

SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 2, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Roger German

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Communion:

Comments – Russ Sollars

-- **Comments** – Andy Fuller

Communion – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – John MacQuilliam

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

Scripture – Gary Goddard

Closing Prayer- Doug Davidson

Closing Prayer- David Johnson

Wednesday Night – August 5, 2015

First Prayer- Dan Buselmeier

Song Leader – Don Casper

Invitation – Josh Hudson

Closing Prayer – Darryl Griffing

August 23 Evening Service: Josh Hudson

Upcoming Assignments

August	Communion	Cleaning
9	Phillips	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart
16	Tucker	Mcllvain, R&K Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis

Good Thoughts --

Why would we want fame, when God promises us glory? Why would we be seeking the wealth of the world when the wealth of heaven is ours? Why would we run for a crown that will perish with time, when we're called to win a crown that is imperishable? — Paul Washer

A Godly Person Is Living Simple And Yet Happy; An Ungodly Person Is Living Luxuriously And Yet So Sad — Baba Tunde

How then can we deal with our tendency toward worldliness? It is not by determining that we will not be worldly, but by committing ourselves to becoming more godly. — Jerry Bridges



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. Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?
2. Woe to them that are at ease in Zion.
3. For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.
4. And now brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, among all them which are sanctified.



Is The Gospel Powerful Enough?

By Edwin Crozier

I have now heard it all. Okay, maybe not. But surely this is close. Some church in Columbia is offering gas cards to visitors. I have no doubt some folks will proclaim, "How innovative! How creative!" Some might say, "Wish I had thought of that."

I say, what happened to *Romans 1:16*: "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek*".



Is The Gospel Powerful Enough?

Continued

Do we really believe it is the power of God to save? Or do we think it lacks something? I'm sure the church offering the gas cards would say they believe the Gospel has that power. They just don't think anyone will come to hear the Gospel if they don't prop it up with a material desire like free gas.

This, of course, is no different than numerous attempts going on each week by churches all over the country. When Vacation Bible Schools look more like county fairs with free crafts and bouncy rides, are we saying the Gospel is no longer cutting it? When assemblies are more like rock concerts or club hopping, are we saying the Gospel needs to be propped up? When we attract people to the congregation by having parties for the young people, mixers for the singles, mother's day out for the parents and so much fun and games, are we saying that we just don't think the Gospel is powerful enough to save people?

No church would say they are ashamed of Christ's Gospel. But let's get real. When folks ask, "What have you got for my children?" and bow our heads, kick the dirt and say, "Only the Gospel," we are showing embarrassment. When a church is adding in all these fleshly frills to get folks to attend, they are saying, "We are kind of embarrassed that the Gospel doesn't have what you want, so we'll add it in. Maybe while you're here, you might catch some of the Gospel by osmosis."

I have two things to say about this. Perhaps if Christians in general would move beyond being unremarkably average and really allow the Gospel to change their lives, more people would be enticed to check out what is going on in our churches. At the same time, if I might borrow a phrase from a bestselling book we just need to recognize that the world just isn't that into the Gospel. Why would we keep trying to make the Gospel look worldlier just to get them to show up "at church"?

I think God is powerful enough to get the folks who are willing to submit by using His Gospel. He doesn't need us to offer free gas in order to help Him out. If He needed that, He would have done it Himself. Do we not think that God could fill all the gas tanks in the world if that is what it would take to save people? Let's just stick with what God has given us—the Gospel that is powerful enough.

A Sober Warning To Parents

By David Maxson

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea." [Matthew 18:5-6]

To whom is this warning from Jesus directed? There are many who can cause a child to sin, but it occurred to me in reading this again that no one has more opportunity to influence a child to sin more than his or her parents. How can a parent influence a child to sin?

1. By setting a bad example. We can tell our children not to lie, to use bad language, to be respectful, etc., but if we're not practicing what we preach our children will know it. And they pay much closer attention to what we do than to what we say.
2. By telling their children to do what is wrong. The family wants to take a trip to Disney World during the off season, so the child is told to lie about why he or she will not be at school (i.e. a death in the family). When we tell our children to sin, the Lord will hold us doubly responsible.
3. By neglecting their spiritual development. There are a million different things for kids to be involved in: music, sports, scouts, crafts, etc. Parents fear their children will be missing out on something if they don't sign their kids up for everything. (Even if the child shows little interest in the activity!) Well, the parents are right. They DO miss out! They miss out on so many opportunities to nurture and grow their children's faith.

We need to remember that our children are not ours. They are God's children. They are put into our care by him. This is an awesome responsibility that we should take on with all sobriety and fear. Be sure to thank God for the precious investment He has given us. Ask Him to help us to raise these precious souls to be faithful disciples



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1. Jeremiah [Jeremiah 8:22]
2. Amos [Amos 6:1]
3. Habakkuk [Habakkuk 2:14]
4. Paul [Acts 20:32]

