

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 27, 2014

Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Song Leader- Bill McIlvain

Communion:

Comments – Andy Dobbs

-- **Comments** – Dan Buselmeier

Communion – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – J. Maxwell Irvin

-- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis

Scripture – Trey Irvin

Closing Prayer- Mark Jones

Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Wednesday Night – April 30, 2014

First Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – John Paul Baker

Invitation – Russ Sollars

Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell

Upcoming Assignments

May	Communion	Cleaning
4	Denney	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
11	Carr	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land

Elder & Deacon Meeting Today

The Elders & Deacons plan to meet @ 3PM today to discuss church matters and to pray for members who have prayer requests. They were 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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Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller,

Marshall Irvin, Jason LaChappelle

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Sleepers

1. Who had surgery performed on him while he slept?
2. Who was killed as he slept in the tent of Jael?
3. Who slept in the bottom of a ship as it rolled in a storm?
4. Who suggested to Jezebel's priests that Baal was sleeping on duty?



I'll Keep On Till They Quit

By Alan Smith

There once was an older man who went out jogging. He was running around a track that circled the high school football field while the team was conducting their practice. When the football players began running their sprints up and down the field, the man said to himself, "I'll just keep running until they quit". So they ran. And he ran. And they kept on running. So he kept on running.

Finally, in total exhaustion the man had to stop. When he stopped, an equally exhausted football player walked over to him and said, "Boy, I'm glad you finally stopped, Mister. Our coach told us that we had to keep running wind sprints as long as the old guy was jogging!"

I'll Keep On Till They Quit

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It seems to me that we can sometimes find ourselves in a similar kind of situation when it comes to anger and conflict. We have a disagreement with someone and get into an argument. Voices get raised. Neither side wants to be the first to give in, to stop speaking in anger. Everyone has the attitude, "I'll just keep on till they quit". So the other party stays mad. So we stay mad. And on we go, eventually finding ourselves emotionally and even physically exhausted by the ongoing animosity.

Let me challenge you to do something very difficult. The next time you get in an argument, be the first to give in. Be the first to stop the yelling and the name-calling. Be the first to say, "I'm sorry". It's the quickest way to stop the vicious cycle.

"A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger"
(Proverbs 15:1).



The Sweet & The Sweeter

By M.W. Bassford

"They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb" (Psalm 19:10).

Last year before Christmas, I was feeding my children breakfast one morning, and because they had done a good job of eating everything I wanted them to eat, I gave them each a peanut-butter blossom from our stash of Christmas cookies. Yes, I sometimes give my children cookies at the end of breakfast. No, I am not a bad parent. Probably not a bad parent.

At any rate, I was surprised when both of them declared shortly afterward that they were done with breakfast and asked permission to get down and play. I'm not about to require them to clean their plates when cookies are involved, so I let them escape and inspected the remaining contents of their plates.

The Hershey's Kisses atop the peanut butter blossoms were gone, as I knew they would be. However, the two cookies

themselves remained, each with a single small bite taken from its perimeter. Once my children had consumed the super-sweet chocolate first, they lost interest in anything else, even if the anything else was an only slightly less sweet peanut-butter cookie.



Sometimes, Christians approach the Bible the same way. All of the word is sweet to our taste, but some parts are a little sweeter—the single verses that seem to speak specifically to our situations and our problems. As a result, we are tempted to devise for ourselves a diet of spiritual Hershey's Kisses—an uninterrupted series of topical studies, consisting only of the snippets that resonate most with us.

Conversely, we are inclined to ignore the peanut-butter-cookie context in which those spiritual sweets are nestled. It's not as immediately rewarding, so we search for the next Hershey's Kiss instead of taking the time to savor the cookie.

This is certainly more spiritually worthwhile than catching up on the latest news from Hollywood, but it is not a mature approach to the text. If God had wanted to make the Bible a series of proverbs about marriage and personal crisis, He certainly could have written it that way. The fact that He didn't should tell us that studying His word ought to be about more than hunting solutions for our earthly problems. If that's all we use the Scripture for, it becomes nothing more than a divinely inspired self-help book, with the emphasis on "self".

Instead, in our study, we need to do a better job of listening, not asking leading questions. We need to consider the entirety of the text rather than cherry-picking the applications. It may not be as immediately relevant to the needs of the moment, but it will fulfill our greatest need—the need for life that only God can give.



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1. Adam [Genesis 2:21]
2. Sisera [Judges 4:21]
3. Jonah [Johan 1:5]
4. Elijah [1 Kings 18: 27]

