

SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 19, 2014

Announcements for the Week Andy Fuller
Morning Service
Prayer- Dan Buselmeier
Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Josh Hudson
 -- **Assisting** – Cliff Davis
 -- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing
 -- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock
 -- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle
 -- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Josh Hudson
Evening Service
Prayer- Mike Shepherd
Song Leader- John Paul Baker
Comments – Scott Lucas
Communion – Kevin Criswell
Scripture – Andy Fuller
Closing Prayer- M. Foxworthy
Wednesday Night – October 22, 2014
First Prayer- David Johnson
Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier
Invitation – Andy Fuller
Closing Prayer – Phillip Dorn
October 26 Evening Service: Russ Sollars

Upcoming Assignments

October	Communion	Cleaning
26	Casper	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land
Nov 2	Davidson	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd

Ladies Bible Class --

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

Good Thoughts -- “Worry is the darkroom in which negatives can develop.”
 — Wanda E. Brunstetter,

“Worry about tomorrow steals the joy from today.” — Barbara Cameron

“We fear men so much, because we fear God so little.” — William Gurnall



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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Critters

1. What did Peter find with a coin in its mouth?
2. What did God send to destroy the vine that shaded the sulking prophet Jonah?
3. When youths laughed at Elisha for his baldness, what appeared that mauled them?
4. What croaking birds fed Elijah in his solitude by the brook Cherith?



When Dreams Come True

By Gary Henry

“There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: A man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor, so that he lacks nothing for himself of all he desires; yet God does not give him power to eat of it...” (Ecclesiastes 6:1-2).

In setting our goals and making our plans, we often attribute to ourselves more power than we actually have.



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When we aspire to material wealth, for example, we've been taught by the motivational speakers to believe that we can have anything we want: it is only a matter of having enough drive and ingenuity. But there are two faulty assumptions hidden in this thinking. One is that we can acquire however much wealth we want to acquire, and the other is that we will be able to enjoy it once we get it.

But it is God who determines, first, whether we'll be allowed to accumulate wealth and, second, whether we'll be able to enjoy it. Any of us might be the "man to whom God has given riches and wealth and honor" and yet "God does not give him power to eat of it". The truth is, God can keep us from accumulating wealth if He wants to, despite our drive and ingenuity, and He can just as easily keep us from getting any lasting joy out of it. So, write this down and never forget it: If we wrongfully aspire to wealth, one of God's worst punishments is to let us have the thing we thought we wanted and then make us more miserable than we were before we got it.

So when our "dream comes true", will it make us happy? Maybe it will, but then again, maybe it won't. Foolishly, we assume that getting the wealth we desire will provide the freedom to enjoy life and open the door to happiness. But that won't be the result if God doesn't grant the enjoyment of the things He permits us to acquire. God may see to it that our wealth gives us not freedom but slavery, and there is no worse bondage than bondage to wealth. As the saying goes, "Chains of gold are stronger than chains of iron".



[Finding Friends](#)

By Edwin Crozier

"As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend" (Proverbs 27:17).

Friends make friends look better. But that is so hard. After all, it is much easier to walk through life thinking about myself. Why would I waste time trying to help someone else when I could be using that time to get me further in my career or getting what I want?

Because that is what friends do. Friends help each other. Friends lift each other. Friends comfort each other. Friends devote time to each other.

Here is the problem I sometimes have. I want friends. I want friends who are close. I want friends who are helping me. I'm thinking friendship in these cases, but did you notice it was all about me? I've learned that if I want friends, I start by being a friend.

If, instead of wasting some time whining, moaning, complaining about all the friends I don't have or about how my friends aren't here with me, I reach out to help someone else or sharpen someone else's countenance, I find a friend.

No, we may not become bosom buddies over night. We may not be kindred spirits right away, but the loneliness is gone. I've reached out and made a connection. I've been a friend and amazingly enough found a friend in the process.

This week, if you are feeling lonely, down or friendless, instead of sitting in your own stew or making a call to someone in hopes that they will fix your issues, reach out and make someone else look better. Write a note of thanks to someone. Send someone an e-mail that lets them know how much you appreciate them. Call someone up, see if you can come visit them and make their day brighter. Call someone up and see if you can help them (some of our older members would appreciate that).

I know it is amazing and almost counter-intuitive. However, when we quit working so hard to overcome our own issues and, instead, get outside ourselves to help others with theirs, we find friends and our issues get resolved. When we strive to sharpen the countenance of others, they end up sharpening ours. Get outside yourself this week and find someone you can help look better. Find a friend.



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1. A fish [Matthew 17:27]
2. A worm [Jonah 4:7]
3. Two she-bears [2 Kings 2:24]
4. Ravens [1 Kings 2:11]

