

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 19, 2015**

**Announcements for the Week**

Jason LaChappelle

**Morning Service**

**Evening Service**

Prayer- Cliff Davis

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- John Paul Baker

**Communion:**

**Comments** – Andy Fuller

-- **Comments** – Josh Hudson

**Communion** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

**Scripture** – Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Don Casper

**Closing Prayer-** Marshall Foxworthy

**Wednesday Night – July 22, 2015**

**First Prayer**– David Johnson

**Song Leader** – Scott Lucas

**Invitation** – Russ Sollars

**Closing Prayer** – Phillip Dorn

**June 28 Evening Service** – Alex Tucker

**Upcoming Assignments**

July	Communion	Cleaning
26	Mcllvain	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
Aug 2	Stone	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing, Phillips

**Good Thoughts --**

Dear Lord, Work in me more profound and abiding repentance; Give me the fullness of godly grief, that trembles and fears, yet ever trust and loves, which is ever powerful, and ever confident; Grant through the tears of repentance I may see more clearly the brightness and glories of the saving cross. — Arthur Bennett, The Valley of Vision

You can always find somebody who is worse than you are to make you feel virtuous. It's a cheap shot: those awful terrorists, perverts, and pornographers --they are the ones who need to repent! Yes, indeed they do, and for them repentance will be a full-time job, exactly as it is for all the rest of us. — Hugh Nibley

*Schedule of Services*

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:30 p.m.**

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*Who Said That?*

1. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God.
2. But as for you, you thought evil against me, but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive.
3. O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no might against this great company that comes against us; neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon You.
4. Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him; but I will maintain my own ways before Him.

*He Took Our Illnesses & Bore Our Diseases*

By David Maxson

*That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word and healed all who were sick. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah: "He took our illnesses and bore our diseases." [Matthew 8:16-17]*

This is a curious fulfillment of prophesy. Isaiah is speaking about sin when he speaks of the "burden" God's Servant would carry for his people, yet Matthew applies this to Jesus' healing ministry. So which is it? Is Isaiah 53 dealing with sin or with sickness?

## [He Took Our Illnesses & Bore Our Diseases](#)

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It could be both. The source of all human suffering is sin. Sin introduced sickness and death into the world. Jesus bore all of that, both the physical and the spiritual consequences of sin on the cross. Healing the crowds of their physical ailments was symbolic then of the greater mission of our Lord.

When we minister to people we are often helping them cope with and manage the consequences of sin in their lives. Broken relationships and broken lives are left in the wake of sin. Pain and suffering is the indelible mark of sin on our hearts. Much of our work is an attempt to help people overcome these consequences (like when we try to reconcile couples who are contemplating divorce).

But we must make sure that we're truly getting to the core of the problem as we're helping people with these consequences. All of these people whom Jesus healed have died. If all he did was make their life a little more comfortable for the few, brief years they had on this earth, then he failed to accomplish his mission (and failed miserably).

Should we minister to the "whole man" and help take care of the "urgent" needs that people suffer with because of sin? Absolutely, we should. The gospel of Christ demands that.

However, we must not forget that the eternal soul is much more precious and valuable than the physical body in which it is temporarily clothed. The most urgent need that our friends and neighbors have is salvation from sin.

We need to look at our lost friends with compassion. Let us have eyes to see them as harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Let us serve them, whatever their needs might be, but help us to not lose sight of what they need the most.



## [Our Throw-Away Society](#)

By Jim Jonas

Contact lenses: use them one day and then throw them away. Cameras: take a roll of film and throw them away. "Disposable" has become the cry of the age. Things aren't built to last, and they are manufactured so cheaply that replacing items is often less expensive than repairing them.

How much effort will be put into something which isn't made to last? How hard will someone work to maintain an item that can too easily be replaced?

Society is confused about what is permanent and what is disposable.

Compare, for example, an airliner and marriage. Because airplanes undergo extreme physical stresses, and because they carry such precious cargo, airliners are built to survive almost anything. The airframes are designed to withstand many times the normal forces exerted upon an aircraft in flight. Many systems have triple-redundancy (two back-ups or spares). The basic objective is to keep the airplane flying at all costs.

Marriage, on the other hand, has fallen victim to the "throw-away" mentality. Consider the following quote from Raquel Welch after splitting with her most recent live-in: "I was hungry to do something new. I was window-shopping for a challenge ... With men, it's like trying every color in the jellybean jar to see what's going to taste good."

How much effort are people going to put into a relationship that they consider to be as disposable as jellybeans? There is little craftsmanship in marriage anymore; no pride, no painstaking work, no sacrifice.

The current state of marriage reminds me of the difference between modern buildings and the ancient castles and cathedrals of Europe. Built during a time of no power tools, electricity, pre-fabricated materials or steel, these buildings are adorned with intricate architectural detail. At a glance, one can tell that those structures were built to last, and those who built them took great pride in their work. But modern buildings are built on speed and cost with no expectation of surviving for centuries.

Our society says you can throw away marriages, even babies, without consequence. People are not disposable. May our marriages show the world the wisdom of God and the joys of life-long commitment.



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1. Moses [Deuteronomy 4:24]
2. Joseph [Genesis 5:20]
3. Jehoshaphat [2 Chronicles 20:12]
4. Job [Job 13:5]

