

SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 20, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Don Casper

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Communion:

Comments – Andy Fuller

-- Comments – John Paul Baker

Communion – Phillip Dorn

-- Assisting – Trey Irvin

-- Assisting – Mark Jones

-- Assisting – Connor LaChappelle

-- Assisting – Andrew Johnson

-- Scripture – Darryl Griffing

Scripture – Kevin Criswell

Closing Prayer- Roger German

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Wednesday Night – July 23, 2014

First Prayer– Andy Dobbs

Song Leader – Don Casper

Invitation – Alex Tucker

Closing Prayer – Roger German

July 27 Evening Service: Alex Tucker

Upcoming Assignments

| July | Communion | Cleaning |
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| 27 | McIlvain | McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis |
| Aug 3 | Stone | Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land |

ATHEISM --

The belief there was once absolutely nothing. And nothing happened to the nothing until the nothing magically exploded (for no reason), creating everything and everywhere. Then a bunch of the exploded everything magically rearranged itself (for no reason whatsoever), into self-replicating bits which then turned into dinosaurs.

And they mock our beliefs.



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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Houses Of Worship

1. Who carried away furnishings from the Jerusalem temple and put them in the temple at Babylon?
2. What was Jesus talking when He spoke of destroying the temple and raising it up in three days?
3. What holy object was taken by the Philistines into the temple of Dagon, causing Dagon's image to fall down?
4. Who built the first temple in Jerusalem?



Don't Go To Church; Be The Church

By Edwin Crozier

I guess in some use of metonymy the phrase, "We're going to church on Sunday" is somehow correct. I don't want to suggest folks are going to go to hell for saying this. However, I must admit the phrase makes me cringe every time I hear it. "Go to church." This phrase doesn't portray the Bible's meaning of "church." In fact, it misses it.

This phrase suggests "church" is something we go to at specific times and then leave. That is not the New Testament picture at all. The church was not a place to visit.



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The church was a group of people. The King James Version highlights this in its rendering of *Acts 2:47*, “*And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*” When we meet with the saints on Sunday, we are not going to church. Rather, the church is assembling.

We don't “go to church;” we are the church. But what is the church? No doubt we could use a standard definition like “the group of all the saved everywhere of all time.” That's true enough. However, consider the definition given in *Ephesians 1:22-23*. “*And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*” The church is the body of Christ filled with His fullness. That is, just as our physical bodies are the extension of our head's leadership, we are extensions of Jesus here on earth. Just as our hands do, our feet go and our eyes look at what our head tells them to, we are to let Jesus' direction fill our lives because we make up His body.

Notice also the definition in *I Timothy 3:15*, “*If I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.*” The church is God's household. When I'm going to my house, I don't say, “I'm going to Crozier.” I am Crozier. I am a Crozier whether I'm gathered with other Croziers or not. In the same way, I don't go to God's family. I am God's family. I'm in His family whether I'm gathered with other members or not.

Further, the church is the pillar and buttress (support) of the truth. We are supposed to uphold and expose the truth for everyone around us to see. We shouldn't just do this when we are assembled with other Christians. We are to do this all the time because we are the church all the time.

Yes, we assemble with the local church. But we don't go to church sometimes. We are the church all the time. Let's act like it.

[God's Protective Wings](#)

By Mike Riley

A story in National Geographic several years ago gives us a beautiful and penetrating picture of God's protective wings covering His children.

After a forest fire in Yellowstone National Park, forest rangers began their trek up a mountain to assess the inferno's damage. One ranger found a bird literally petrified in ashes, perched statuesquely on the ground at the base of a tree. Somewhat sickened by the eerie sight, the ranger reached out to knock the bird over with a stick. As he gently struck it, three tiny chicks scurried from under their dead mother's wings. The loving mother, keenly aware of impending disaster, had carried her offspring to the base of the tree and had gathered them under her wings, instinctively knowing that the toxic smoke would rise.

She could have flown to safety, but she refused to abandon her babies. When the blaze reached her, the heat had scorched her small body, but the mother had remained steadfast because she had been willing to die, those under the cover of her wings had lived. The Psalmist beautifully illustrates God's protective love and care for each of us in *Psalms 91:4 (NIV)* when he says, “*He will cover you with His feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge*”.

As His children, let's remember the One who truly loves us (Romans 5:5-10), and then be different from the masses of the world because of that love (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18).



Answers from page 1

1. Nebuchadnezzar [2 Chronicles 36:7]
2. His body [John 2:19-21]
3. The Ark of the Covenant [1 Samuel 5:2-4]
4. Solomon [1 Kings 6]

