

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 20, 2014

Announcements for the Week	Jason LaChappelle
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Andy Fuller	Prayer- Phillip Dorn
Song Leader- Doug Davidson	Song Leader- Roger German
Communion:	
-- Comments – Trey Irvin	Comments – Marshall Irvin
-- Assisting –Jay Dobbs	Communion –Jay Dobbs
-- Assisting – Kevin Criswell	
-- Assisting – Matt Fuller	
-- Assisting – Gary Goddard	
-- Scripture – Darryl Griffing	Scripture – Curran LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Don Casper	Closing Prayer- J. Maxwell Irvin
Wednesday Night – April 23, 2014	
First Prayer – Russ Sollars	
Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier	
Invitation – Trey Irvin	
Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing	

Upcoming Assignments

April	Communion	Cleaning
27	Williams	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
May 4	Denney	Mcllvain., Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis

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. Family Bible Week preparations are in the works. Let's hope that everyone will be able to pitch in.

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. If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume your and your fifty.
2. Do you still retain your integrity? Curse God and die.
3. It was a true report that I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom.
4. Why is your countenance sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart.



Not An Annual Event

By Edwin Crozier

The night Jesus was betrayed, He gathered His 12 closest disciples in an upper room. Together they ate the Passover, remembering the great deliverance of their ancestors from Egyptian bondage. While in the midst of this Old Covenant memorial, Jesus instituted a memorial for His New Covenant. This was called it the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:20.

According to Luke 22:19-20, Jesus took bread and fruit of the vine. He told the disciples to eat the bread because it was His flesh given for them. He told them to drink the juice because it was the new covenant in His blood. He said they were to eat the bread and drink the juice in remembrance of Him.



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It was a new memorial for a new covenant. Of course, they weren't actually participating in the memorial itself because they had nothing yet to remember. Jesus hadn't yet given His body or shed His blood. Jesus was simply showing them what they were to do when the New Covenant was established. When they actually took the Supper, it would be in memory of Jesus.

When did they actually take the Supper? According to Acts 20:7, the disciples gathered together to break bread on the first day of the week. I can't help but notice that Paul was in a hurry to get to Jerusalem (Acts 20:16), however, he apparently arrived in Troas on a Monday and waited to meet with the church there for seven days until they gathered to take the Supper.

If Paul was in such a hurry, why didn't he just gather the disciples together earlier in the week to take the Supper? They were waiting for the first day of the week to partake in the New Covenant Memorial.

In 1 Corinthians 11:20, the Corinthian church was rebuked because when they were gathering together they were eating their own supper instead of the Lord's. (By the way, this demonstrates the Lord's Supper is not a meal to assuage hunger, but a memorial to honor Jesus.) They were not eating the Lord's Supper when they came together.

When did they come together? 1 Corinthians 16:2 demonstrates the Corinthian church was meeting on Sundays. The church was to collect funds for the needy saints in Jerusalem so when Paul arrived he would not have to collect funds. They were clearly gathering every first day of the week. When they came together, they were supposed to be eating the Lord's Supper.

Jesus wants us not only to remember His death but to memorialize it. However, unlike the Old Testament Passover, His memorial is not an annual observance but a weekly one. On the Lord's Day, we gather to eat the Lord's Supper, to remember, to rejoice, to refresh. Let's not weaken this with an annual celebration. Let's strengthen it by following the example established in the New Testament. If we are eating the Lord's Supper, let it be the Lord's Day; if it is the Lord's Day, let us eat the Lord's Supper.



[Darkness](#)

By David Maxson

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. [Mark 15:33]

We're not told why there was darkness for three hours. It is clear, however, that this darkness was supernatural since the brightest sunlight would be during these early afternoon hours.



What could God be communicating through this darkness? It's possible that it symbolized God's judgment. The ninth plague in Egypt was three days of darkness (Exodus 10:21-23).

Darkness was often connected with judgment in scripture (Isaiah 13:9-13; Joel 2:30-31; 3:14-15; Matthew 24:29-30).

The difference here is that the One being judged was innocent. He was bearing our judgment on the cross, the punishment that we deserved. Perhaps it is significant that after these three hours of darkness we hear Jesus cry out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Alas! and did my Savior bleed! And did my Savior die?

Would he devote that sacred head For such a worm as I.

Was it for crimes that I had done, He groaned upon the tree?

Amazing pity! grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, And shut his glories in;

When Christ the mighty Maker died For man the creature's sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay The debt of love I owe:

Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'Tis all that I can do.



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1. Elijah [2 Kings 1:10]
2. Job's wife [Job 2:9]
3. The Queen of Sheba [1 Kings 10:6]
4. Artaxerxes [Nehemiah 2:2]

