

SERVICE SCHEDULE for November 16, 2014

Announcements for the Week

Doug Davidson

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

Communion:

Comments – Andy Fuller

-- **Comments** – Josh Hudson

Communion – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Cliff Davis

-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

Scripture – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Closing Prayer- Marshall Foxworthy

Wednesday Night – November 19, 2014

First Prayer- David Johnson

Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier

Invitation – Trey Irvin

Closing Prayer – Phillip Dorn

November 23 Evening Prayer Service

November 30 Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

November	Communion	Cleaning
23	Denney	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
30	Carr	Mcllvain, Tucker, Ferrell, Criswell, Davis

Ladies Bible Class --

The ladies bible class meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM. Next Scheduled meeting is tomorrow, November 17 here at the building.

Good Thoughts -- “If you measure your life by what you own, the cavern of your heart will never be filled.” — James D. Maxon
Jesus first, others next, and yourself last spells J-O-Y.” — Linda Byler, Running Around (And Such)



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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Some Amazing Animals

1. What two animals owned by the Philistines carried the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel?
2. What foreign prophet had a talking donkey to ride on?
3. What bird served as food for the Israelites in the wilderness?
4. What animals, considered rather loathsome in Bible times, ate the carcass of Jezebel?



Decline & Fall Of The Roman Empire

By R.J. Evans

Edward Gibbon authored a six-volume series of books between 1776 and 1788. In this series he covers the deteriorating conditions of the Roman Empire from 180 A.D. to 1590 A.D.

He points to five major factors in which he attributed to the fall of the Empire. Let's list the five reasons for Rome's fall, and then make some comments and observations as applied to America today:



Decline & Fall Of The Roman Empire

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1. The rapid increase of divorce; the undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home, which is the basis of human society.

-- Right now in America, one out of every two marriages (50%) are ending in divorce. It is becoming more and more common to talk to individuals who have been divorced three or four times. Then we have a large number of our population who do not bother to get married, they just live together—in the sin of fornication. (Colossians 3:5-7) And if that is not bad enough, the sin of homosexuality is gaining acceptance, and “same-sex marriages” are becoming legal in some states. (See Romans 1:26-28) But just because some sin or vice is legally right, that does not mean that it is morally or biblically right! *“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter” (Isaiah 5:20).*

Concerning the undermining of the sanctity of the home, we live in a time when husbands and wives are ignoring and giving up their God-given roles in the family. Many homes today are run by children, which is appalling!

2. Higher and higher taxes and the spending of public monies for free bread and circuses for the populace.

-- Consider all the debates that are now being considered over tax issues. Christians are to pay their taxes (Romans 13:6-7). But there is so much controversy over tax hikes and where Americans’ tax dollars are to be spent. Part of the discussions over the new health-care bill involved tax payers’ money being used to fund abortions. In fact, it was included in the Senate bill until the president signed an executive order to stop it. If funding abortions with tax payers’ money ever starts (and many want to see that happen), it will be the first time in American history. While abortion (the murder of the unborn) has been legal in this country since 1973, that still doesn’t make it right in view of such passages as Psalm 139:13-16. How tragic for a nation to even allow abortion in the first place! And, of course, “the right to choose” (or “choice”) sounds so much better than killing or murdering unborn babies.

3. The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting and more brutal.

-- We live in a pleasure-crazed culture. That is all some live for, especially their partying, dancing, beer-drinking weekends. (Luke 8:14; Galatians 5:19; 2 Timothy 3:4; 1 Peter 4:3-4) The obsession with sports has just about gotten out of hand. The mad craze for sports reflects a warped value system in America today. It is truly amazing to think that athletes and coaches are paid multi-millions each year to play or coach a game.

4. The building of gigantic armaments when the real enemy was within, the decadence of the people.

-- Think of how far we have fallen into decadence within one or two generations. Young children are growing up without any training on morals or teaching concerning respect for the authority of God or their fellowman.

5. The decay of religion—faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life and becoming impotent to warn and guide the people.

-- The Bible says that in the “last days” people would be *“lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power” (2 Timothy 3:4-5).* Some of our own brethren have lost sight of the spiritual mission of the church. All they think of is fun, food, and frolic.

I fear that America is rapidly forgetting God.

Some of our own leaders resent this nation being referred to as founded upon biblical principles— “under God” or “in God we trust.” The Psalmist stated, *“The wicked shall be turned into hell, And all the nations that forget God” (Psalm 9:17).* We all need to be praying for America and its’ leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2). May we always remember: *“Righteousness exalts a nation, But sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34).*



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1. Two cows [1 Samuel 6:7-12]
2. Balaam of Moab [Numbers 22:28]
3. Quail [Exodus 16:13]
4. Dogs [2 Kings 9:36]

