

SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 16, 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 – Dan Buselmeier

-- **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 – August 19, 2015

First Prayer- David Johnson

Song Leader – Scott Lucas

Invitation – Russ Sollars

Closing Prayer – Phillip Dorn

August 23 Evening Service: Josh Hudson

August 30 Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

August	Communion	Cleaning
23	A Jones	Johnson, Barker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson
30	Mcllvain	Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers

Good Thoughts --

"If your contribution has been vital there will always be somebody to pick up where you left off, and that will be your claim to immortality."-- Gropius, Walter

"If you want to love you must serve, if you want freedom you must die." -- Georg Hegel

"The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit." Henderson, Nelson on service



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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Who Said That

1. And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh.
2. For the Lord searches all hearts, and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts; if you seek Him, He will be found.
3. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.
4. This is the stone which was set at naught of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.



Off To College

By Jim Jonas

It's that time of year again; the leaves are falling, the footballs flying and universities opening their doors. The excitement and apprehension of freshmen entering a new and challenging world is countered by a parent's sadness over an empty bedroom and one less place setting at the table. It's a long way from diapers to dorms, from toddlers to tuition, from tricycles to trimesters. Or is it? Maybe it depends on how you measure it.



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Chronologically, 17 or 18 years is a long time. The journey from total dependence to self-governance is arduous for both parents and children. But measured by influence and by opportunities to teach and form character, it is the blink of an eye. Measured by the time spent in sheer enjoyment of the life you have brought into the world, it is a mach number. In preparation for loosing one's parental hold on the life that has been so bound up in your own, it is warp speed.

Why is it that just as you are able to converse with children on a level above Walt Disney, cool-speak, and the latest fashion, they up and leave? It just doesn't seem fair.

But it is God's way. All parenthood is "foster" in a sense. While children bear the genetic stamp of their mothers and fathers, they are not really ours but God's. He gives them their souls; He breathes into them the breath of life. We have them under our control only for a while, and then only to ready them for independence.

We fail our stewardship if we do not prepare ourselves and our children for this transition. It is heart-breaking to let them go but unnatural and detrimental to hang on. What to do?

Sing to them, pray with them; fan the flames of their youthful interest in godly things. Teach them the relationship between behavior and consequences, financial responsibility, social graces, God-centered respect for themselves and others. Remember, you don't have as much time as you think.

Above all, be what you want them to be. Children will recognize hypocrisy or insincerity in a heartbeat.

Then, when the time comes, let go. Independence is not the end of love between a parent and child. In fact, appreciation will deepen as the child learns about life firsthand. May we young parents give diligence to raise our children so that when they walk out the door we are left behind with a clear conscience!

Focus

By Kevin Cauley

A lot of what we accomplish in life depends upon our focus. The story is told of the golfer Arnold Palmer, who, in the 1961 Master's finals was approached by a friend and congratulated on his victory a few shots prior to his finish. Palmer is on record as saying that in that moment he lost his focus and he ended up losing by a point.

It happens time and again; there is the football player who looks toward the goal line and drops the ball; the ice skater who falls and simply can't recover to conclude the performance all for a lack of focus.

Where is our focus? Is it upon God or upon the world? *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he hears us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him” (1 John 5:14-15).*

It is so often the case that we don't accomplish the things that we desire to accomplish because we have not adequately focused upon God's word in our lives. However, intensifying our focus upon God will bring us further along than any other thing.

So, do we find ourselves at our wits end because of the countless tasks that are before us? Focus on God. Do we fail to get anything accomplished due to the many distractions that come our way in life? Focus on God. Do we have godly goals and aspirations that we seek to accomplish? Focus on God. Whatever our situation is, we can improve it by focusing upon God and refocusing our life upon His priorities.



Answers from page 1

1. Joel [Joel 2:28]
2. David [1 Chronicles 28:9]
3. Malachi [Malachi 4:5]
4. Peter [Acts 4:11]

