

SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 12, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Marshall Irvin

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Jason LaChappelle

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Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

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LaChappelle

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Doug Davidson

Comments – Marshall Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

Communion – Trey Irvin

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Justin Carr

-- **Scripture** – Phillip Dorn

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer- Scott Lucas

Wednesday Night – October 15, 2014

First Prayer- Russ Sollars

Song Leader – Roger German

Invitation – Josh Hudson

Closing Prayer – Curran LaChappelle

October 26 Evening Service: Russ Sollars

Upcoming Assignments

October	Communion	Cleaning
19	Johnson	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
26	Casper	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land

Ladies Bible Class --

The ladies bible class meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM. They will be meeting on October 20 here at the building.

Good Thoughts -- “What you are is God's gift to you, what you become is your gift to God.” “Faith does not eliminate questions. But faith knows where to take them.” — Elisabeth Elliot, A Chance to Die



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 wrote a letter to Felix concerning the apostle Paul?
2. Who wrote a letter granting permission to continue construction on the second temple?
3. What king received a letter from Elijah predicting judgment on his sinful reign?
4. What queen wrote to the leaders of Jezreel concerning Naboth?



Follow The Directions

By Jim Jonas

Canada was unfamiliar territory for us, so we often had to rely on the directions of others. This worked fine, except for one enlightening incident.

We were to meet John and Lisa Haines one evening for dinner at the home of Nancy and Vic Lianga. As they were giving directions, John and Lisa did not realize that each of them was guiding us from a different direction.



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Thus John had said the Lianga home was on the left while Lisa had said it was on the right. Further, we did not have an address for the Lianga's; we only had a general description of the house. You can probably guess what happened next. We pulled up at a house that fit both the directions and the description and I went to the front door. It was opened by an unfamiliar woman, and I said, "Unless you have dinner ready, I think I'm at the wrong house." Fortunately, she knew the Liangas and directed us on to their house.

Some morals of this story:

1) Knowing how to get somewhere and telling others how to get there are two different things. We become so familiar with our own environment that we take landmarks and directions for granted. We use certain terminology and operate on principles which make sense to us but sound like foreign language to our neighbors. As a Christian, can I direct others to where the spiritual dinner is?

2) Having a house number is much more precise than "I think it's about the third house on the right and tan over brick." Unfortunately, many people who might be genuinely seeking God are getting vague and contradictory directions rather than a clear "this is what the Bible says; read it for yourself."

3) We did manage to get to the dinner in the end, but we had to stop and ask for more accurate directions. We had to make an effort. Suppose we had said, "Well, we were directed to the wrong house; let's just quit looking altogether." Or, "The first directions were wrong so I guess we can't trust the other directions either." That would be silly, wouldn't it? It might sound like we really weren't all that interested in going to dinner.

Yet that's exactly what many do who get caught up in religious error. Instead of building on what they've learned and pressing ahead, they just give up. Sometimes they become cynical or bitter. But heaven's banquet is too good to miss (Luke 14:15-24). Bad directions are no excuse when we have the map.



[Still In Ruins Today](#)

By David Maxson

Babylon shall become a heap of ruins, the haunt of jackals, a horror and a hissing, without inhabitant. [Jeremiah 51:37]

Babylon was an impressive city. It was in the shape of a giant square, each side being 15 miles long. The walls were wide enough that chariots could ride around the city on top of them. The famous Ishtar Gate was decorated with bulls and dragons.

After you entered that gate you would then be led down the Processional Way with 120 lions carved on the walls on either side of you. There were lavish buildings and temples throughout the city. The Ziggurat was a tower that stood 300 feet tall in the center of the city. The Hanging Gardens were one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

But this city, as massive and fortified and prosperous as it was, has been left without inhabitants for thousands of years. It is a desolate place in the deserts of Iraq, only about 2% of this once great city has been excavated by archaeologists.

Look at all the things around you right now. Imagine that everything around you as it will certainly be when our great nation falls someday. No houses to be seen. No roads or bridges with cars and trucks driving on them. No stores open for business. Everything is gone.

Now ask yourself the question, why am I obsessing over things that will so soon vanish away to nothing? Let us pray to God to help us to learn the lesson the Babylonians never did. Help us to see what matters most.



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1. Claudius Lysias [Acts 23:25]
2. King Darius [Ezra 6:6-12]
3. Jehoram [2 Chronicles 21:12]
4. Jezebel [1 Kings 21:8]

