

SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 10, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Prayer- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Song Leader- Matt Fuller

Communion:

Comments – Trey Irvin

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

Communion – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Scott Lucas

-- **Assisting** – Matt Fuller

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

Scripture – Kevin Criswell

Closing Prayer- Matt Fuller

Closing Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Wednesday Night – August 13, 2014

First Prayer- Bill McIlvain

Song Leader – Don Casper

Invitation – Mike Shepherd

Closing Prayer – David Fuller

August 24 Evening Service: Russ Sollars

August 29 Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

August	Communion	Cleaning
17	Tucker	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
24	Jones	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing

CHRISTIAN LIVING:

“Millions call themselves by His name, it is true, and pay some token homage to Him, but a simple test will show how little He is really honored among them. Let the average man be put to the proof on the question of who or what is ABOVE, and his true position will be exposed. Let him be forced into making a choice between God and money, between God and men, between God and personal ambition, God and self, God and human love, and God will take second place every time.” — A.W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of God*



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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Scripture On Scripture

1. According to Paul, who takes away the “veil” over the Old Testament?
2. What group of Christians examined the Scriptures every day to see if Paul was telling the truth?
3. To what young preacher did Paul address his famous words of the divine inspiration of al Scripture?.
4. What apostle claimed that the prophets in writing of the coming Christ, were writing for later generations?



Our Purpose

By David Maxson

“Everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” [Isaiah 43:7]

Why am I here? What is my life all about? Is there a purpose? If so, what is it?

The creation of man is one of the single most important truths in the Bible. The implications of this truth are profound. If we are created beings, and not merely the product of a blind evolutionary process, then we necessarily have a purpose for being alive. Every inventor or creator has a reason to invent or create something.

Our Purpose

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We have a Creator and his name is God, and he had a purpose for creating each and every one of us. He made us in his image, which means a lot of things. It means that we were given an immortal soul. It means that we were made with the capacity to feel and to think just as he feels and thinks. It means we have the ability to make choices. Add that all up and what it means is we were made for a relationship with God.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. Romans 8:29

Let this thought simmer in your mind as you start your day. Meditate on it throughout your day. You are not a random and purposeless collection of atoms. You are made in the image of God! You have a purpose! You have a destiny! You were made to be God's child!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.



Fear Of Death

By Edwin Crozier

What do you fear? The most common and greatest fear, I have been told many times, is the fear of public speaking. Some people fear snakes and spiders. Some fear heights. Others fear water. Some fear enclosed spaces. Some fear germs. Many fear death.

That last fear is the real problem. The other fears might cause us to miss out on some good things. If you fear heights, you will likely never know the breath-taking beauty of God's creation seen from the peak of a mountain. If you fear water, you may never enjoy the fun of a white-water rafting trip. If you fear germs, you may live a life of compulsive cleaning and separation from people. However, if you fear death, Hebrews 2:14-15 says you will be subject to lifelong slavery.

Sadly, even Christians who claim to have hope of eternity fear death, allowing death to have power over them. We want to preserve life as long as possible. We think death is the worst possible outcome for anyone. A loved one who is a Christian dies and we think how awful it was, especially if they died young.

No doubt, the death of a loved one is awful for us. However, do you think Lazarus was upset in Abraham's side in Luke 16:22? In Acts 12, when James was killed but Peter was allowed to live, who really got the short end of the stick? Do you think James was complaining that He was stuck in paradise while Peter got to stay down on the sinful and plague filled earth?

The fear of death enslaves us because it focuses us on the preservation of our lives. In that mindset, we are stuck on ourselves and our flesh. That, perhaps is the big point. The fear of death is about our flesh. When our mind is set on the flesh, it is impossible to walk by the Spirit.

It is an awful cycle. Many who fear death do so because they live in sin. They know they have not given themselves over to God. They know they have not surrendered to Him fully. Thus, they are afraid to meet Him face to face. So they work hard to preserve this life, focusing themselves on the flesh. When they focus on the flesh, they just live in more sin, causing more fear.

When we are in Christ, we don't have to fear death. When we are in Christ, we are forgiven and cleansed. Jesus lived as one of us, in flesh and blood, and died like one of us to destroy the one who has power over death. Satan has no power over us in Christ. Therefore, death has no power, no sting, no victory (I Corinthians 15:54-56).

Do not fear death. Surrender to God. Let Him ease your fears by the victory in Jesus.



Answers from page 1

1. Jesus Christ [2 Corinthians 3:14]
2. The Christians at Berea [Acts 17:11]
3. Timothy [2 Timothy 3:15-17]
4. Peter [1 Peter 1:10-12]

