

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 1, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Mark Jones

Prayer- Jason LaChappelle

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader- John Paull Baker

Communion:

Comments – Andy Fuller

-- **Comments** – Doug Davidson

Communion – Josh Hudson

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Tyler Akins

-- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard

-- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis

Scripture – Kevin Criswell

Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Closing Prayer- Russ Sollars

Wednesday Night – February 4, 2015

First Prayer- Josh Hudson

Song Leader – Russ Sollars

Invitation – Dan Buselmeier

Closing Prayer – David Johnson

February 22 Evening Service: Mike Shepherd

Upcoming Assignments

February	Communion	Cleaning
8	Shacklock	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing, Graves
15	Buselmeier	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart

Ladies Bible Study

The ladies have a bible class scheduled for the 1st & 3rd Monday of each month. They meet here at the church building tomorrow @ 7:00PM.

Good Thoughts --

“If you can begin to see death as an invisible, but friendly, companion on your life’s journey gently reminding you not to wait until tomorrow to do what you mean to do- then you can learn to live your life rather than simply passing through it.” — Erich Lindemann



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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Who Said That?

1. Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent His angel, and delivered His servants that trusted in Him.
2. This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.
3. You almost persuade me to be a Christian.
4. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded of God.



The Forgotten Value Of Personal Work

By David Maxson

"And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward." [Matthew 10:42]

A couple of years ago a brother who had fallen away called me up out of the blue; I had not spoken with him in well over a year. He said he wanted to come back to the Lord. A lot of things had happened in his life to bring him to that point, but there is one thing in particular that I found to be so encouraging and instructive.



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While this brother was away he could not be reached by phone because his phone number had changed. Several had tried to call him and were unsuccessful. But even though his brothers and sisters didn't know what had happened to him, even if he was even still in Atlanta or not, that did not deter different ones from sending him cards in the mail. One sister even sent him a card on his birthday!

Those acts of kindness reminded our brother of the family he had lost when he left the Lord. It reminded him that God still loved him and had not abandoned him. In spite of his unfaithfulness, God's mercy could still be seen in tangible ways through these cards.

Sometimes it is the little things that mean the most. God doesn't need the most talented and influential among us to express his love. All he needs is those who are willing to give of themselves to others.



[Lying](#)

By David Maxson

It is fashionable these days to attribute moral breakdowns to our evolutionary heritage. Adultery? A biological program to propagate the species. Homosexuality? A genetic glitch. Lying? A "survival mechanism" according to Dr. Charles Ford, director of neuropsychiatry at UAB.

Mr. Ford states: "Lying is a necessary requirement for ... personal development of every human being. It's how children learn to be separate people" (UAB Magazine, Winter 1997, p. 17).

Mr. Ford identifies "pathological" lying as hereditary, congenital and the result of brain abnormality. Thus extreme, compulsive lying is "sickness" while lesser forms of lying are considered normal, even necessary to the human being.

Carefully avoiding moral judgments, Mr. Ford asserts that "Lying is an inherent part of life that is neither good nor bad unless, of course, it goes over the edge into a clinical manifestation" (ibid).

He summarizes his observations with this gem: "The truth is nothing more than what people agree it is" (ibid).

It might be tempting to dismiss the above statements as the lunacy of the intelligentsia, but the truth is that people increasingly see lying as an acceptable way to further their goals.

Ron Fitzsimmons, executive director of the National Coalition of Abortion Providers, admittedly lied when he said that partial-birth abortions are infrequent and only done in extreme situations. The truth is they are numerous and routine.

Homosexuals have knowingly lied in their declarations that 10% of the U.S. population is gay. The truth is that only 1%-3% is homosexual, a figure of which the homosexual lobby is well aware. When challenged about their "disinformation" they admit to lying to protect and promote their cause.

But the Scriptures consistently categorize lying as sinfully chosen behavior: Romans 1:29; Ephesians 4:25; Revelation 21:8; Proverbs 6:17; 12:22. Lying is sinful, first, because it is activity which is totally foreign to God's nature (Titus 1:2). Lying is sinful, secondly, because of the effect it has upon others. It destroys trust, humiliates, and is manipulative. Lying is destructive to personal development for it alienates others, temporarily avoids consequences and distorts our true self.

If the truth is nothing more than what people agree it is – consensus – then the truth in the early 1940s was that Jews were an inferior race fit only for extermination. Right? What a monstrous idea! If absolute truth does not exist, then human rights and dignity are not secure.



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1. Nebuchadnezzar [Daniel 3:28]
2. Jesus [Luke 4:21]
3. Agrippa [Acts 26:28]
4. Cornelius [Acts 10:33]

