

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 18, 2015**

**Announcements for the Week** Andy Dobbs  
**Morning Service**  
**Prayer-** Jason LaChappelle  
**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier  
**Communion:**  
 -- **Comments** – Josh Hudson  
 -- **Assisting** – Jared Davis  
 -- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn  
 -- **Assisting** – Marshall Foxworthy  
 -- **Assisting** – David Johnson  
 -- **Scripture** – Connor LaChappelle  
**Closing Prayer-** Roger German  
**Evening Service**  
**Prayer-** Buck Phillips  
**Song Leader-** Scott Lucas  
**Comments** – Andy Fuller  
**Communion** – Darryl Griffing  
**Scripture** – Gary Goddard  
**Closing Prayer-** Don Casper  
**Wednesday Night – October 21, 2015**  
**First Prayer**– Kevin Criswell  
**Song Leader** – Bill McIlvain  
**Invitation** – Josh Hudson  
**Closing Prayer** – Darryl Griffing  
**October 25 Evening Service** – Russ Sollars

**Upcoming Assignments**

October	Communion	Cleaning
25	Bailey	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
Nov. 1	Davidson	Dorn, Williams, Griffing, Phillips

**Ladies Bible Class:**

Ladies Bible Class will be resuming soon.

**Good Thoughts --**

Fifty million people die every year, six thousand die every hour, and over one hundred people die every minute. But when thousands of people die in the same place and at the same time, we are more likely to wonder why God would allow such a thing to happen.” — Steve Farrar

Giving from the heart is supernatural, it manifests into blessings. — D.A. McBride



*Schedule of Services*

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

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*Cities Great & Small*

1. What city, a seaport on the western coast of Asia Minor, was the second of the seven churches mentioned by John?
2. What city was Paul's home town?
3. What Canaanite city, destroyed by the Israelites has a name that means "ruin"?
4. What Pisidian city was visited by Paul and Barnabas on the first missionary journey?



*Soul-Mate Nonsense Is Destroying Marriages*

By Eric Metaxes

Let me be perfectly clear: No matter how many ads for dating services you hear or trendy books you read, we simply don't have "soul mates", at least as our confused culture understands that term. Does this surprise you? It shouldn't. Look for that concept in the Bible, and the only thing you can find remotely close to it is the fierce friendship of David and Jonathan. "Jonathan made a covenant with David", Scripture says, "Because he loved him as his own soul".



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Now those are soul mates, friends. But the Bible knows nothing of romantic “soul mates”. This concept is more New Age than gospel. The Huffington Post gives nine signs that you’ve found your soul mate, the first one being: “You communicate without speaking”. Okay. One New Age website, however, gives three signs you’ve “definitely” found your soul mate: “You just connect without trying”, “Your level of communication is unmatched”, and “You create your own world together”.

That’s cute, it’s nice, maybe it’s even romantic... but it’s certainly not biblical.

Now all of this confusion might be kind of funny if it weren’t so harmful to naïve Christians and others who’ve fallen for this idea. Because this idea implies that somewhere out there is that “perfect person” for you, and if your marriage is not exploding with intense communication, romance, and a great sex life, well then maybe it’s because your spouse is not your “soul mate.”

Men who are a little bored with their wives, or vice versa, might be tempted by a co-worker who “understands me so well and is my soul mate, or could be my soul mate”. But frankly, this is a recipe for adultery and divorce, and families end up getting dropped for “soul mates”.

Let’s be blunt: people are scouring the globe for someone with whom a relationship will require absolutely no work or compromise. Many adults who have long ago dismissed Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny as myths somehow persist in believing this person to exist.

The “soul mate” concept is unworkable and completely unfair to the real other person in your life. It puts enormous pressure on him or her to perform, to meet our impossible expectations. Putting others in God’s place—expecting them to give us what only He can—is a naked form of idolatry and will only lead to deep disappointment.

Here’s another thing. The “soul mate” idea suggests that marriage is all about me, which I need to find someone who understands me perfectly, who makes me happy. Marriage should be about finding someone you can make happy. In the great teaching on marriage in Ephesians, for example, husbands are told to lay down their lives for their wives, as Christ did for the church.

So folks, let’s drop the whole “soul mate” talk, shall we? Marriage can be wonderfully satisfying, but that’s the result of God’s grace, hard work, and self-sacrificial love. And that is the truth.



## [How To Make The Devil Happy](#)

By David Maxson

*But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. [Galatians 5:15]*

We make the devil's job so easy sometimes. The devil is afraid when we are loving one another, forgiving each other, showing honor and esteem to our brothers and sisters, etc.

Here are a few things that make the devil happy:

When we stop communicating. "It's just easier if we just avoid each other," we reason to ourselves. We believe the lie that as long as we're not talking, we're not fighting, and so things are better that way. Jesus doesn't give us the luxury to do this (see Matthew 5:23-26, 47).

When we stop caring. The Bible teaches us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep (Romans 12:15). What's the opposite of that? It's not merely a spirit of anger and revenge, but a spirit of indifference.

When we stop praying. If we're not bringing these spiritual battles to the throne of God (and conflicts at work, home, and church are a part of spiritual warfare), then we've already lost. Jesus said, *"apart from me you can do nothing."* (John 15:5)



### Answers from page 1

1. Smyrna [Revelation 2:8-11]
2. Tarsus [Acts 21:39]
3. Ai [Joshua 8:3-29]
4. Antioch [Acts 13:14]

