

SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 24, 2014

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| Announcements for the Week | Andy Fuller |
| Morning Service | Evening Service |
| Prayer- Cliff Davis | Prayer- Marshall Foxworthy |
| Song Leader- John Paul Baker | Song Leader- Roger German |
| Communion: | |
| -- Comments – Marshall Irvin | Comments – Bill McIlvain |
| -- Assisting – Cliff Davis | Communion – Darryl Griffing |
| -- Assisting – Darryl Griffing | |
| -- Assisting – Justin Carr | |
| -- Assisting – Andrew Johnson | |
| -- Scripture – Dan Buselmeier | Scripture – Connor LaChappelle |
| Closing Prayer- Don Casper | Closing Prayer- Matt Fuller |
| Wednesday Night – August 27, 2014 | |
| First Prayer- Andy Dobbs | |
| Song Leader – Matt Fuller | |
| Invitation – Curran LaChappelle | |
| Closing Prayer – Kevin Criswell | |
| August 24 Evening Service: Russ Sollars | |
| August 31 Evening Song & Scripture Service | |

Upcoming Assignments

| August | Communion | Cleaning |
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| 31 | Bailey | Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart |
| Sept. 7 | Buselmeier | McIlvain, Tucker, Ferrell, Criswell, Davis |

On Our Journey:

“As I stumble through this life help me to create more laughter than tears, dispense more cheer than gloom, and spread more joy than despair. Never let me become so indifferent that I will fail to see the wonder in the eyes of a child, or the twinkle in the eyes of the aged. Never let me forget that my total effort is to cheer people, make them happy, and forget momentarily all the unpleasantness in their lives. And in my final moment, may I hear You whisper, "When you made My people smile, you made Me smile.” — Nancy Mehl

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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Found In the Old & New Testaments

1. When He ascended u on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.
2. Speak every man truth with his neighbor.
3. Be angry, and sin not.
4. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.



A Christian IN Depression

By David Maxson

"Cursed be the day on which I was born! The day when my mother bore me, let it not be blessed! Cursed be the man who brought the news to my father, "A son is born to you," Making him very glad. [Jeremiah 20:14-15]

Is depression a sign of spiritual weakness? Some would argue it is. Christians are to be characterized by joy, not sorrow. We're supposed to "sing and be happy," right?



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But this line of reasoning is misguided. Though depression can be the result of sin or a deficiency of faith, those are by no means the only causes of depression. Jesus was not bright, sunny, and cheerful when He went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray (Luke 22:39-46), yet no one would accuse Him of spiritually weakness, let alone sin in this moment. The fact is depression can have many sources, many of which are out of our control.

How can you deal with depression in a biblical way?

1. Admit that you're going through it. God knows you're going through it anyway. You might as well be honest (like Jeremiah and others in the Bible) and talk to God about it in prayer. And God can handle your honesty (see again our text above).

2. Talk to others about your struggle. We are to "*bear one another's burdens*" and "*weep with those who weep*" and "*encourage the fainthearted*" (Galatians 6:2; Romans 12:15; 1 Thessalonians 5:14). Give the rest of us the opportunity to fulfill these biblical directives by letting us know when you're down.

3. Ask God for help with thanksgiving. This is not the same as saying "cheer up and be happy." It doesn't magically take the pain and frustration away. But we have the promise that when we do this that God will guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7). Allow God to do this for you in your depression.

Father, we ask you to guard the hearts and minds of Your servants who are being attacked by the Devil's fiery darts of depression.



[He That Swears To His Own Hurt](#)

By Kevin Cauley

“LORD, who shall abide in your tabernacle? Who shall dwell in your holy hill? . . . He that swears to his own hurt, and changes not.”
(Psalm 15:1, 4)

In the year 2000 I lost my job at EDS and began searching for employment. I picked up some part time work in the interim. While I was committed to a project, I got a call from the Compaq Corporation. I scheduled the interview and met with a manager.

The job they wanted me to do was a “dream job” in the computer industry. I would be technical support for the outside sales department. I would get a company car, have access to a large computer lab facility, be able to take clients out for lunches on a regular basis at the company’s expense, and all the perks.

At the end of the interview, the manager looked at me and said, “I would like to hire you. When can you start?”

I replied, “I have a previous commitment with another company to do a temporary project and in two weeks after that project is done, I can start.” He said that he appreciated my honesty and character; we parted company and he never called back.

We live in a society that by and large values compromise above principle, subjectivity over objectivity, and relatives over absolutes. It would be an understatement to say that it is easy to get away with not keeping one’s promises in our society.

“Things happen.” -- The weather changes. We don’t feel good. Other people don’t follow through. There are any number of reasons that we could enumerate and by and large most would accept our excuse.

In contrast to our society, God’s people, are called to a higher standard. It is a standard that transcends the bounds of society, time, and culture. It is a standard based upon the eternal character of God. It is a standard upon which God expects us to live (Romans 12:1-2).

Our God is a God who always keeps his promises (Hebrews 6:17-18, Titus 1:2). If we desire to dwell in His holy hill, His tabernacle, His church today, we must practice His standard of righteousness. When we are willing to suffer to keep our promises, God says that is when we are most like Him.

May we, as God’s people, resolve to keep our word and dwell in unity with our God!



Answers from page 1

1. Ephesians 4:8 [Psalm 68:18]
2. Ephesians 4:25 [Zechariah 8:16]
3. Ephesians 4:26 [Psalm 4:4]
4. Ephesians 5:31 [Genesis 2:24]

