

SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 7, 2014

Announcements for the Week	Andy Fuller
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Doug Davidson	Prayer- Phillip Dorn
Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier	Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle
Communion:	
-- Comments – Andy Dobbs	Comments – Russ Sollars
-- Assisting – Kevin Criswell	Communion – Phillip Dorn
-- Assisting – Josh Hudson	
-- Assisting – Curran LaChappelle	
-- Assisting – Dean Shacklock	
-- Scripture – Phillip Dorn	Scripture – Gary Goddard
Closing Prayer- Mark Jones	Closing Prayer- David Johnson
<u>Wednesday Night – December 10, 2014</u>	
First Prayer- Dan Buselmeier	
Song Leader – Don Casper	
Invitation – John Paul Baker	
Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing	
December 28 Evening Prayer Service	

Upcoming Assignments

December	Communion	Cleaning
14	Sammons	Davidson, Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
21	C. Stewart	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

Ladies Bible Class --

The ladies bible class meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM. Next Scheduled meeting is Monday, December 15 here at the building.

Elder & Deacon Meeting --

The Elders and Deacons will be meeting NEXT Sunday [Dec. 14] at 3:00. Any interests or concerns you may have should be added to the agenda. We are looking for feedback regarding the Bible classes. We need to set a date for a Congregational Meeting at the first of the new year.



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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Who Said That?

1. The Lord forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the Lord's anointed.
2. Here I am, send me.
3. We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one.
4. Am I my brother's keeper?



The Road Less Traveled

By Mike Riley

Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter in by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few that find it" (NKJV).

Life is full of choices to make. There are things that everyone must choose to do or not to do (Joshua 24:15), places to decide to go or not to go (Genesis 13:8-12), people to acquaint yourself with (Romans 16:1-15) or to ignore (Romans 16:17; 2 John 1:10-11). All sorts of choices, and many of them are difficult.



The Road Less Traveled

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Picture yourself at an intersection of two roads, one well-paved, easy to navigate, relatively straight with few hills to climb; several lanes for driving. The other, a two-lane road with potholes, no shoulders, curvy and very hilly, so your ability to see at a distance is limited. Which would you choose? Most folks are going to take the first road because of the ease of navigation. Why would one willingly go down the second road with all of its difficulties and pitfalls?

The same two choices are faced in the spiritual roadway of life. One will meet little or no resistance if he or she goes along with what everyone else is doing. The cruise control can be set, the seat leaned back, the air conditioner cranked up, the stereo on, and no cares to run through your mind about anything getting in your way. There is no such thing as “peer pressure” on this road, because whatever carnal activities society dictates, the one who takes this road will likely engage in them as well (1 Corinthians 3:3-4).

The other choice, however, is not as easy. It is a difficult road or way. The “way of righteousness” and following the teaching of God’s word (Proverbs 12:28; Psalm 1:1-2). It is indeed “the road less traveled” (there are “few who find it” – Matthew 7:14). For the most part, people do not wish to be different from the rest of the world. It’s a difficult thing to “go against the grain” and be one of those “peculiar” people who try to live a life pleasing to God (1 Peter 2:9). When one chooses to take the road less traveled, often times people of the world think them to be strange because of the stand it requires (1 Peter 4:4). The excesses of those on the easier road are repugnant to those on the difficult road, yet the disciplined life of those traveling the difficult road seems silly to those on the other roadway (1 Corinthians 9:27; Acts 17:18; 1 Peter 4:4).

These two roads have crossovers. There is tremendous pressure on those who take the difficult road or way to leave it and cross over to the easier way. One can go from the easy road to the difficult road through obedience to God’s will (Matthew 7:21) and trying to live a life faithful to Him (Revelation 2:10). Most do not cross over to this way. However, many cross over from the difficult road to the easy road. Perhaps the road less traveled gets too difficult for them, or like Demas they “love this present world” (2 Timothy 4:10). They see that it is much easier to blend with the flow of traffic on the easier road

and choose to take it. What we must do is consider the end of the two roads. The less traveled road leads to the right destination – eternal life (Matthew 7:14), the well-traveled road leads to a “dead end” – a destination of destruction (Matthew 7:13). Which road will you choose? This writer’s choice is the “road less traveled”.



Retirement

David Maxson

In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the wooded heights and the hilltops, which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation. For you have forgotten the God of your salvation and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge... [Isaiah 17:9-10]

Did you know that most NFL players are broke or financially stressed after two years of retirement? (Sports Illustrated) How does someone go from being a millionaire to being broke in such a short amount of time? There are a multitude of reasons but what stands behind all of them is ignorance and short-sidedness.

But we wouldn't be as foolish, right? We would invest those millions and not spend it all on the mansions, cars, clothes, and expensive jewelry. We would prepare for future and retire responsibly and comfortably.

And guess what? If we have done all of that and forgotten God, we are just as ignorant and short-sided as those NFL players. Sure, we will have stretched out our wealth over decades instead of years, but there is no difference once we're dead.

If all we've done is heaped up riches for ourselves and forgotten God, we'll be just like ancient Babylon (ch 13), Assyria (ch 14), Moab (ch 15-16), Syria (ch 17), & Israel (ch 17). Our destruction will be certain and our judgment will be just.



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1. David [1 Samuel 26:11]
2. Isaiah [Isaiah 6:8]
3. Judah [Genesis 44:20]
4. Cain [Genesis 4:9]

