

SERVICE SCHEDULE for June 28, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Bill McIlvain

Morning Service

Prayer- Mark Jones

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Communion:

-- Comments – Andy Fuller

-- Assisting – Kevin Criswell

-- Assisting – Trey Irvin

-- Assisting – Dean Shacklock

-- Assisting – Gary Goddard

-- Scripture – Tyler Atkins

Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis

Evening Service

Prayer- Roger German

Song Leader- Bill McIlvain

Comments – Scott Lucas

Communion – David Johnson

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Wednesday Night – July 1, 2015

First Prayer– Darryl Griffing

Song Leader – Dan Buselmeier

Invitation – Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer – Trey Irvin

June 28 Evening Service – Song Origins & Scriptures Service

Upcoming Assignments

July	Communion	Cleaning
5	K. Hudson	McIlvain, R&K Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
12	Baker	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson

Good Thoughts --

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because some day in life you will have been all these. -- George Washington Carver

In the service of the Lord, it is not where but how you serve. -- Clark, J. Reuben
You are never giving, nor can you ever give, enough service. -- James Cook
Drop the hammer and pick up the shovel.-- Dever, J. A.



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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Shepherds

1. Who paid Jesse a visit when young David was out tending the sheep?
2. What daughter of Laban was a shepherdess?
3. Who was out shearing his sheep when David's servants called on him?
4. What prophet that God would search out His scattered sheep?



Remember Lot's Wife

By David Padfield

In the 17th chapter of the gospel of Luke our Lord speaks of the past judgments of God and records words that will be remembered throughout eternity by those who did not heed the warning there issued to **"Remember Lot's wife" (Luke 17:32).**

The story of Lot and his wife is a very ancient one (Genesis 19:1-26). The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were doomed to destruction because of the vile life-style of its inhabitants. Lot and his wife were told by angels of God to, **"Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed."** (Genesis 19:17).

Remember Lot's Wife

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"Fire and brimstone" quite literally fell from the sky and ignited the asphalt and sulfur pits around the cities, so the entire city was consumed. When God *"overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground"* Lot's wife *"looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt"* (Genesis 19:25-26).

The historical records of the Canaanites tell us that the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah now lie under the southwest end of the Dead Sea -- the utter absence of the slightest trace of animal and vegetable life in its waters are a striking testimony to this catastrophe.

There are many lessons we can learn from Lot's wife -- lessons that can aid us in our walk with God.

She Was Married To A Righteous Man. Lot made many mistakes in his life, yet the Divine record still calls him a "righteous" man (2 Peter 2:4-8). While living in Sodom, the wicked men of the city said, *"He keeps acting as a judge"* (Genesis 19:9).

We all know the power of a good example. *"Do not be deceived: 'Evil company corrupts good habits.'"* (1 Corinthians 15:33). Lot's wife went out of the city with him, but only so far.

Not one of us is righteous enough for ourselves. *"Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."* (Isaiah 59:1-2). We are also taught that *"There is none righteous, no, not one"* (Romans 3:10). We must seek redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:23-26). 1 Peter 4 reminds us that, *"If the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?"* (1 Peter 4:17-18).

She Was Warned Of The Danger. A message from God himself warned Lot and his wife to *"Escape for your life"* (Genesis 19:17). A clearer message could not have been given. Christ also warns us of the danger before us -- He spoke more about hell than all the apostles (Matthew 7:21-23). Jesus tells us of the judgment day when the wicked *"will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life"* (Matthew 25:46).

The Bible foretold the day when the *"Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels in flaming fire taking vengeance on those*

who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:7-8). Peter preached the very first sermon ever given in the name of our risen Lord. He told those who believed that they need to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins, *"and with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, 'Be saved from this perverse generation.'"* (Acts 2:40).

She Made An Effort To Be Saved. Her doom is rendered all the more impressive when we consider the circumstances -- she so nearly escaped. She was lost because her heart was still in Sodom. She was convinced, but not converted. She was seeking safety with divided desires and interests.

If you are negligent in your service towards God, remember that time in your life when eternity was brought near, your false confidence was dispelled, and you earnestly *"fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before" you* (Hebrews 6:18). Stop for a moment and reconsider your former earnestness. Recall the thoughts you used to have during the Lord's Supper as you communed with our Savior. All the parables of judgment given by Jesus were directed toward the disciples. It is very possible for us to "neglect" our salvation (Hebrews 2:1-3).

She Committed But One Sin. No doubt Lot's wife had a better moral life than others in Sodom. If you can, picture that day of destruction in Sodom. The sun rose as it had before, and there she was in an attractive house, she had friends in that town, and there were no visible signs of danger. Yet, she is told by angels of God that she must leave at once -- even though she had daughters in the city -- she paused, and the pause was a pause of death. She was guilty of the sin of unbelief.

Our continued salvation lies not in the past, but in the present. Lot's wife perished, not because she went back, but because she looked back -- it was a sign of where her real interests were. *We are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.* (Hebrews 10:39).



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1. Samuel [1 Samuel 16:11]
2. Rachel [Genesis 29:9]
3. Nabal [1 Samuel 25:2-9]
4. Ezekiel [Ezekiel 34:11]

