

**SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 6, 2015**

**Announcements for the Week**

Andy Dobbs

**Morning Service**

**Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Roger German

**Prayer-** Marshall Foxworthy

**Song Leader-** Dan Buselmeier

**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle

**Communion:**

-- **Comments** – John Paul Baker

**Comments** – Russ Sollars

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

**Communion** – Phillip Dorn

-- **Assisting** – Mark Jones

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – John MacQuilliam

-- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle

**Scripture** – Gary Goddard

**Closing Prayer-** Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** David Johnson

**Wednesday Night – December 9, 2015**

**First Prayer-** Russ Sollars

**Song Leader** – Roger German

**Invitation** – Scott Lucas

**Closing Prayer** – Curran LaChappelle

**December 27 Evening Prayer Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

December	Communion	Cleaning
13	Davis	McIlvain, Ferrell, Criswell, Tucker, Davis
20	C. Stewart	Foxworthy, German, Sollars, Jones, Stewart

**Good Thoughts --**

There is no more confused message that you and I could give to a lost and dying world than to live in sin and at the same time to tell people about the transforming power of Jesus Christ. There isn't a more confusing thing we can do to our kids and the generation behind us, to this world.

God will not use a compromised life to reach a compromised world. God will use a life that is given over to Him, that is a demonstration of the message that through the power of Jesus Christ and His love He can transform our lives and set us free. — Joe Focht



*Schedule of Services*

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

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**Who Said That?**

1. Have you found me, O my enemy?
2. Can two walk together, except they are agreed?
3. Son, why have you thus dealt with us? Behold, your father and I have sought you sorrowing.
4. Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us.



**The Big Deal About Black Friday**

Did you participate in some form of the Black Friday phenomenon? The National Retail Federation estimated that 135.8 million people shopped in-store or online last weekend. Some of the estimates say that we probably hit the one trillion dollar mark this year in sales.

One of the tactics is to offer some kind of "Door Buster" with a limited quantity for a limited time. The incentive is to get people to be willing to come in at midnight and wait in a long line to buy the super cheap flat screen TV. Once in the store you are more likely buy other higher priced items since you have already made the effort to be there in the first place.



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It also creates a kind of feeding frenzy. Everyone says that they hate the Black Friday crowds, but if that were true Black Friday would cease to exist. Part of the reason it's so successful is because the rush of adrenaline everyone feels when they come into a packed shopping mall full of people.

Wouldn't it be good to pause amid the mania to think about what's really important? There are many warnings in the Bible regarding materialism. Think about this when you are shopping:

1. Don't forget about Thursday (Thanksgiving) on Friday. Contentment begins with a thankful heart for what you already have. *[1 Thessalonians 5:18] in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.*

2. Don't forget who you are. We are called to be distinct and different than the consumer driven culture we live in. *[Romans 12:2] And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

3. Remember where you're going and that you can't take it with you. *[1 Timothy 6:6-10] Now godliness with contentment is great gain. 7For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. 8And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content. 9But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. 10For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.*

4. Remember what Jesus said about our heart following our treasure. Let's not be possessed by our possessions *[Matthew 6:21] For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

5. Consider your children. They need to be taught to see themselves as Christians while being immersed in the world around them. It is not wrong to give them gifts, but remind them that we don't define ourselves by the junk we own. Our spending should reflect that perspective. *[1 Timothy 6:17-19] Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. 18Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, 19storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.*

There is nothing wrong with enjoying the gifts God has given us, nor sharing those gifts with those we love. God gives us richly all things to enjoy. *[Ecclesiastes 2:24-25] Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I?*

We need to thank God for the gifts we have to enjoy. We need to keep reminding ourselves not to trust in uncertain riches. Instead of material things it is much better to be rich in good works. Let's hope that we will be generous and ready to share. Our goal should be to store up this treasure as a foundation for our eternal future.

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***“Those that much covet are with gain so fond, For what they have not, that which they possess. They scatter and unloose it from their bond, And so, by hoping more, they have but less; Or, gaining more, the profit of excess Is but to surfeit, and such griefs sustain, That they prove bankrupt in this poor-rich gain.”*** — William Shakespeare

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1. Ahab [1 Kings 21:20]
2. Amos [Amos 3:3]
3. Mary [Luke 2:48]
4. The shepherds [Luke 2:15]

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