

SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 1, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Roger German

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Communion:

Comments – Russ Sollars

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

Communion – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – John MacQuilliam

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

Scripture – Gary Goddard

Closing Prayer- Doug Davidson

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Wednesday Night – March 4, 2015

First Prayer– Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – Don Casper

Invitation – Josh Hudson

Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing

March 22 Evening Service: Andy Fuller

Upcoming Assignments

March	Communion	Cleaning
8	LaChappelle	Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
15	Criswell	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

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 --

But the man who is not afraid to admit everything that he sees to be wrong with himself, and yet recognizes that he may be the object of God's love precisely because of his shortcomings, can begin to be sincere. His sincerity is based on confidence, not in his own illusions about himself, but in the endless, unfailing mercy of God. — Thomas Merton, No Man Is an Island

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. This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: He will take your sons, and appoint them for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen.
2. Giver therefore your servant an understanding heart to judge your people, that I may discern between good and bad; for who is able to judge this so great a people?.
3. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land that you abhor shall be forsaken of both her kings.
4. Full well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your own tradition.



Jim's Old Pickup Truck

By David Diestelkamp

The old pickup truck was white—sorta. It had been sprayed entirely with cans of paint long ago. I couldn't tell anymore if it was gloss paint or not. But at least it ran—sorta. I was given a complicated starting procedure and the sweet spot for depressing the clutch. Finding the gear pattern was somewhat of a game of hide and seek, and there was no third gear.



Jim's Old Pickup Truck

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I discovered for myself that the parking brake didn't work when it rolled into the street off of my driveway even though I left it in gear. And the handling? I'll just say it was like driving a sumo wrestler and leave it at that. But I loved that truck! I borrowed it occasionally for dirty jobs. It was a dirty-job truck. You couldn't hurt it. But I loved it even more for its service. It was in its worn condition from use, not from abuse. It could have been in perfect condition, but that would have required that it not be used, that it not live for what it had been made. It would not have served the purpose of its existence. I loved it because it could be used without reluctance—as a truck.

What if we truly looked at everything we have as something to be used in view of our eternal destination? This means more than just not obtaining sinful things by sinful ways. It means thinking of our cars as tools to help people, our houses as a means to be hospitable, our food as a way of helping someone in need, our phones as a way to encourage the discouraged, social media as a way to spiritually connect and invite, our jobs as a means of connecting and making money to serve others, etc.

What if you pick up something within arm's reach of you now and say to yourself, "God gave me this. How can I use it in service to Him and others?" We have to start thinking differently about stuff.

"Where no oxen are, the trough is clean; but much increase comes by the strength of an ox" (Proverbs 14:4). The only way to keep a completely clean barn is to keep the oxen out, but that defeats the purpose of the barn, and there will be no harvest without an ox.

Serving means that our houses and cars will show wear. Sometimes our clothing will get dirty, our budgets will be strained and our pantries will be a little emptier because we are using them. Because that is why God gave them to us—not to be saved and preserved in pristine condition, but to be thoughtfully and prayerfully used and used up in view of eternity.

I fear that some of us will learn too late that trying to preserve what we have been given makes us the one-talent man of Matthew 25:4 who thought it was enough to return what he was entrusted with in good condition. *"You wicked and lazy servant,"* was the master's

response. Then Jesus warned, *"For to everyone who has, more will be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 25:29-30).*

I hope my truck looks like Jim's truck someday—and for the same reason



Venus Flytrap Religion

By David Maxson

See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. [Colossians 2:8]



The Venus Flytrap is a carnivorous plant that seduces its prey by secreting a sweet nectar that draws in insects searching for food. Once the insect sets off a trigger in the Flytrap, the "mouth" of the plant closes shut in less than half a second and the unsuspecting insect is trapped and digested.

The devil does the same thing to us by offering us what seems like spiritual food in the form of philosophy and human tradition. These manmade religions use some of the same terminology as the Bible, speaking of God, prayer, faith, hope, etc. Some of these philosophies even use the Bible itself.

However, these religions and philosophies are the inventions of men, and therefore worthless. They take us away from Christ, who is preeminent over all (Colossians 1:15-23), in whom is hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3), and who is our Head, from whom we all as His body find what we need to grow and mature (Colossians 2:19).



Answers from page 1

1. Samuel [1 Samuel 8:11]
2. Solomon [1 Kings 3:9]
3. Isaiah [Isaiah 7:16]
4. Jesus [Mark 7:9]

