

SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 26, 2014

Announcements for the Week	John Paul Baker
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Roger German	Prayer- Don Casper
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin	Song Leader- Scott Lucas
Communion:	
-- Comments – Mike Shepherd	Comments – Bill McIlvain
-- Assisting – Trey Irvin	Communion – Mark Jones
-- Assisting – Phillip Dorn	
-- Assisting – Todd Hudson	
-- Assisting – Darryl Griffing	
-- Scripture – Gary Goddard	Scripture – Justin Carr
Closing Prayer- Don Casper	Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis

Wednesday Night – October 29, 2014

First Prayer– Andy Fuller
Song Leader – John Paul Baker
Invitation – Mike Shepherd
Closing Prayer – John MacQuilliam
October 26 Evening Service: Russ Sollars

Upcoming Assignments

November	Communion	Cleaning
2	Davidson	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
9	H. Hudson	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

Ladies Bible Class --

The ladies bible class meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM. The next meeting is November 3, here at the building.

Good Thoughts --

“I realized that all my life, my values were based upon typical middle-class American values: hard work, doing good, living well, owning things, following the rules & being the best I can be... but God clearly says, "those are not MY values. I value justice, mercy & humility.” — John Green

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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Snakes Alive!

1. Who amazed his comrades by surviving the bite of a viper?
2. According to Proverbs, what substance affects man like the bite of a snake?
3. Who put a bronze snake on a pole in order to heal snakebite?
4. Who predicted that a child would be able to put his hand over a snake's den?



Why Am I Here?

By Edwin Crozier

Walk into a doctor's office and look around. Why is everyone there? Because they're sick and they need a physician to get better. Walk into a Toastmasters club and look around you. Why is everyone there? Because they want to get better at speaking in front of people and they need help. Walk into an Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and look around you? Why is everyone there? Because they are struggling with alcohol and they need help overcoming.



Why Am I Here?

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Here is what is interesting about the above organizations. No one tries to hide their sickness in a doctor's office. No one tries to hide their fear of public speaking in Toastmasters. No one tries to hide their struggles in an A.A. meeting. Why? Because in these settings they all know everyone is there for the same reason and they are all too desperate for help to hide it.

Now, walk into a church's assembly and look around you? Why is everyone there? The reality is everyone is there because they are all sinners and need a Savior [Romans 3:23-24]. They've learned without God they can't make it.[Romans 7:14-25].

This is where we start having trouble. Even though that is where every single one of us is. When we come into a church's assembly, we often perceive something different. Instead of seeing a group of people who are struggling with sin and have gathered to get some help, most of us see ourselves as struggling with sin but see everyone else as really good people who are just coming together because they are so spiritual. When we're at a doctor's office, we don't care if everyone knows we're sick, but when we're "at church" we try to cover up any spiritual sickness we have going on.

Sadly, some Christians are like that. Some are like Simon the Pharisee in Luke 7:36-50 who actually don't realize how sick they are. If asked why they are there, they really might say, "Because I'm so spiritual," Having met too many of these Christians, many of the rest of us put a lid on our real struggles and try to fight them alone until they become too big to hide. Sadly, in those situations some folks just give up the spiritual fight entirely.

In this situation is the ones who should really be ashamed are not the ones who have continued struggles. Rather, the ones who should be ashamed are the ones who think they've got their lives under control on their own and aren't being honest about how sinful they really are, how much they need a Savior, and how humble they really ought to be as their dealing with people whose sins are different. Remember, in the parable of the prodigal son, it wasn't the prodigal son who was the bad guy. It was the older brother who was too good to go in and celebrate with the returning prodigal and the father.

Please, take a good long look at yourself. Why are you here?

The Right Kind Of Exercise

By David Maxson

Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come. [1 Timothy 4:8]

Our bodies are made in such a way that it is much easier to consume calories than to burn them. For example, if you run a mile in ten minutes you burn roughly 160 calories, which is about the same amount of calories in a 10 oz can of coke! Pretty depressing, right? Just wait, it gets worse...

A Big Mac has 485 calories. You would have to run a ten minute mile for three miles to burn that off. A large fry at McDonald's is 500 calories which would equal another 30 minutes of running. So burning off a value meal at McDonald's (which includes a 32 oz coke) would require running a ten minute mile for at least nine miles for well over an hour and a half!

As depressing as that is, there is an even more depressing spiritual law we have to deal with. Just as it is much easier to consume calories than to burn them, it is easier to consume wickedness than it is to exercise godliness.

Unfortunately, we crave wickedness as much or more than we crave a Big Mac and fries, and in this day and age there is an abundance of spiritual junk food available to us. And just like exercising one day out of the week won't cancel out a daily diet of McDonald's, going to church one day a week doesn't cancel out a daily diet of ungodliness.

What's the solution? While we may try to limit the evil that exists in the world (and we must try to do that), we can't completely eliminate it as long as we are living in this world. The answer then is exercise, which begs the question... Have you read your Bible today? Have you prayed? Sung praises to God?



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1. Paul [Acts 28:3-6]
2. Wine [Proverbs 23:32]
3. Moses [Numbers 21:8-9]
4. Isaiah [Isaiah 11:8]

