

SERVICE SCHEDULE for December 20, 2015

Announcements for the Week Jason LaChappelle
Morning Service
Prayer- Cliff Davis
Song Leader- Doug Davidson
Communion:
 -- **Comments** – Buck Phillips
 -- **Assisting** – Phillip Dorn
 -- **Assisting** – Darryl Griffing
 -- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock
 -- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle
 -- **Scripture** – Curran LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Don Casper
Evening Service
Prayer- Mike Shepherd
Song Leader- John Paul Baker
Comments – Andy Fuller
Communion – Kevin Criswell
Scripture – Buck Phillips
Closing Prayer- Marshall Foxworthy
Wednesday Night – December 23, 2015
First Prayer- Andy Fuller
Song Leader – Curran LaChappelle
Invitation – Mike Shepherd
Closing Prayer –David Johnson
December 27 Evening Prayer Service

Upcoming Assignments

December	Communion	Cleaning
27	Goddard	McIlvain, Tucker, Ferrell, Criswell, Davis
Jan 3	McIlvain	Johnson, Baker, Goddard, Land, H. Hudson

Good Thoughts --

In the end you should always do the right thing even if it's hard. — Nicholas Sparks, *The Last Song* -- But there are times in this harum-scarum world when figuring out the right thing to do is quite simple, but doing the right thing is simply impossible.... — Lemony Snicket

Reputation is what others think of us; character is what God knows of us. When you have spent what feels like eternity trying to repair a few moments of time that destroyed the view others once had of you then you must ask yourself if you have the problem or is it really them? God doesn't make us try so hard, only enemies do. — Shannon L. Alder



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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Murderers And Their Victims

1. What good king of Judah was murdered by his court officials?
2. What saintly "deacon" was murdered by the Jewish mob for his testimony at the oversight of Saul of Tarsus?
3. Who had one of his army men killed in order to cover up an adulterous affair?
4. Who killed Hamor and Shechem for offending their sister Dinah?



Do You Need To Take A Look Into The Mirror?

By David Maxson

The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk, nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts. [Revelation 9:20-21]

The life of Job teaches us that not all suffering is the result of sin, contrary to Job's friends who tried to convince him otherwise. The righteous are not shielded from all suffering in this world.



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In fact, sometimes the righteous suffer BECAUSE they are righteous. *[Matthew 5:10] Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. [2 Timothy 3:12-13] Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. [1 Peter 4:16] Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.*

However, let's not go to the opposite extreme and say that suffering is NEVER the result of sin. That's just not so. There are too many examples in the Bible to the contrary (2 Chronicles 33:10-13; John 5:14; Revelation 2:22). God uses pain to get our attention. Like a father who loves his children, our heavenly Father uses discipline to break our stubborn will and bring us to repentance. *[Proverbs 3:11-12] My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor detest His correction; 12 For whom the Lord loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights. [Revelation 3:19-20] As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent. 20Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.*

Unfortunately, instead of bringing us to repentance, often God's discipline has the opposite effect. Instead of getting mad at ourselves, we get mad at God. We grow hardened against him, and THIS MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL! We're the ones who rebelled against God! All God did was fill our lives with good gifts and we threw it all away (relationships, health, employment, etc) because we were intent on doing things our way! And then when we finally reap what we've sown, we shake our fists at God in anger and refuse to humbly accept his chastening and turn back to him! That's pure insanity!

So, if you're suffering right now I'll repeat what I said at the beginning: your pain is not necessarily the result of your own personal sin. However, it would be foolish for us to not take inventory of our life when we're experiencing the natural consequences of sin. Should you be taking a look in the mirror right now?

[You'll Get Dizzy](#)

A certain man was troubled with dizzy spells, redness in his face and bulging eyes. Every day when he went to his office, he experienced these things.

He went from one doctor to another and none could tell him what the problem was. He consulted psychiatrists, psychologists and psychics. What was wrong? Why was he constantly suffering from dizzy spells, redness in his face and bulging eyes?



He decided to prepare for the worst.

He made out his will, bought a cemetery plot, instructed the preacher what he wanted at his funeral, and even made arrangements with the local undertaker. He even decided to buy a new suit of clothes to be buried in.

When he went into the clothing store he was measured for everything. The sales person asked, "What size shirt will you be needing, sir?" "Size 15, please," he replied. The clerk said, "But, sir, I believe that is a bit small. I'm sorry sir, but your will need a 16 1/2, not a size 15." But the man insisted, "No, I have worn a size 15 for years."

The sales person said, "Well, sir, if you insist, we'll get out a size 15, but I must warn you, you will have dizzy spells, get red in the face, and your eyes will bulge out."

Some people will never admit the obvious. Some are so unwilling to change they appear to prefer to remain spiritually without comfort.

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkens unto his own counsel is unwise [Proverbs 12:15]



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1. Joash [2 Kings 12:20-21]
2. Stephen [Acts 7:58-59]
3. David [2 Samuel 12:9]
4. Levi & Simeon [Genesis 34:26]

