

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 8, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Darryl Griffing

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Communion:

Comments – Marshall Irvin

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

Communion – Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

-- **Scripture** – Dan Buselmeier

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Mark Jones

Closing Prayer- Roger German

Wednesday Night – February 11, 2015

First Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – Roger German

Invitation – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer – Matt Fuller

February 22 Evening Service: Mike Shepherd

Upcoming Assignments

February	Communion	Cleaning
15	Buselmeier	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
22	Shacklock	Mcllvain, R&K Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis

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 on Feb 16 @ 7:00PM.

Good Thoughts --

“Death should not be feared, but awaited with certain wonder. To die was to step across a threshold into a new unimaginable world.” Juliet Marillier,

“You live on - in the hearts of everyone you have touched and nurtured while you were here...Death ends life, not a relationship.” — Mitch Albom



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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Creepy Things

1. What creature came out of the Nile in droves as a plague on the Egyptians?
2. What blood sucking creature is, In Proverbs, held up as an example of something that can never be satisfied?.
3. According to Jesus, what would a loveless father give a child who asked for an egg?
4. What destructive creatures did the prophet Joel have a vision of?



You Can Teach An Old Dog New Tricks

By Doug Cyrus

I recently met a seven year old boy who told his father something that I thought was rather profound. He said, “Daddy, I know how to drive, I just can’t reach the pedals yet.” To think you “know,” when you really do not, is a common trait of humanity and affects all ages. It has been said, “In life we often see things the way we are, not necessarily the way things really are.” “Oh, to be young and know it all!”



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When we are young, our lack of experience can lead us to think we know it all. Thus, we see life through the limited “tunnel vision” of ignorance. As we get older, life knocks us down a notch or two and forces knowledge upon us. As we begin to see how simplistic we are, if humility sets in, we will jokingly admit, “When I was young, I thought I knew it all!”

If we choose not to humble ourselves so we can see our limitations, chances are we will be stuck in the same mental state for the rest of our lives. I remember my mother giving me the warning, “He who knows not and knows not that he knows not is a fool; shun him!” God created life’s experiences to kick us over and over again in the very same ways, attempting to enlighten us until we learn. Then we get to move on to the next lesson. *Be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (1 Peter 5:5).*

Here God’s grace provides knowledge by teaching us. So we see that God’s “teaching grace” is the unearned gift of knowledge that is given to the humble. Why does God give knowledge to the humble? Possibly the proud think too highly of themselves to receive the gift of God’s knowledge? They don’t think they need God’s knowledge. They think they have it all figured out. The Bible plainly tells us, *“Knowledge puffs up...” (1 Corinthians 8:1).*

So, here is the trap we fall into. As we humble ourselves in life so that we can receive God’s gifts of knowledge, the knowledge itself can remove our humility, elevate us to the class of the “puffed up proud,” and prevent us from gaining further knowledge. When we become “puffed up” in life, we “see things the way we are and not necessarily the way they really are.” We stop seeing the truth, but we just don’t realize it.

Why the warning regarding that it’s possible to be “always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth”? One reason is that we choose, selectively, what to learn based on what we think we already know. My deceased brother used to occasionally repeat the saying, “It’s the things you learn after you know it all that really make the difference.”

Thus Solomon warns us, *“Cease listening to instruction, my son, and you will stray from the words of knowledge.”* It is fortunate that Solomon also instructs us, without an age limit, to *“apply your heart to*

instruction, and your ears to words of knowledge.” It is true—we do see life the way we are—but we can choose to view life using glasses either tinted with humility or prideful superiority. Though we all may know how to drive, perhaps we should occasionally, humbly, ask ourselves if we are really reaching the pedals. With an occasional dose of humility, perhaps we “old dogs” can continue to “learn new tricks.”



[Wisdom Of Humility](#)

By David Maxson

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but a wise man listens to advice. The vexation of a fool is known at once, but the prudent ignores an insult. [Proverbs 12:15-16]

A wise man listens to advice and ignores insults. I want to suggest in my devotional for today that the reason for both responses is the same.

In the Proverbs, wisdom is not determined by intelligence or by experience but by humility. A fool is full of himself. He is “right in his own eyes.” The wise man thinks nothing of himself. He is open and willing to receive wise counsel. He is grateful (not annoyed or aggravated) for the one who would correct him. It is his humility that opens his ears to listen to advice.

It is his humility that also closes his ears to harsh and unfair criticism. Since he is emptied of self, there is no urge to defend his honor. He recognizes insults for what they are and chooses to ignore them. He knows it would do no good to answer the critic and so he leaves it alone and moves on to more productive things.

In short, the wise man’s ability to take advice and ignore criticism springs from a humble heart that is moved solely by a desire for God’s truth and God’s honor. His humility frees him to evaluate advice and/or criticism based on its merit, not on how it makes him feel or how it makes him look before others



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1. Frogs [Exodus 8:1-4]
2. The leech [Proverbs 30:15]
3. A scorpion [Luke 11:12]
4. The locust [Joel 1:1-4]

