

SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 6, 2015

Announcements for the Week	Doug Davidson
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Marshall Foxworthy	Prayer-
Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle	Song Leader- Roger German
Communion:	
-- Comments – Andy Fuller	Comments – Marshall Irvin
-- Assisting – Kevin Criswell	Communion – Scott Lucas
-- Assisting – Cliff Davis	
-- Assisting – Philip Dorn	
-- Assisting – Darryl Griffing	
-- Scripture – Gary Goddard	Scripture – Mark Jones
Closing Prayer- David Johnson	Closing Prayer-

Wednesday Night – September 9, 2015

First Prayer– Cliff Davis
Song Leader – Scott Lucas
Invitation – Jason LaChappelle
Closing Prayer – Mike Shepherd
September 6 Evening Service – John Baker

Upcoming Assignments

September	Communion	Cleaning
13	Irvin	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
20	Griffing	Dorn, Irvin, Williams, Griffing

Ladies Bible Class:

Ladies Bible Class will be resuming soon. September is when the class usually commences. Date & time schedules will be announced & posted.

Good Thoughts --

Your time is limited, so don't waste it living someone else's life. Don't be trapped by dogma - which is living with the results of other people's thinking. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own inner voice. And most important, have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. – Steve Jobs.



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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Violent People

1. Who threw a javelin at David?
2. What apostle was almost done in by forty men waiting to ambush him a Jerusalem?
3. Who drew the army of Ai out of the city while another group ambushed the city and destroyed it?
4. What son of Abraham was supposed to have been against everyone, and everyone against him?



The Faith Of A Mother

By David Maxson

I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. [2 Timothy 1:5]

There is much that can be said about the courage of Eunice, Timothy's mother. She taught her son the Scriptures from childhood (2 Timothy 3:15) and had inspired her son to faith by the way she lived her life. However, it's apparent that she did this without the help of her husband.



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In fact, we have reason to believe that Timothy's father was antagonistic to the faith. Timothy was not circumcised until he was an adult (Acts 16:3). That was a decision made by Timothy's father, not his mother.

Furthermore, it is likely that Timothy's father was opposed to him becoming a Christian, and probably was against the idea of him going off with Paul. Not only did Paul encourage him to be circumcised (to remove a barrier to the gospel), but he had to leave his father to go off with a man who had become like a father-figure to him. To top it all off, Paul was stoned and left for dead the last time he had visited their city (Acts 14:19). Would you want your child to go off with someone you considered to be a religious fanatic?

Now put yourself in Eunice's position. Can you imagine breaking the news to your husband, or being present when your son did? Would any of us be so courageous as to actually support our son in such a decision?

Eunice was a strong and courageous woman of faith. Her faith can not only be seen in the young man she raised, but in her willingness to give him up to the Lord's service and to (potentially) risk her own relationship with her husband in the process.

We need to remember that our children are on loan from you. As stewards of these precious gifts we should never hinder them from doing the work the Lord has called for them to do.



[Rights Or Relationships](#)

By Edwin Crozier

I continue to struggle with the practical limits of Matthew 5:38-48. I imagine the struggle among brethren about self-defense or war will continue until Jesus returns. However, I do think I have finally figured something out about this text. An author of a parenting book offhandedly commented about dealing with our children. She pointed out that we should not spend so much time in defending our child's right to a toy his sister has taken as we should helping him see the importance of the relationship he is to have with her.

It hit me. That is exactly what Jesus was talking about in His Sermon. We stand up for our rights. We fight tooth and toenail when somebody has wronged us. But what is that doing to our relationship with them? Is it helping us bring them to Jesus or helping them grow in Him?

When this hit me, I thought of an occurrence at Best Buy several years ago. I was standing in the customer service line. Ahead of me, a middle-aged couple complained. They complained about the line length. They complained about the number of people working at the counter. They complained about the number of people not working at the counter. When they finally got to the desk, they wanted to return an item. I don't remember all the issues, but there was something about a restocking fee because they didn't have the box even though the item didn't work. The man and wife went ballistic. The customer service rep explained the policy. The man and wife jumped all over him. The rep called the manager, who explained the policy again. The man and wife pitched a fit. At one point, they even stopped looking at the manager and started looking at the people in line, indicating to me that they were no longer intent on persuading the manager but causing a scene and encouraging other customers to shop at Circuit City.

How many times have I been that couple, arguing vehemently for my rights and self-defense? A question popped in my head. Let's assume the couple were Christians and the manager happened to attend an assembly with them the next Sunday. What would happen when he looked up to see whose outstretched hand was greeting him and found the face of the man who had humiliated him just days earlier?

Before defending our rights, let's think about the relationships we want to maintain. Let's ask ourselves what we want this person to think when we invite them to Bible class or an assembly. Let's ask ourselves what we want them to think when they see us praying, reading our Bible or attending an assembly. What is more important? Getting to return the broken equipment without a restocking fee or having set an example that keeps the doors open to talk about Jesus with someone?



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1. Saul [1 Samuel 18:11]
2. Paul [Acts 23:21-23]
3. Joshua [Joshua 8:12-22]
4. Ishmael [Genesis 16:12]

