Acts 17:22]
2. Zaccaeus [Luke 19:8]
3. Moses [Exodus 3:11]
4. Joshua [Joshua 1:13]

