

SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 28, 2014

Announcements for the Week	John Paul Baker
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Mark Jones	Prayer- Don Casper
Song Leader- Marshall Irvin	Song Leader- Bill McIlvain
Communion:	
-- Comments – Andy Dobbs	Comments – Scott Lucas
-- Assisting – Trey Irvin	Communion – Mark Jones
-- Assisting – Phillip Dorn	
-- Assisting – Todd Hudson	
-- Assisting – Gary Goddard	
-- Scripture – Darryl Griffing	Scripture – Various Men
Closing Prayer- Josh Hudson	Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis

Wednesday Night – December 31, 2014

First Prayer– Andy Fuller
Song Leader – Various
Invitation – Jason LaChappelle
Closing Prayer – David Johnson

December 28 Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
4	Foxworthy	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
11	Stone	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis

Ladies Bible Class --

The ladies bible class meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at 7PM. Next Scheduled meeting is Monday, January 18, 2015 here at the building.

Words To Ponder --

“The vice I am talking of is Pride or Self-Conceit: ...According to Christian teachers, the essential vice, the utmost evil, is Pride. Unchastity, anger, greed, drunkenness, and all that, are mere flea bites in comparison. Pride leads to every other vice: it is the complete anti-God state of mind.” — C.S. Lewis



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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The Lion's Den

1. What future king claimed that he had grabbed lions by the throat and beat them to death?
2. Who tore a lion apart with his bare hands?
3. According to 1 Peter, what person is like a ravenous lion?
4. What brave soldier in David's army went into a pit on a snowy day and killed a lion?



Exercise And Diet

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 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...



Exercise And Diet

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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 easier to consume calories than to burn them, it is easier to consume wickedness than it is to exercise godliness.

And just like exercising one day out of the week won't cancel out a daily diet of McDonald's, going to church services 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? IF not; why not?



Jesus Is Returning – Get Moving!

By Edwin Crozier

I can't imagine what it must have been like for the apostles in Acts 1:9. Jesus had been killed and it seemed their lives were over. But on the third day, He returned from the grave. Now, forty days later, He leaves again. Certainly, it is a more glorious departure. But it is a departure nonetheless. Despite Jesus having told them He was going, I can't help but think the apostles felt a little bit lost, thinking Jesus surely had meant something else. But now He's gone.

For some time, they simply stood there looking into heaven. It is almost as if they expected Jesus to come right back down. They stood long enough God sent two messengers to get them moving. In *Acts 1:11*, they said, "*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven*".

I can't help but see a point from this that fits with this time of year. The sense I get from this picture is of the apostles longing for the past. They wanted Jesus back. They had no sense of looking to the future and what God had planned for them in the service of Jesus. The angelic messengers gave them the prod they needed to look ahead.

We need that same prod. As we approach a new year, many of us will examine our past and look ahead at our future. For some of us, however, the past is so overwhelming we can't take our eyes off of it.

For the apostles, the point seemed to be that they couldn't imagine moving forward without Jesus being right there. For us, it is different issues. Perhaps we did something great this year and we can't get our minds off of it to move ahead and do even more in Christ's service. On the other hand, perhaps we did something awful. We can't get past how bad we've been to recognize Jesus has plans for us anyway.

In any case, we need to be reminded Jesus is returning. We don't know when. It may well be in 2015. That being the case, instead of standing around with our heads in the clouds trying to recapture or fix the past, we need to look ahead.

When the angels prompted the apostles, they did what Jesus had told them in Luke 24:49. They went into the city and waited to be clothed with power. When we receive this prompting, we also need to look ahead and get ready for Jesus' return by doing what He told us.

It's good to learn from our past. It's good to remember the past. But let's not get stuck there. Jesus is returning. Let's get in His word and get ready.



Answers from page 1

1. David [1 Samuel 17:35]
2. Samson [Judges 14:6]
3. Satan [1 Peter 5:8]
4. Benaiah [2 Samuel 23:20]

