

### SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 25, 2014

#### Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

#### Morning Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

#### Communion:

-- **Comments** – Andy Dobbs

-- **Assisting** – Curran LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – Conner LaChappelle

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson

-- **Scripture** – Jay Dobbs

Closing Prayer- Roger German

#### Evening Service

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Matt Fuller

**Comments** – Andy Dobbs

**Communion** – Darryl Griffing

**Scripture** – Russ Sollars

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

#### Wednesday Night – May 28, 2014

First Prayer– Cliff Davis

Song Leader – John Paul Baker

Invitation – Jason LaChappelle

Closing Prayer – David Fuller

May 25 Evening Service: Marshall Irvin

#### Upcoming Assignments

June	Communion	Cleaning
1	Sammons	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing
8	C. Stewart	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart

#### Family Bible Week Begins Monday, June 16, 2014

Look around the building. Signs of Family Bible Week are showing up. The class materials are close to completion for the teachers and the students alike. Many people have worked long and hard on this project already.

#### Ladies Bible Study

The ladies have a bible class scheduled for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### *Can You Name The Person Who Said This?*

1. My punishment is greater than I can bear.
2. How long will you halt between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him.
3. He must increase, but I must decrease.
4. Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God has made that same Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and God.



### *Because It Is Right*

By Jim R. Everett

Reward incentive motivation permeates our society. People respond to rewards just like little puppies do. Some parents think only in terms of rewarding their children, and, they even reward them for being bad. When a parent says to a little child, "If you will quit throwing a temper tantrum, we will go get an ice cream as soon we get away from the Dr.'s office," he is rewarding bad behavior and the child quickly understands how to get what he wants. The "in thing" now in many churches is to offer physical rewards for being religious. That ranges from the "gospel of health and wealth" that says, "If you give \$100, God will give you \$1,000," to appealing to the fleshly appetites of entertainment to get people to come to "church."

## Because It Is Right

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Whatever happened to doing right because it is right? Surely, Jesus offers men rewards but those incentives have nothing to do with the sensual desires. In fact, he condemned those who followed him because they were fed -- "*Labor not for the meat which perishes, but for that meat which endures unto everlasting life,*" (John 6:29). The reward for righteousness is eternal life with God. God expects right behavior, because he is holy and we must be like him to share in spiritual life (1 Peter 1:15-16).

Christians are committed to a way of life that is righteous, because it is the right way to live. Sometimes the righteous life may offer a material advantage but that isn't why the Christian lives that way. At other times, being righteous may be a difficult road and the righteous may be mocked and persecuted. The disciple of the Lord does right when people speak well of him and when they do not -- his motivation is doing right, because it is the right thing to do



## Talents And Worship

By Jim Jonas

One of the most deceptive ideas to corrupt worship among many religious groups involves God-given talents. It goes something like this: "*Since I have a God-given ability to play musical instruments, I will use that talent to His glory in worship.*" Thus worship services in many churches have turned into talent shows where each performs his or her God-given talent for the audience.

It is true that God is responsible for the differing talents and abilities of each individual. Some are endowed with physical excellence (strength, swiftness, coordination); others are mentally blessed (math skills, logical thought, enhanced memory); and yet others are enriched with beneficial character traits (patience, empathy, optimism). (cf. Romans 12:6-8).

It is also true that we are to develop and use every talent at our disposal to glorify God and edify others. But when it comes to the gathering of the church for worship, the Bible is very clear about those activities and the manner in which they are to be carried out.

The church assembles for joint participation in the Lord's supper (1 Corinthians 11:18, 20, 33- 34). This is an activity that enriches the soul and is prescribed by God. Now perhaps some sister who has a knack for good cooking may be appointed to bake the bread for communion and she would be using a God-given talent in a lawful way. But this is a wholly different matter from the same sister using her culinary skills to fill the meeting house with cakes, cookies, crepes and coffee so that everyone can snack during the preaching.

Congregation also engage in the joint edification of hymn-singing, and any brother or sister who is musically endowed may exercise that talent joyfully and enthusiastically as the congregation mutually edifies itself in song (Eph 5:19). But this is a horse of a different color from the same brother or sister crooning a Country & Western tune and calling it "worship".

For worship to be acceptable it must be offered within the bounds of what God has authorized. Leaving that domain and offering whatever one chooses amounts to presumption and disobedience. Nadab and Abihu stand as an eternal warning to those who would take selfish liberty with what is offered as worship to Almighty God (Leviticus 10:1-3).

It is commendable to want to use our talents for God's glory. If God gave the talent, God also has the right to stipulate how those talents should be used to glorify Him.



### Answers from page 1

1. Cain [Genesis 4:13]
2. Elijah [1 Kings 18:21]
3. John the Baptist [John 3:30]
4. Peter [Acts 2:36]

