

SERVICE SCHEDULE for November 22, 2015

Announcements for the Week Andy Fuller
Morning Service
Prayer- David Johnson
Song Leader- Doug Davidson
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Jason LaChappelle
 -- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell
 -- **Assisting** – Jared Davis
 -- **Assisting** – Andrew Johnson
 -- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing
 -- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis
Closing Prayer- Doug Davidson
Evening Service
Prayer- John Paul Baker
Song Leader- TBA
Comments – Andy Dobbs
Communion – Curran LaChappelle
Scripture – Russ Sollars
Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller
Wednesday Night – November 25, 2015
First Prayer- Roger German
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle
Invitation – Andy Dobbs
Closing Prayer – Don Casper
November 22: Evening Sermon: Jason LaChappelle
November 29: Evening Song & Scripture Service

Upcoming Assignments

November	Communion	Cleaning
29	Carr	Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
Dec 6	Dobbs	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

Sunday Preaching --

While the McIlvains are in WV for the Thanksgiving holiday, Andy Dobbs will be presenting the morning lesson and Jason LaChappelle will preach in the evening on November 22.

The following Sunday [November 29] Buck Phillips will present the morning lesson and all of the men of the congregation will have an opportunity to participate in a Song & Scripture Service.

Tentative Subject is "Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart"



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, Jason LaChappelle

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The Runners

1. When the man of Benjamin saw the Ark of the Covenant captured by the Philistines, what Israelite did he run to tell?
2. What judge's mother ran to tell her husband Manoah that an angel had appeared to her?
3. What beautiful woman caused Abraham's servant to run to meet her?
4. What did a man at Jesus' crucifixion run to find for the dying Jesus?



Reflections On Paris

By David Maxson

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" [John 11:25-26]

Last week, our sense of security was once again shaken. The safe, picturesque streets of Paris were made to look like a battlefield. Beirut we can deal with. That doesn't look or feel like our world (sadly enough). Paris does. So, those attacks have once again reminded us that we live in a broken world. There is no security here. Sin is in the Middle East. It's in Europe. It's right here in America. We can't avoid it.



Reflections On Paris

Continued

But doesn't want us to live in fear. He died so that we might have life (John 3:16; 5:24; 6:40). He wants us to live with confidence (*John 14:1-4*). *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. ² My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. ⁴ You know the way to the place where I am going.”*

He meets us at the grave. And not just at the grave of loved ones. He meets us at our own grave. He comes to us when we have thoughts of death and our own mortality. He gently says to us, *“I am the resurrection and the life. Believe in me. Though you die, you will still live.”*

Don't live in fear. Live with hope. Live with the confidence that you can never die. Live purposefully. Love recklessly. The worst thing man can do to you is take your life. He can't take your hope. Jesus has conquered death. The grave has no more power over you.

Do you believe this?

Pray to God to be with those suffering in Paris and Beirut; To be with our leaders who are facing tough decisions; And above all, to strengthen our hearts that we might be able to live and to love with absolute confidence in the life and the hope we have in Jesus.

Life Without Jesus

By David Maxson

...apart from me you can do nothing. [John 15:5]

This seems like an odd statement for Jesus to make. Look around and you witness people doing lots of things in this life

without Jesus in their life; they learn, build, achieve, grow, and provide for themselves quite well.

But all of this activity is for naught. It is like the hamster running the treadmill in his cage. It may feel (in the moment) like these things matter. It may feel (in the moment) like these things have lasting value. But it is all meaningless.

All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Ecclesiastes 1:8-9

The world will tell you that if you go to the right school or buy the right product or find the right mate or choose the right diet or adopt the right philosophy that you'll find satisfaction. DON'T BELIEVE IT! It is yet another lie from the Devil. Whatever he gives you will look bright and sparkly, but don't take it... it is fool's gold.

Listen to what Jesus is telling you and me in this verse. He is not an egomaniac. He is saying this for our benefit. Jesus doesn't want us to waste our time on things that don't matter. He wants us to concentrate our energies into our relationship with Him. If we fail to abide in Him, nothing we do makes any difference at all.

We need to ask God to help us to see the vanity of all we do apart from Jesus. He can teach us to find purpose and meaning in all that we do by focusing all our attention on a relationship with Him.



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1. The priest Eli [1 Samuel 4:12-18]
2. Samson's [Judges 13:10]
3. Rebekah [Genesis 24:17]
4. A sponge [Matthew 27:46-48]

