

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 6, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Doug Davidson

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Prayer- Andy Fuller

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

Communion:

Comments – Russ Sollars

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

Communion –Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** –Jay Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

Scripture – Kevin Criswell

Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Closing Prayer- Jason LaChappelle

Wednesday Night – April 9, 2014

First Prayer– John Paul Baker

Song Leader – Roger German

Invitation – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer – Marshall Irvin

April 27 Evening Service: Andy Fuller

Upcoming Assignments

April	Communion	Cleaning
13	Davidson	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
20	Prater	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing

Next Elder & Deacon Meeting

The Elders & Deacons plan to meet April 27 at 3PM to discuss church matters and to pray for members who have prayer requests. They should be contacting every member for input.

We have scheduled a Congregational Prayer Meeting for the 29th of June.

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. Skin for skin, yes, all that a man has will he give for his life.
2. Where is he that is born king of the Jews?
3. The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer.
4. I have found the book of the law in the house of the Lord!



Mary Had A Little Boy

By Blake Martin

Mary had a little boy,	His soul was white as snow.
He never went to Bible class,	Cause Mary wouldn't go.
He never heard the tales of Christ,	That thrills the childish mind.
While other children went to class,	This child was left behind.
And, as he grew from babe to youth,	She saw to her dismay
A soul that once was snowy white,	Became a dingy gray.
Realizing that his soul was lost,	She tried to win him back.
But now the soul that once was white,	Had turned an ugly black.
She even started back to church,	And Bible study too!
She begged the preacher, "Isn't there	Something you can do?"
And so, another soul is lost,	That once was white as snow.
Bible study would have helped --	But Mary wouldn't go.



[The Difference Between Reputation and Character](#)

By Tim Nichols

Reputation isn't everything. Character is much more important. A reputation that is gained without character is hypocrisy. A reputation that grows out of a good character is simply giving honor to whom honor is due. Character is within your power. Reputation is a thing over which you have little control. Character cannot be taken away from you by any man. Reputation can be stolen from you by liars.

Striving for character is strength. Aiming solely at reputation is weakness. Character endures difficulty. Reputation seekers are confused when difficulty arises. Character seeks to do what is right. Reputation seekers seek to do what is acceptable to the most mortals.



Integrity, honesty, clarity, and honor are valued by men and women of Character. Vagueness, indistinct communication, and craftiness are hallmarks of reputation-seekers. The man with character can stand alone when duty calls upon him to do so. The reputation seeker will not stand alone under any circumstances.

The man with character tries to clearly and honestly speak the truth and openly invites others to examine it. The reputation seeker aims at acceptance and therefore makes vague statements that can be interpreted in ways acceptable to the hearer. The man of character speaks the truth as clearly and kindly as he is able at all times and under all circumstances. The reputation seeker speaks the truth with boldness only when he is assured that those who are significant to him will applaud.

The man of character is often out in front, regardless of who is following. The reputation seeker cannot lead the way because he cannot move in any direction until he is assured that the army is already headed that way.

The reputation seeker is confused by the man of character. He tends to assume that all men are motivated as he is and he attempts to manipulate others by dangling before them the golden carrot of approval and by goading them on with the spear of

disapproval. His arguments are often shallow and when he cannot convince others with reasonable discussion he attempts to intimidate with threats of harming the reputation of the man of character. He is shocked, perturbed, and disgusted when his petty attempts at coercion are ignored by the one who is examining his own heart and his own Bible rather than opinion polls.

The godly man of character has a genuine light that shines for all the world to see. When right-thinking men see it they glorify God (Matthew 5:16). The reputation seeker has no real light, but he works very hard at giving the impression that he does. His artificial light changes color as it radiates in different directions. It is adjusted so that men who see it will glorify him.

Only the man of character can truly teach and practice the truth without partiality (1 Timothy 5:21, James 3:17). He is not moved by the potential influence of his hearers upon the opinions of others. He does not challenge the sins of those without influence while ignoring those of opinion leaders. All are treated equally by him. The reputation seeker "pets the big dogs" and kicks the helpless ones if doing so will please the "big dogs."

Reputation seekers tend to, sometimes subtly, point at their degrees and awards hanging on the walls and suggest that you ought to respect their opinions because they have been respected by influential men in high places. Men of character point at the Bible and suggest that God's word is alone worthy of your trust and that all opinions ought to be weighed upon God's scales.

Work to become a man or woman of character. Begin on the inside. The outside will follow. Those who love truth and right, though they be few, will love you. God will love and reward you. When you look in the mirror you will be able to approve of what you see. The transient applause of men cannot match the authentic approval of heaven or that of your own conscience.



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1. Satan [Job 2:4]
2. The wise men [Matthew 2:2]
3. David [2 Samuel 22:2]
4. Hilkiah [2 Kings 22:8]

