

SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 15, 2015

Announcements for the Week	Andy Fuller
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Cliff Davis	Prayer- Dan Buselmeier
Song Leader- Andy Dobbs	Song Leader- Bill McIlvain
Communion:	
-- Comments – John Paul Baker	Comments – Andy Dobbs
-- Assisting – Curran LaChappelle	Communion – Josh Hudson
-- Assisting – Phillip Dorn	
-- Assisting – John MacQuilliam	
-- Assisting – Dean Shacklock	
-- Scripture – Darryl Griffing	Scripture – Tyler Akins
Closing Prayer- Josh Hudson	Closing Prayer- Russ Sollars
<u>Wednesday Night – February 18, 2015</u>	
First Prayer- John MacQuilliam	
Song Leader – Don Casper	
Invitation – Curran LaChappelle	
Closing Prayer – Cliff Davis	
February 22 Evening Service: Mike Shepherd	

Upcoming Assignments

February	Communion	Cleaning
22	Shacklock	McIlvain, R&K Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
March 1	Griffing	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson

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 --

“What is uttered from the heart alone, Will win the hearts of others to your own.” -- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe
 “If it is not right do not do it; if it is not true do not say it.” -- Marcus Aurelius
 “An honest answer is the sign of true friendship.” -- Proverbs 24:26



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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Lions

1. Who had a throne with lion statues beside it?
2. Which of his sons did the dying Jacob compare to a vicious lion?
3. What prophet had a vision of a creature that had, on one of its four sides, a lion's face?
4. What devout man was placed in a lions' den?



Evil and Immoral Rulers

By David Maxson



Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. [Romans 13:1]

How do you submit to an evil government? How do you pay taxes to those who are only interested stealing all your rights? How do you respect a leader who is completely self-centered; a crook, a thief, and a liar; rumored to be mentally unstable; bordering on narcissism?



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That's what early Christians were called on to do. In a few short years after the church in Rome read this letter, Nero would do unspeakable things to Christians living in the capital. They were about to become food for lions and kindling for fire!

It is in this context that the apostle Paul (who would also die in Rome during this same persecution) exhorted the Christians to submit, pay their taxes, and, most shocking of all, respect these wicked and oppressive leaders.

How could they do this?

They could only do this by following Jesus. They could find hope in the resurrection. This hope sends Paul soaring earlier in chapter eight, as he asks a series of rhetorical questions:

- "If God is for us, who can be against us?"
- "Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?"
- "Who is to condemn?"
- "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?"

Nothing. Not Caesar. Not the Empire. Not all of the powers of evil combined. We are more than conquerors!

So render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's. He can have them. They're worthless anyway. That currency doesn't work where we're going.

Pray to God to keep us from anxious and fearful handwringing over wicked and corrupt governments, as well as rebellious and disrespectful attitudes and actions against our rulers. We need to trust in His love for us and the hope of the resurrection.



[What's Your Sign?](#)

By Bryan Matthew Dockens

Ophiucus, the serpent bearer constellation, was, this past week, identified as the thirteenth sign of the zodiac. Meaning "circle of animals", the zodiac is the ring of constellations lining the ecliptic, the apparent path of the sun through the year. Traditionally divided into twelve equal parts, some astronomers are moving for an update to the zodiac in order to reflect the earth's current position in relation to the sun, which has gradually shifted over the several millennia since astrology first identified the signs of the zodiac.

Believers in astrology are aghast to learn they've been reading the wrong horoscope for years, may be sporting the wrong tattoo, or might have married incompatibly under the zodiac.



Believers in the gospel, meanwhile, are content to remember that *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever"* (Hebrews 13:8). With our God, *"there is no variation or shadow of turning"* (James 1:17).

The one who put the sun, moon, and stars in their place (Genesis 1:14-19) declared to doomed Babylon: *"Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame"* (Isaiah 47:13-14).

The Almighty Creator does not encourage dependence on astrology. On the contrary, He ordered Israel: *"Take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them, which Jehovah your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage"* (Deuteronomy 4:19). Under the Old Law, the penalty for deifying astral bodies was death (Deuteronomy 17:3). God is no more pleased today than He was then by those who *"worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator"* (Romans 1:25).

God who made them intended the *"lights in the firmament of the heavens"* to *"be for signs and seasons, and for days and years"* (Genesis 1:14), not for predictions of the future. It is written, *"You do not know what will happen tomorrow"* (James 4:14). And, it is written again, *"Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth"* (Proverbs 27:1).



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1. Solomon [1 Kings 10:18-20]
2. Judah [Genesis 49:9]
3. Ezekiel [Ezekiel 1:10]
4. Daniel [Daniel 6:16]

