

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 3, 2015

Announcements for the Week

John Paul Baker

Morning Service

Evening Service

Prayer- Phillip Dorn

Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Song Leader- Jason LaChappelle

Song Leader- Curran LaChappelle

Communion:

Comments – Josh Hudson

-- **Comments** – Russ Sollars

Communion – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – Kevin Criswell

-- **Assisting** – David Johnson

-- **Assisting** – Dean Shacklock

-- **Assisting** – Connor LaChappelle

-- **Scripture** – Cliff Davis

Scripture – Buck Phillips

Closing Prayer- Mike Shepherd

Closing Prayer- Don Casper

Wednesday Night – January 6, 2015

First Prayer- Curran LaChappelle

Song Leader – Andy Dobbs

Invitation – Russ Sollars

Closing Prayer – Josh Hudson

January 31 Evening Scripture & Song Service

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
10	Tucker	Davidson, K. Hudson, Stone, Denney, Shepherd
17	German	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock

Good Thoughts --

Do not act as if you were going to live ten thousand years. Death hangs over you. While you live, while it is in your power, be good.— Marcus Aurelius

I will not deny but that the best apology against false accusers is silence and sufferance, and honest deeds set against dishonest words. — John Milton

Integrity is not a conditional word. It doesn't blow in the wind or change with the weather. It is your inner image of yourself, and if you look in there and see a man who won't cheat, then you know he never will. Integrity is not a search for the rewards of integrity. — John D. MacDonald



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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Who Said That?

1. He shall speak peace unto the heathen; and His dominion shall be from sea even to sea.
2. Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger?
3. Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O my friends; for the hand of God has touched me.
4. But you Bethlehem Ephratah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel.



The Light Shining Out Of Darkness

By David Maxson

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. [Genesis 1:3]

We live in a dark world. -- The first chapter of Romans describes the Roman world as full of *"envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless"* (Romans 1:29-31).



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Does this not describe our world pretty well? It does, and not just out there in "the world." Sadly, I see almost all of these characteristics in one form or another in myself.

But thanks be to God, in the midst of all this darkness, He said, "Let there be light!" Jesus is that light.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:1-5)

Where there was envy, Jesus had brotherly kindness. Where there was murder, Jesus showed us sacrifice. Where there was strife, Jesus brought peace. Where there was deceit, Jesus gave us truth. *"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)*

This "light of men," this "glory," this "grace and truth" was most powerfully seen on the cross. As Jesus hung there, we saw light and life! When Jesus laid down His life, we saw grace and truth! When Jesus gave Himself up for us, we saw the face of God!

"For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shown in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)

Let us pray that we can see the Lord's glory more clearly in 2016 as we learn more about Jesus!



[How To Please Everyone](#)

By Wendell Ward

A man and his grandson went on a journey, walking and leading a donkey. Soon they met a man who said, "How foolish for you to be walking. One of you should be riding the donkey." So the man put his grandson on the animal.



The next traveler they met frowned and said accusingly, "How dreadful for a strong, young boy to be riding while an old man walks." With that, the boy climbed off the donkey and his grandfather climbed on.

The next person down the road, however, said, "I just can't believe that a grown man would ride and make a poor little boy walk." So the man pulled the boy back aboard and off they rode on the donkey together.

That is, until they met the next fellow who screamed, "I never saw anything so cruel in all my life. Two intelligent human beings riding on the poor little scrawny donkey." They dismounted, picked up the donkey and carried it down the road.

Down the road a piece from there our trio met a couple of men traveling together. When the parties had passed, one of the men turned to the other and said, "Did you ever see two fools carrying a donkey before?"

How to please everyone? Don't even try! Just try to please God. *"For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ," (Galatians 1:10).*

The sooner we learn we cannot live by the conscience of any other man, the better off we will be. Each of us must walk by the rule of faith that comes by hearing the word of God according to (Romans 10:17).

As our travelers soon learned, trying to please everyone only led to confusion. Confusion leads to doing something foolish, like carrying your donkey!



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1. Zechariah [Zechariah 9:10]
2. Ruth [Ruth 2:10]
3. Job [Job 19:21]
4. Micah [Micah 5:2]

