

SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 13, 2014

Announcements for the Week Andy Dobbs
Morning Service
 Prayer- Phillip Dorn
 Song Leader- Marshall Irvin
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle
 -- **Assisting** – Jay Dobbs
 -- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell
 -- **Assisting** – Justin Carr
 -- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson
 -- **Scripture** – Connor LaChappelle
 Closing Prayer- David Fuller
Evening Service
 Prayer- Andy Fuller
 Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier
Comments – Marshall Irvin
Communion – Mark Jones
Scripture – J. Maxwell Irvin
 Closing Prayer- Jay Dobbs
Wednesday Night – July 16, 2014
 First Prayer– Marshall Foxworthy
 Song Leader – Alex Tucker
 Invitation – Mike Shepherd
 Closing Prayer – Cliff Davis
July 25 Evening Service: Alex Tucker

Upcoming Assignments

July	Communion	Cleaning
20	Shacklock	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
27	McIlvain	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis

Sorry --

Sorry means you feel the pulse of other people's pain as well as your own, and saying it means you take a share of it. And so it binds us together. Sorry is a lot of things. It's a hole refilled. A debt repaid. Sorry is the wake of misdeed. It's the crippling ripple of consequence. Sorry is sadness, just as knowing is sadness. Sorry is sometimes self-pity. But Sorry, really, is not about you. It's theirs to take or leave.

Sorry means you leave yourself open, to embrace or to ridicule or to revenge. Sorry doesn't take things back, but it pushes things forward. It bridges the gap. Sorry is an offering. A gift." — Craig Silvey



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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Grave Matters

1. What Gospel records the graves opening after Jesus' death on the cross?
2. Who said, "The hour is coming, in which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice"?
3. Who gave his rock-cut tomb as a burial place for Jesus?
4. Who infuriated Isaiah by building an elaborate tomb for himself?



Imposing Our Values

By Jim Jonas

In the ongoing war against godly parenthood, liberal children's rights advocates have declared that parents have no right to impose their values upon their own children. Such, they say, is child abuse.

Consider, for example, the Alabama Department of Human Resources guidelines for adoption and foster care. One of the guidelines reads, "**Don't be a foster or adoptive parent if you must have your value system accepted by the child(ren) placed in your home.**"



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Not surprisingly, the very next guideline reads, **“Don’t be a foster or adoptive parent if you cannot tolerate children who occasionally or frequently lie or disobey and challenge authority.”** Note carefully what is being said: the parent is expected only to tolerate lying, disobedience and disrespect, not correct it. Did you ever think you would see the day when teaching your own children right from wrong would be considered abuse?

Why in the world would the state sanction and promote such garbage, especially when it has to pay for the policemen, investigators, lawyers, judges, courts, correction facilities, counselors, parole and probation officers needed to deal with rampant juvenile crime? Because the government has been influenced by the liberal sewage spewing forth from university “experts” and Hollywood media.

There is no better example than this of the clash between human and divine wisdom, and the result of human wisdom is there for everyone to see. God doesn’t allow parents to teach values, He expects them to do so! There is no way to raise children in a morally neutral environment so that they will be able to make their own choice about a value system upon reaching adulthood. This will only leave them vulnerable to the Devil’s value system.

Parents are to bring their children up “in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). This begins with conditioning their minds with the truth before they can reason for themselves. They must learn the what before the why.

But as our children mature and are able to understand and question, we do them a disservice when we merely say, “Because I said so” or “Because the Bible says so.” Where possible, we must be ready to explain the reason and sense which underlies our position or expectation. In so doing, we avoid the shaky foundation of simple indoctrination and we teach them to appreciate the rationality of God’s value system.

Spoiled Brats

By David Maxson

In those days Hezekiah became sick and was at the point of death, and he prayed to the LORD, and he answered him and gave him a sign. But Hezekiah did not make return according to the benefit done to him, for his heart was proud. Therefore wrath came upon him and Judah and Jerusalem. [2 Chronicles 32:24-25]

How do you diagnose pride? How do you know you’ve got a serious problem with it?

Ingratitude.

Ever seen a child at the store scream at the top of their lungs because they can’t have what they want and finally the parent caves in and gives them what they want? Does the child say “thank you” or at least seem to be grateful for the gift?

No, and the reason is simple: the child obviously sees himself as the center of the universe. Whatever is given to him is perceived as his due. He demands and does not feel even a shred of gratitude in his heart because he has come to believe that his parents exist only to meet his needs and desires. This is pride in the highest degree.

This is easy to recognize in a screaming child. Do we recognize it ourselves?

Maybe a little test will help... If you were to review the tape of all your conversations, thoughts, and prayers from the last week, would you hear more complaints or giving of thanks?

Kind of scary to think about that, isn't it?

Maybe we should all fall on our knees right now and give thanks!



Answers from page 1

1. Matthew 27:52-53
2. Jesus [John 5:28]
3. Joseph of Arimathea [Luke 23:50-53]
4. Shebna [Isaiah 22:15-16]

