

SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 25, 2015

Announcements for the Week Andy Fuller
Morning Service
Prayer- John Paul Baker
Song Leader- Andy Dobbs
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle
 -- **Assisting** – Todd Hudson
 -- **Assisting** – Mark Jones
 -- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle
 -- **Assisting** – John MacQuilliam
 -- **Scripture** – Kevin Criswell
Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Evening Service
Prayer- Marshall Foxworthy
Song Leader- Bill McIlvain

Comments – Andy Dobbs
Communion – Cliff Davis

Scripture – Scott Lucas
Closing Prayer- Darryl Griffing

Wednesday Night – October 28, 2015

First Prayer- Cliff Davis
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle
Invitation – Andy Fuller
Closing Prayer – Don Casper
October 25 Evening Service – Russ Sollars

Upcoming Assignments

November	Communion	Cleaning
1	Davidson	Dorn, Williams, Griffing, Phillips
8	Prater	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart

Please Note This:

“Fall Back” Saturday night Oct 31. Set your clocks back one hour when you go to bed Saturday night October 31. The official time change is 2am Sunday morning November 1.

Good Thoughts --

The point of your life is to point to Him. Whatever you are doing, God wants to be glorified, because this whole thing is His. — Francis Chan

The greatest mistake we can make is to stay on the ground after falling. — Victor Manuel Rivera, In Search of True Freedom



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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Cities Great & Small

1. Whose palace had a hand that wrote on the wall?
2. What king of Tyre sent materials for David's palace?
3. Who burned the royal palace of Israel with himself inside?
4. What Babylonian went insane while walking on the roof of his palace?



Slain In The Spirit

By Jim Jonas

Scene #1: A jungle village in a dirt clearing with primitive huts and native inhabitants in scanty clothing. At night the people gather around the community fire and begin to chant and beat their drums. The witch doctor slices open his flesh, calls upon his gods and begins to gyrate wildly as he is “possessed.” He encourages the villagers to let the spirits from beyond come into their bodies. They close their eyes, wave their hands and dance in the flickering firelight. Their movements grow faster, their bodies jerk and their eyes roll back in their sockets. Finally all control is lost and the worshipers collapse in a frenzy. Observing such a ceremony, the typical Westerner shakes his head and thinks, “What ignorant, superstitious savages!”



Slain In The Spirit

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Scene #2: A modern church building seating hundreds of well dressed, middle class Americans. The preacher begins to prance across the stage, shouting into the microphone and raising the emotional atmosphere to a fever pitch. "The Spirit is among us!" he yells and begins to chant in unintelligible sounds. The choir claps and shouts, the music blares and some begin weeping and calling out to God. The preacher knocks a nearly catatonic worshiper in the forehead and screams "Down!" She falls to the floor in violent spasms. The scene is repeated over and over until most in the auditorium are laying in dazed heaps. The same Westerner, exhausted from the emotional tumult, drives home thinking, "It was a good service; many of the brothers and sisters were *slain in the Spirit tonight!*"

Americans fancy themselves to be educated and enlightened while falling victim to voodoo-like rituals camouflaged in Christian terminology.

The term "slain in the Spirit" is not Biblical. There simply is no evidence of the Holy Spirit taking control of people, convulsing them, and turning a worship service into bedlam. Where does the NT describe such commotion and chaos?

Agabus spoke prophecy (Acts 21:10-11); Peter received a vision (Acts 10:9-19); Stephen defended the truth (Acts 6:8-10) and the apostles were all baptized in the Holy Spirit on Pentecost (Acts 2:1-11). But none of them under the influence of the Holy Spirit displayed such out-of-control behavior. To the contrary, Paul commanded that all spiritual gifts be exercised "*decently and in order*" (1 Corinthians 14:40).

It is evident to know it is **not** God's Holy Spirit at work. If we abandon the Spirit's revelation – the Scriptures – we leave ourselves vulnerable to every myth, experience, emotion and claim that comes down the pike. "*Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*" (Ephesians 5:17).



When We Bring Suffering

By David Maxson

Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another fervently from a pure heart... [1 Peter 1:22]

According to a recent OnePoll survey of 4,000 adults, 70% of us don't mean it when we apologize. Why? The survey didn't say but perhaps we're apologizing to be polite or to get someone off our back. Whatever the reason we make a lot of insincere apologies.

The survey also suggested that even a forced apology works. People respond to an apology even when it is less than sincere. A bad apology is better than no apology at all. But as those who have been born again we understand that God has called us to a higher standard. God wants more than apologies. He wants broken hearts. He is looking for hearts that have been transformed by the message of the gospel. A mere apology is not enough, there must be genuine sorrow behind it.

This is not to say we hold off on saying the words, "I'm sorry" until our heart is fully behind it. As Christians we do what's right regardless of how we feel about it. But we must not be satisfied with forced apologies. We must empty ourselves to the point that we sincerely grieve over the pain we've caused others.

Let us pray to the Lord to purify our hearts. We need a fervent love that will put others ahead of self. Help us to say "I'm sorry" and truly mean it.

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.



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1. Belshazzar [Daniel 5:5]
2. Hiram [2 Samuel 5:11]
3. Zimri [1 Kings 16:15-18]
4. Nebuchadnezzar [Daniel 4:28-33]

