

SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 14, 2014

Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Andy Dobbs

Prayer- John Paul Baker

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- Roger German

Communion:

Comments – Marshall Irvin

-- **Comments** – Mike Shepherd

Communion – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Trey Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

-- **Scripture** – Matt Fuller

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- David Fuller

Closing Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Wednesday Night – September 17, 2014

First Prayer- Bill McIlvain

Song Leader – Marshall Foxworthy

Invitation – Dan Buselmeier

Closing Prayer – Russ Sollars

September 28 Evening Service: Matt Fuller

Upcoming Assignments

September	Communion	Cleaning
21	Griffing	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
28	LaChappelle	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

Ladies Bible Class Resumes --

The ladies bible class meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month as 7PM. After a summer hiatus it is time to commence where they left off prior to Family Bible Week. They will be meeting here tomorrow at 7PM.

Good Thoughts --

“It is ignorance or at least lack of consideration of heavenly things that make the temporal things of this world, whether good or evil, greater than they really are.” — Tom Patton



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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Take A Letter

1. Who had enemies that wrote smear letters about him to the Persian king?
2. What mighty king wrote a letter to Hezekiah concerning surrender?
3. Who wrote to the people of Samaria regarding the fate of Ahab's seventy sons?
4. Who wrote a letter recommending Apollos to the Corinthian church?



Spiritual Nutrition

By Kevin Cauley

If you've watched the news any time lately, you've probably been aware of the new "epidemic" in our country. This epidemic isn't caused by a virus; it isn't caused by a bacteria; it isn't caused by any "disease" at all. The new epidemic in our country, say the experts, is obesity. We are being told that we have a fat problem and that our society needs to do something about it! Much of our problem, say the experts, stems from poor nutrition: an imbalance in our diet, too much sugar and fat and not enough fiber and healthy foods like fruits and vegetables.



Spiritual Nutrition

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Another problem, they say, is that we eat too much and as a result of overeating we multiply pound upon pound.

In contrast to our burgeoning physical waistlines, we are spiritually wasting away. Spiritually, we need to have a balanced diet as well; we need less spiritual sugar and fat; we need more spiritually healthy choices. It isn't easy to give up a diet of sugar and fat, after all, they taste so good! So, how can we improve our spiritual diet?

First, we need a daily serving of prayer. A daily serving of prayer is packed with the daily essential vitamins of humility, selflessness, and thankfulness. *“Pray without ceasing” (1 Thessalonians 5:17).*

Second, we need a heaping portion of God's word. Every day we make decisions in our relationships that affect our family, friends, coworkers and acquaintances. We need nourishment of God's word to guide us in such decisions. We also face temptation of one sort or another and we need the fortification of God's word to help us to overcome. Jesus quoted scripture to Satan when he was tempted and we know that God's word will help us overcome temptation *(Psalm 119:11).*

Third, we need a regular dose of service to others. There are many around us who need help. *Galatians 5:13 says, “For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.”* Exercising service in our life will keep us spiritually fit.

Finally, we need to pour ourselves several cups of a good attitude. Attitude makes all the difference in our daily walk with God. What must we do? Show love toward our fellow man, practice longsuffering and generously give forgiveness to those around us. Jesus said, *“In your patience possess ye your souls” (Luke 21:19).*

So many in today's spiritual world want to satiate themselves with spiritual soda pop and candy.. Such is also true spiritually; spiritual fast food may taste good at first, but cannot ultimately satisfy. Exercising spiritually healthy choices will maintain a healthy spiritual life and fortify us with the basic essential spiritual nutrients. This will go a long way toward our spiritual health and well-being.



A Fear OF Good Deeds

By Edwin Crozier

Let's face it, when we hear a lot about good deeds we know where it is going to hit us the hardest—the wallet. Obviously, not every good deed is a monetary good deed. But sooner or later, we can't help but notice that in Scripture many of the good deeds affect us financially. In being a good Samaritan, feeding and clothing others or helping the poor, eventually our good deeds are going to cost us money.

That's what makes these good deeds so scary, especially when the news tells us the economic sky is falling. This is where *2 Corinthians 9:8* comes in. *“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”*

Now this is not a promise from God to drop any amount of money or material goods in your lap that you claim you'll give to others. However, it does point out that when we are a blessing to others, God will bring blessings to us. God is extending His grace so we can be sufficient for performing these good deeds. If I clench my fist around whatever blessings I have received, my hand will be closed to the blessings God may want to give me. When I open my hand to others, it becomes open to receive more of God's blessings.

This is not the health and wealth gospel that makes good deeds a selfish investment, hoping I can give \$10 to some preacher and receive \$100 back for my trouble. That motivation isn't about being zealous for good deeds at all.

If we have contentment with our blessings such that we can share them with others, God will continue to bless us. It is that simple. Of course, if I have contentment and I don't receive a greater blessing, *“it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have” (2 Corinthians 8:12).* Be content. Be a blessing. Then and only then will God truly bestow His richest material blessings upon us.



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1. Zerubbabel [Ezra 4:6-16]
2. Sennacherib [2 Kings 19:1-4]
3. Jehu [2 Kings 10:1-2]
4. The Ephesian church [Acts 18:27]

