

SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 23, 2015

Announcements for the Week Marshall Irvin
Morning Service
Prayer- Mark Jones
Song Leader- John Paul Baker
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Andy Fuller
 -- **Assisting** – Trey Irvin
 -- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn
 -- **Assisting** – Buck Phillips
 -- **Assisting** – Gary Goddard
 -- **Scripture** – Darryl Griffing
Closing Prayer- Josh Hudson
Evening Service
Prayer- Don Casper
Song Leader- Bill McIlvain
Comments – Scott Lucas
Communion – Mark Jones
Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Cliff Davis
Wednesday Night – August 26, 2015
First Prayer- Andy Fuller
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle
Invitation – Mike Shepherd
Closing Prayer – David Johnson
August 23 Evening Service: Josh Hudson
August 30 Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

| August | Communion | Cleaning |
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| 30 | McIlvain | Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers, Volunteers |
| Sept 6 | Sammons | Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd |

Good Thoughts --

Here is a message to the “Doctors???” and Administrators of the Planned Parenthood Organization.

[Proverbs 24:11-12] Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. 12 If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?



Schedule of Services

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

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Horses & Horsemen

1. Who removed the horse idols that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the worship of the sun?
2. What prophet had a vision of locusts the run like war horses?
3. Who had a vision of an angel on a red horse?
4. What king had horses imported from Cilicia and Musri?



No Pain, No Gain

By Kevin Cauley

There is an expression among those who exercise regularly, “No Pain, No Gain.” The expression basically means that if you are not willing to work hard and suffer a little for your efforts, then you are not going to accomplish very much. Just doing the easy and simple exercises that don’t challenge one’s body won’t lead to lasting results.

The same principle is true in life as well. In order for one to be productive in business, for example, one must be willing to make sacrifices of time and money; one must make an effort in order to do well. In our personal relationships also, we understand this to be true. The more we put into a relationship the better it is going to be.



No Pain, No Gain

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The parent who makes an effort to spend time with his children is going to have a better relationship with his child than the parent that doesn't. The husband who spends more time with his wife will have a better relationship than one that is always gone.

Should it cause us to wonder that if we don't make an effort at serving the Lord that we're not going to get anything out of our relationship with God? The same principle is true here as well. "No pain, no gain." Sometimes I think that people expect church to be some kind of spiritual playground where we can just relax and have fun in the glow of God's goodness.

Our worship and service requires of us some effort, both mentally and physically. The more effort we put into our worship and service, the greater our relationship with God will become.

Our efforts must start with our attendance. If we don't attend services or if our attendance is sporadic, then we're not going to get very much out of it. Attendance to the worship services is where we get our encouragement to continue to live godly lives and be faithful to the Lord (Hebrews 10:25).

We continue our efforts with how we worship. We must engage our minds to worship God. That means we need to listen attentively to the prayers and the sermon (1 Corinthians 14:15). We need to sing with all of our heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19, Colossians 3:16). We need to give with purpose and thanksgiving in our hearts (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). And we need to remember the death of Jesus as we partake of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:19).

How many times do we catch ourselves thinking about what is for lunch or what we're going to do later in the day instead of focusing on the worship? We cheat ourselves out of a relationship with God when we don't engage our minds in worship.

When we leave the church building our efforts must continue. If we take what we've learned and tell others about it, we will not only help others but ourselves as well.

What will happen if we engage ourselves in the work of God? We will grow as individuals. The church will also grow also; others will see the wonderful things working in our lives and they will want to be part of it. Our efforts will not go unnoticed, and we, as individuals Christians, will not be the only ones to benefit from our work. "No

pain, no gain" means that if we want more out of our relationship with God we need to work harder at it. Let us all resolve to renew our efforts to serve God in all things.



You Reap What You Sow

By David Maxson

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. [Galatians 6:7]

Are you having problems overcoming a temptation in your life? Are you okay for a few days, but then it comes back? Is it something you just can't seem to control? There may be a simple reason. You might be feeding the temptation. You are sowing to the flesh.

It's a simple concept: you reap what you sow! Plant watermelon seeds and watermelons will grow. Plant tomato seeds and tomatoes will be the result. What are you planting in your mind? Is it the flesh or the Spirit?

The answer is not always so simple. You are probably someone who takes their spiritual life seriously (considering you're taking the time to read this). However, even a spiritually minded person can drift away. You lower your standards. Your priorities change. You shrug your shoulders over things that used to bother your conscience. This all happens so slowly it is imperceptible.

But then it happens... You reap what you sow.

If you're slipping into sins you would have never dreamed of doing in the past, or if you're sinning with much greater frequency, that's a pretty good sign that you're sowing the wrong kinds of things in your heart.

If you've been struggling with temptation to sin lately, this should be a wakeup call. It's time to reexamine your life. You need to take close inventory of what you're sowing in your heart. What needs to be removed? What needs to be added?



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1. Josiah [2 Kings 23:11]
2. Joel [Joel 2:4]
3. Zechariah [Zechariah 1:8]
4. Solomon [1 Kings 10:29]

