

SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 22, 2015

Announcements for the Week	Andy Fuller
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Mark Jones	Prayer- Don Casper
Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier	Song Leader- Bill McIlvain
Communion:	
-- Comments – John Paul Baker	Comments – Scott Lucas
-- Assisting – Trey Irvin	Communion – Mark Jones
-- Assisting – Phillip Dorn	
-- Assisting – Tyler Akins	
-- Assisting – Gary Goddard	
-- Scripture – Darryl Griffing	Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Goddard	
Closing Prayer- Josh Hudson	Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis
Wednesday Night – March 25, 2015	
First Prayer- Andy Fuller	
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle	
Invitation – Mike Shepherd	
Closing Prayer – David Johnson	
March 29 Evening Scripture & Song Service	

Upcoming Assignments

March	Communion	Cleaning
29	Johnson	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
April 5	Davis	McIlvain, 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 April 6 @ 7:00PM.

Good Thoughts -- The old man smiled. 'I shall not die of a cold, my son. I shall die of having lived. — Willa Cather

“Life is a dream from which we all must wake before we can dream again.” — Robert Jordan, *The Fires of Heaven*



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. Great is Diana of The Ephesians.
2. What is truth?
3. Can there be any good thing come out of Nazareth?
4. Cry aloud, for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is on a journey, or peradventure he sleeps, and must be awakened.



More Flies With Honey?

By Steven F. Deaton



There is a common saying that “you can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar”. It is often mentioned when preaching is deemed too hard and offensive. The idea is if you make your preaching softer and more positive, then it will attract more people. The hellfire-and-brimstone preaching just drives people away. If the goal is to attract as many flies as possible, then why not use manure?



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I grew up on a farm and know without a doubt that manure will draw more flies than either honey or vinegar. And, truth be told, this is why so many denominational preachers are attracting big crowds—their lessons are manure. They are soft and warm and stink.

The Bible warns about men-pleasers (2nd Timothy 4:1-5). They have *“smooth words and flattering speeches”* (Romans 16:17-18). Such men do draw spiritual “flies”. Those who love the truth, however, will reject them.

Do not misunderstand; there does need to be a balance in the pulpit and elsewhere. Lessons that encourage are needed. So are lessons that rebuke. Jesus did both in His teaching (John 14; Matthew 23). Sometimes Jesus used both in one lesson, like the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7).

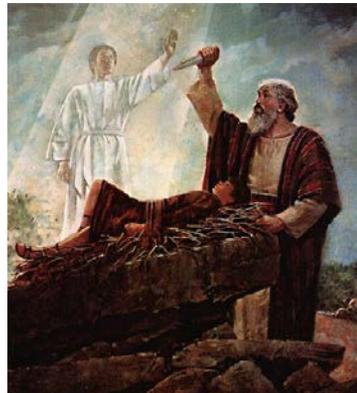
Just because someone is offended and driven away does not mean the teaching or approach is bad. Jesus drove away many with His “hard saying” (John 6:60-66). As long as we speak as the oracles of God in the love of God and fellow man, our duty is fulfilled whether or not people like it.



[Real Submission](#)

By David Maxson

He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you." [Genesis 22:2]



What does it mean to submit?

The story is told about a farmer who gave his son plans for a farm. A house, a barn, a fence, and a well were included in these plans. Where all these things were to go on the property was clearly marked in the plans.

The son took those plans and put the house, fence, and barn right where his father asked him, but when he looked at the location of the well, it seemed to be too far from the house, so he dug the well right next to the house.

The question is, When did the son submit to his father?

The answer is, NEVER! When he put the house, the barn, and the fence where his father asked he was not submitting to his father's will, he simply agreed with what him in those cases.

Are we submitting to God or do we just happen to agree with him sometimes? Have we submitted to God's design for worship, organization, and work in the church or does God's way just happen to suit our preferences?

Have we submitted to God's will concerning patience and forbearance? Turning the other cheek? Meekness? Forgiveness? Do we follow God only when he agrees with what we want to do anyway? Do we obey only when it is convenient?

The bottom line is this: What do we do when God's instructions just don't make sense?

Lord God, give us a submissive heart. Help us to trust your wisdom in everything.



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1. The people of Ephesus [Acts 19:34]
2. Pilate [John 18:38]
3. Nathanael [John 1:46]
4. Elijah [1 Kings 18:27]

