

SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 12, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Marshall Irvin

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Scott Lucas

Prayer- Jason LaChappelle

Song Leader- Andy Dobbs

Song Leader- Dan Buselmeier

Communion:

Comments – Marshall Irvin

-- **Comments** – Doug Davidson

Communion – Trey Irvin

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – John MacQuilliam

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Jared Davis

-- **Scripture** – Dan Buselmeier

Scripture – Connor LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller

Closing Prayer- Scott Lucas

Wednesday Night – July 15, 2015

First Prayer– Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – Family Bible Week

Invitation – FBW

Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing

July 26 Evening Service – Alex Tucker

Upcoming Assignments

July	Communion	Cleaning
19	Shacklock	Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
26	McIlvain	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

Good Thoughts --

Do you want to be safe from the influence, ways, and lusts of the world and the flesh (1 John 2:16)? From the sins which so easily entangles us (Hebrews 12:1)? Then delight in yourself in the Lord, in His provision, in His Word.

Faithfully feed on the things that possess true substance and real meaning. When you remember that "all Scripture is given by inspiration by God and is profitable" (2 Timothy 3:16) and partake of such divine substance, then you are fed, you are led and you are safe!

Harmony is produced in ministry when everyone seeks to be a servant. — Elizabeth George, Moments of Grace for a Woman's Heart



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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Family Bible Week – July 12-17



Lesson 1
Solomon's Temple

The Lord Is In His Holy Temple



Lesson 2
The Jews Rebuild the Temple



Lesson 3
Jesus in the Temple



Lesson 4
Jesus cleanses the Temple



Lesson 5
God's Temple Today

Family Bible Week 2015

July 13-17 7:00 pm

Our Earthly Tabernacle

By David Padfield

When writing to the saints at Philippi Paul spoke of his conflicting desires. On one hand he desired *"to depart and be with Christ"* (*Philippians 1:23*). On the other hand, he wanted to continue in his evangelistic work (*Philippians 1:22*).

The phrase "to depart" is from a Greek military term which means "to break camp" or "strike ones tent" (*Marvin Vincent, Word Studies In The New Testament, Vol. III, p. 425*). Paul was eagerly awaiting the day when his fleshly tent would be taken down for the last time.

In John 1:14 we read, *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* The verb dwelt means "to pitch one's tent or tabernacle" (*Word Pictures In The New Testament, Vol. V, p. 13*). What a thought the Lord of glory left heaven to take up residence in a tent!

The apostle Peter also compared his body to a tent. *"Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me"* (*2 Peter 1:13-14*). Why would Bible writers compare our physical bodies to a tent?

A Pilgrim's Journey -- *"By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to the place which he would afterward receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise as in a foreign country, dwelling in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise; for he waited for the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth"* (*Hebrews 11:8-10, 13*).

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lived in tents, though they could have lived in mansions. During their journey *"they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."* They lived in tents because they were waiting for *"the city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God."*

"For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may

be swallowed up by life. Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord" (*2 Cor. 5:1-6*).

Two main points in this passage: First, when we put off our tent, we will have a permanent home in heaven (vs. 1). Second, while we are in this tent we are separated from God (vs. 6). Our earthly journey keeps us at a distance from Christ.

Tents Speak Of Brevity -- I enjoy camping. I love to set up our tent and gather firewood. A night or two in a tent brings the family closer together. I would hate to think of having to live in a tent permanently.

James rebuked those who put too much trust in the future. *"Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit;' whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that'"* (*James 4:13-15*).

Brevity Means Urgency -- *"The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away"* (*Psalms 90:10*). Though our lives might span seventy or eighty years, we are "soon cut off, and we fly away." Since our life is so brief, we need to get busy.

Parents must bring up their children *"in the training and admonition of the Lord"* (*Ephesians 6:4*). Young people must *"Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, before the difficult days come, and the years draw near when you say, 'I have no pleasure in them'"* (*Ecclesiastes 12:1*). Elders must *"take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood"* (*Acts 20:28*).

All of us must use our time wisely. *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil"* (*Ephesians 5:15-16*). We cannot spend our time thinking about "what might have been." Jesus warns us that *"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God"* (*Luke 9:62*).

Each day we live moves us one day closer to our final camp. One day we will strike this camp for the last time and exchange our earthly tent for a home in glory.

