

SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 20, 2015

Announcements for the Week

Andy Dobbs

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Prayer- TBA

Song Leader- Doug Davidson

Song Leader- Marshall Irvin

Communion:

Comments – Russ Sollars

-- **Comments** – Josh Hudson

Communion – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Roger German

-- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson

-- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Scott Lucas

-- **Scripture** – Gary Goddard

Scripture – Curran LaChappelle

Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller

Wednesday Night – September 23, 2015

First Prayer- Roger German

Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle

Invitation – Andy Dobbs

Closing Prayer – Don Casper

Upcoming Assignments

| September | Communion | Cleaning |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| 27 | LaChappelle | Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart |
| Oct 4 | Criswell | McIlvain, R&K Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis |

Ladies Bible Class:

Ladies Bible Class will be resuming soon. They used to meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday at 7:00PM. Date & time schedules will be announced & posted.

Good Thoughts -- 3 Incompatible Things

Beauty and Indiscretion: As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a beautiful woman who lacks discretion. Proverbs 11:22

Ruler and Wickedness: Like a roaring lion and a rushing bear is a wicked ruler over a poor people. Proverbs 28:15

Fool and Honor: Like one who binds a stone in a sling, so is he who gives honor to a fool. Proverbs 26:8



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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Bird Trivia

1. What domestic bird signaled Peter’s betrayal of Christ?
2. According to Jesus, what inevitably gathers near a dead body?
3. What form did the Holy Spirit assume at Jesus’ baptism?
4. In what parable of Jesus do greedy birds play a major role?



Epitome OF Hypocrisy

By Ron Adams

‘It Offends Me!’ Whenever these words are spoken others rush in to chastise the offender, or to remove what offends. Offenses are something that will not be tolerated. Whether it is some said, done, or implied, the offender is taken to task. Yes, this is the age of toleration, we must not be offensive. But wait, something seems awry.

Something reeks with inconsistency. It’s not all what is appears to be. It depends on who is being offended whether or not the offenders are chastised. As a matter of fact some who say they are offended are told to “get over it.” And who might these people be? People like me!



Epitome OF Hypocrisy

Continued

WHAT OFFENDS ME? It offends me when God's name is taken in vain. It offends me when God's Son is portrayed in a bad light. It offends me when others are afraid to offend those who condone offending Christians. (Maybe it is because they know Christians won't use carnal weapons to fight back. Jesus' followers are taught "*Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.*" *Romans 12:17*)

AND WHAT AM I TOLD? I'm told to be tolerant of what is disgusting to God. I'm told to be tolerant when people want God dead, but don't want violent criminals dead. I'm told I need to stop whatever I'm doing because others are offended, but I'm told others do not have to stop because I am offended. The word hypocrisy comes to mind. Pretending to be tolerant while refusing to be tolerant of those who differ, is the epitome [i.e., having no equal or match] of hypocrisy.

[A thought: Would those who speak against Christianity be as bold to do so if Christians issued death threats to those who offend? If they desired the deaths of all those who dare to denigrate their leader or beliefs? If they used terror to install fear in their adversaries?]

FEARFUL WORDS: The opponents of Christians may say all sorts of things against them, but in the end they will answer to God. "*In all this, they are surprised that you do not run with them into the same excesses of dissipation, and they malign you; but they will give account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.*" *1 Peter 4:4-5*

COMFORTING WORDS: Christians may be mistreated, but in the end they are blessed. "*Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. Be glad in that day and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. For in the same way their fathers used to treat the prophets.*" *Luke 6:22-23*

WHAT THEN? TAKE HEART! *For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us. Romans 8:18 Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12:2-3*

Sowing The Seeds Of Gentleness

By Edwin Crozier

Gentleness is one of the most difficult God-glorifying fruits to bear (Galatians 5:23). After all, when things occur that make us angry it is so hard to vent that anger gently. As with all of the Spirit's fruit, we must not be overwhelmed, thinking about how hard it is to be meek and gentle. Instead, we must simply work on planting seeds that will bear gentleness in our lives.

If we want to bear God-glorifying gentleness, we need to sow the seed of honesty. We are not talking about always telling the truth to others, but always telling the truth to ourselves. As Romans 12:3 says, we must not think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

We must remember exactly who we are, what we have done and what God has done for us. We must remember that we have sinned against God. A good memory of our own mistakes, follies and sins will help us deal meekly with others.

If we are going to bear God-glorifying gentleness, we need to sow the seed of prayer. Certainly, we need to pray that God give us the strength to be meek and gentle. But just as importantly, we need to spend time praying for others (1 Timothy 2:1-2).

Praying for others take our minds off ourselves and our wants, granting us a mindset that looks out for others and their needs. Gentleness comes from putting others before us and above us.

If we will bear God-glorifying gentleness, we need to sow the seed of pressing the pause button. We typically act and react so quickly that we do not give much thought to what we are doing when we respond to others. When people say and do things that threaten our gentleness, we need to hit the pause button and think seriously before we respond.

We do not need to be overwhelmed by all that this God-glorifying fruit entails. Instead, we must simply sow the seeds that will bear gentleness. How many seeds will we sow this week?

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1. The rooster [John 13:38; 18:27]
2. Vultures [Luke 17:37]
3. A dove [Mark 1:10]
4. The parable of the Sower [Mark 4:1-20]
