

SERVICE SCHEDULE for January 10, 2016

Announcements for the Week	Doug Davidson
Morning Service	Evening Service
Prayer- Scott Lucas	Prayer- Don Casper
Song Leader- Andy Dobbs	Song Leader- Roger German
Communion:	
-- Comments – Buck Phillips	Comments – Andy Dobbs
-- Assisting – Roger German	Communion – Phillip Dorn
-- Assisting – David Johnson	
-- Assisting – John MacQuilliam	
-- Assisting – Jared Davis	
-- Scripture – Kevin Criswell	Scripture – Connor LaChappelle
Closing Prayer- Andy Fuller	Closing Prayer- Scott Lucas
<u>Wednesday Night – January 13, 2016</u>	
First Prayer- Russ Sollars	
Song Leader – Roger German	
Invitation – Curran LaChappelle	
Closing Prayer – Mike Shepherd	
January 24 Evening Service – Doug Davidson	
January 31 Evening Scripture & Song Service	

Upcoming Assignments

January	Communion	Cleaning
17	German	Dobbs, Bailey, Fuller, LaChappelle, Shacklock
24	Stone	Dorn, Williams, Griffing, Phillips

Good Thoughts --

As you change your point of view, your views bring about a change in you. — George Alexiou

Healthy children will not fear life if their elders have integrity enough not to fear death. — Erik H. Erikson

Our lives say much more about how we think than our books do. The theories we preach are not always the ones we actually believe. The theories we live are the ones we really believe. — R.C. Sproul



Schedule of Services

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

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Elders: Andy Dobbs, Bill McIlvain

Deacons: John Paul Baker, Doug Davidson, Andy Fuller, Jason LaChappelle

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Bugs

1. Who ate locusts in the wilderness?
2. When Israel's spies came back from Canaan, what insect did they compare themselves to when describing the giants of the land?
3. According to Jesus, what small insects are strained out by the Pharisees?
4. What industrious insect is held up as an example to the lazy man?



Keep Your Fork!

An Oldie, but Goodie submitted

There was a young woman who had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. So as she was getting her things "in order," she contacted her preacher and had him come to her house to discuss certain aspects of her final wishes.

She told him which songs she wanted sung at the service, what scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. Everything was in order and the preacher was preparing to leave when the young woman suddenly remembered something very important to her.



Keep Your Fork!

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“There’s one more thing,” she said excitedly. “What’s that?” came the preacher’s reply. “This is very important,” the young woman continued. “I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand.”



The preacher stood looking at the young woman, not knowing quite what to say. “That surprises you, doesn’t it?” the young woman asked. “Well, to be honest, I’m puzzled by the request,” said the preacher.

The young woman explained. “My grandmother once told me this story, and from there on out, I have always done so. I have also, always tried to pass along its message to those I love and those who are in need of encouragement. In all my years of attending get-togethers and potluck dinners, I always remember that when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, ‘Keep your fork.’

“It was my favorite part because I knew that something better was coming ... like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. Something wonderful, and with substance! So, I just want people to see me there in that casket with a fork in my hand and I want them to wonder “What’s with the fork?”. Then I want you to tell them: **“Keep your fork .. The best is yet to come.”**

The preacher’s eyes welled up with tears of joy as he hugged the young woman goodbye. He knew this would be one of the last times he would see her before her death. But he also knew that the young woman had a better grasp of heaven than he did. She had a better grasp of what heaven would be like than many people twice her age, with twice as much experience and knowledge. She KNEW that something better was coming.

At the funeral people were walking by the young woman’s casket and they saw the pretty dress she was wearing and the fork placed in her right hand. Over and over, the preacher heard

the question “What’s with the fork?” And over and over he smiled.

During his message, the preacher told the people of the conversation he had with the young woman shortly before she died. He also told them about the fork and about what it symbolized to her. The preacher told the people how he could not stop thinking about the fork and told them that they probably would not be able to stop thinking about it either. He was right. So the next time you reach down for your fork, let it remind you ever so gently, that the best is yet to come.

Friends are a very rare jewel, indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us. Show your friends how much you care. Remember to always be there for them, even when you need them more. For you never know when it may be their time to “Keep your fork.

Cherish the time you have, and the memories you share. Being friends with someone is not an opportunity but a sweet responsibility. And keep your fork.



How To Grow Your Tree

By Steve Goodier

An authentic and genuine life grows like a sturdy tree. And like a tree, it grows slowly. Every time you make a different and better decision, it grows a little. Every time you choose to do the right thing, even when nobody would find out otherwise, it grows a little. Every time you act with compassion, relinquish your right to strike back, take a courageous stand, admit fault or accept responsibility, it grows a little.



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1. John the Baptist [Mark 1:6]
2. The grasshopper [Numbers 13:33]
3. Gnats [Matthew 23:24]
4. The ant [Proverbs 6:6-8]

