

SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 19, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Jason LaChappelle

Morning Service

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Communion:

-- **Comments** – Josh Hudson

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Scott Lucas

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Evening Service

Prayer- Cliff Davis

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Comments – Andy Dobbs

Communion –Darryl Griffing

Scripture – Russ Sollars

Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Wednesday Night – April 22, 2015

First Prayer– Doug Davidson

Song Leader – Roger German

Invitation – Russ Sollars

Closing Prayer – Curran LaChappelle

April 26 Evening Service: Andy Fuller

Upcoming Assignments

April	Communion	Cleaning
26	Williams	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
May 3	Denney	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing, Graves

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 --

Change from the inside out involves a steadfast gaze upon our Lord that's life changing because it reflects a deep turning from a commitment to self-sufficiency. Without repentance, a look at Christ provides only the illusion of comfort. — Larry Crabb, *Inside Out*



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. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul; the depth closed me round about, the weed were wrapped about my head.
2. I know that my redeemer lives, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
3. Surely the Lord is in this place.
4. For in him we live, and move, and have our being.



Tragic!

By Kevin Cauley

“We regret to inform you...” are the words that no parent or loved one wants to hear. Often times such words are followed by tragic and terrible news such as the injury or death of someone who is dear to us. Many more times have such words been spoken to the loved ones of our brave soldiers fighting terrorism in Iraq and Afghanistan. More words still are spoken by police to families of those who have died in auto accidents. (Our prayers are with them all.) In an information driven society, those words echo around us 365 days a year.



Tragic!

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As tragic as such words are, there are yet sadder and more tragic words. In **Matthew 7:23** Jesus says to those who failed to honor His Lordship, ***“I never knew you; depart from me...”*** How tragic will such words be for those expecting to be with Jesus in eternity when they will not? Here are those who supposed they were Christians, but they were not. They failed to adequately “prove all things” and “test the spirits” and ended up being deceived and for their error. Eternally lost! Tragic!

Matthew 25:41 records similar words. Jesus speaks to some who failed to serve him appropriately. His words: ***“Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared for the devil and his angels.”*** When Jesus? Words are so readily available for us to follow, how sad that such will be said to those who failed to live according His standards! Tragic!

There is yet a more tragic situation. Consider Peter’s words in **2 Peter 2:20**: ***“For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first.”*** Here is one who knew the truth, who lived according to it, who served the Lord and knew the blessings of the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 6:4-6), yet chose to abandon these things and return to worldliness. Their last state will be worse than their first. If there is one thing more tragic than being lost, it is having been lost, saved, and returning to being lost yet again. Tragic!

Friends, such things don’t have to be! Spiritual tragedy can be averted. We can do something to prevent such from happening. Sinners must accept the Lord’s terms of pardon. How? Through hearing the gospel (Romans 10:17), believing it (Hebrews 11:6), repenting of sins (Acts 17:30), confessing Christ (1 Timothy 6:12), and being baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 22:16, Galatians 3:27, 1 Peter 3:21). The erring Christian must repent, pray to God and ask others to pray for him (Acts 8:22-24). The faithful Christian must take the word of God to others (Acts 8:4) and let them know of their hope (1 Peter 3:15). We may not be able to avoid a tragic ending in this life, but we CAN avoid one in the next. Let us do what we must to be right with God and live with Him forever.

Heliotropism: Following The Son

By Andy Dobbs

Heliotropism is a term that means following the sun or turning toward the sun. A Sunflower follows the sun. No matter what time of the day, the head of the flower is attempting to follow the sun.

Following Christ: We are called to follow Christ. Since Christ is the Son of God, and we are to follow the Son. So we can say, in a roundabout way, that we are showing heliotropism by following the Son! The Son of God that is.

The Bible tells us we are to follow Christ. We are to take up our Cross and deny ourselves. When we follow Christ we become fishers of men. We share that Christ died for our sins, and that by following Christ



ourselves, we show others that we have become a new person. We should do everything in our power to make sure we set the best example as followers of Christ. We should give our first and best to Christ. Not our second best, or last best, but the very best!

Matthew 16:24: ***Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.***

So, be like the Sunflower: We as Christians should strive to always keep our face toward the Son. As the sunflower keeps its face focused on the Sun from morning to night, we should focus our lives on God’s Son from the morning of our life all the way through the end or night of our life. We don’t need to focus on things in the past, on what might come in the future. God gave us such a precious gift, the gift of salvation. The sunflower turns constantly to keep facing the sun, sometimes as much as 90 to 180 degrees. When we determine to follow God’s Son in our lives, we may find ourselves needing a 90 to 180 degree turn to keep focused on Him.



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1. Jonah [Jonah 2:5]
2. Job [Job 19:25]
3. Jacob [Genesis 28:16]
4. Paul [Acts 17:28]

