

# Church News

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## Service Schedule

### Irvine United Methodist Church

Irvine United Methodist Church, 243 Main Street in Irvine, has the following service schedule:

- Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services begin at 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday Evening Disciple Class begins at 6:00 p.m.
- No Wednesday night services!

The pastor is John Hale.

## Service Schedule

### Ivory Hill Baptist Church

Ivory Hill Baptist Church, 8430 Winchester Road in Irvine (intersection of Cressy and New Fox Roads) has services on the following schedule:

- Sunday School begins at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Services begin at 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening Youth Service begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday Evening Adult Service begins at 7:00 p.m.

Brother Warren Rogers will be preaching at Ivory Hill on Sunday, January 20th and Sunday, January 27th. We welcome you to join us.

## Friday, February 1st - 7:30am-1:30pm

### St. Elizabeth Basement Sale

The February Basement Sale at St. Elizabeth Church, 322 5th Street in Ravenna, will be held on Friday, February 1, from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

There will be men's, women's and children's clothing; shoes, nice jewelry, household, books, and many more items. Everyone is welcome.

## seeds of Hope



We live in a busy world. Days are crowded with more things to do than time allows. Instant texting and rapid responses to anything and everything, whether accurate or not, crown every moment of our lives. Everyone seems to have an opinion we need to hear on every subject - from the mundane to the insane, from the very important to "stuff" that does not matter. We have become conditioned to listen for something to listen to whether it matters or not.

Psalm 75 explodes with an important reminder. "We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks for Your Name is near! Men tell of your wondrous works!" The fact that the word thanks appears twice

in one sentence makes it intense and dramatic. But we should not be surprised. We are to thank God not only for His wondrous works but because He is near! God Himself, our God Who created everything and is in everything and sustains everything is close by.

Jesus once commanded Peter to cast his net into the water to catch some fish. He did and was amazed at the results. The disciple falls at His feet in fear and wonder. What a miracle! Jesus spoke and things happened. God's presence and power came to life instantly.

The same is true for us today. While we may not see many extreme displays of His power, nonetheless He is at work. The little gifts in our lives as well as the immense miracles in our lives prove that He is near us and caring for us. We must always be aware of His presence.

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## BIBLE WORD SEARCH

by Elie's Spiritual Treasures

PSALM 96:9-10A

Worship the **Lord** in the **splendor** of his **holiness**; **tremble** before **him**, **all** the **earth**. **Say among** the **nations**, "**The Lord reigns**."

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# Increase Our Faith

by **BOB CASEY**, preacher  
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In **Luke 17**, we find a great many stories concerning the teachings of our Lord. Here, he begins to warn the disciples about the dangers of committing offenses. There, he mentions trespasses committed against one's self and the act of forgiveness if he repents of his actions. Then in **verse 5**, the **Apostles said unto the Lord**, "**Increase our Faith**." The act of total forgiveness toward one who may have caused great harm to one's self is a hard thing to get control of, but we must do it in order to be like Jesus when asked to forgive even those who were taking a part in his crucifixion.

Also, in **Matthew 17:19-20**, here perhaps is an indication that before we can forgive or accomplish anything for Christ, we must have our own house in order first. So, in order for faith to be begetters of faith, we must be able to look inward first.

When the Apostles said to Jesus, "**Lord, increase our faith**," this all of us could use more of. So, today, how one measure their depth or degree of faith. **Hebrews 11:1** says, "**Now (present tense) faith is the substance (assurance) of things hoped for (Heaven), the evidence (conviction) of things not seen**. So then, plainly seen is, that all them that have the hope of Heaven within, they will keep and obey to the best of their ability all the commandments of our Lord.

**Hebrews 10:22-23**, "**Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)**

Now, with this said, does this sound like we may inherit Heaven upon anything else other than a pure faith. How do many make the terrible mistake of claiming to believe that there is a God and also to believe in His Son, and **never do as he requires**. In **John 14:15**, Jesus says, "**If ye love me, keep my commandments**." Also, **Luke 6:46**, "**And why call ye me, Lord,**

**Lord, and do not the things which I say?**" Now I realize that most who say they believe in God also hold to a notion that someday before they die, they aim to call upon his name in hope to be saved, but for millions this is a terrible assumption.

The faith that saves will be a living, plainly-shown, active one that will continue as long as there is life within the body. **Revelation 2:10**, The Lord said to the Church at Smyrna, "**be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life**." Also, Jesus in **Matthew 10:22**, "**he that endureth to the end shall be saved**."

So, **Biblical faithfulness** is not just something you claim, or say, **it is something you do!** **James 2:18**, "**Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works (actions): shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works**."

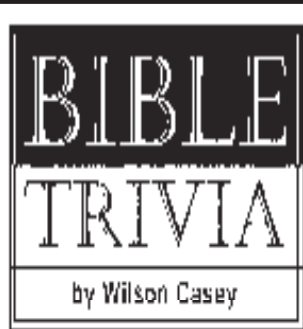
Here are some examples, a man may claim strongly that he believes in God **but may never seek after or obey his word**. He may never **repent of his sins**, or he may never **confess his name before men**, or he may never **attend the meetings of the church**, or he may never submit to **baptism for the remission of his sins**, or he may never help undergird the Lord's work by a contribution of his wealth, or he might not try to encourage any persons to do any of these things. **Then, I ask clearly**, why do you think that God should let you into his Heaven? Especially since you shared an interest in it while you had the opportunity.

Then again, many have been heard to say, "**Well, before I die, I will go to church and live right**." Alas, but something happened upon them that kept them from doing so. Will his good intentions save him? I believe you know the answer.

So, **in closing**, many confess in a belief in a Heaven above, but they continue living as though there is not a Judgment to go through before anyone goes there. It seems that we have had so many opportunities to obey that we think we have plenty more of them left. This is the devil's way of deception toward you. Just keep thinking this way and **you will die lost forever as sure as the Bible is true**. Do yourself a favor. Read **Revelation 22:11-15**. See what it says.

P.S. -- Visit with us at Cornerstone, 70 Bond Street. We will talk about such things.

**Sincerely, Bob Casey, (1-859-369-4165), local**



1. Is the book of Deuteronomy in the Old or New Testament or neither?
2. From John 20, by what other name was the apostle Thomas known? Caleb, Naaman, Omri, Didymus
3. Which book (KJV) begins, "And the Lord spake unto Moses in the

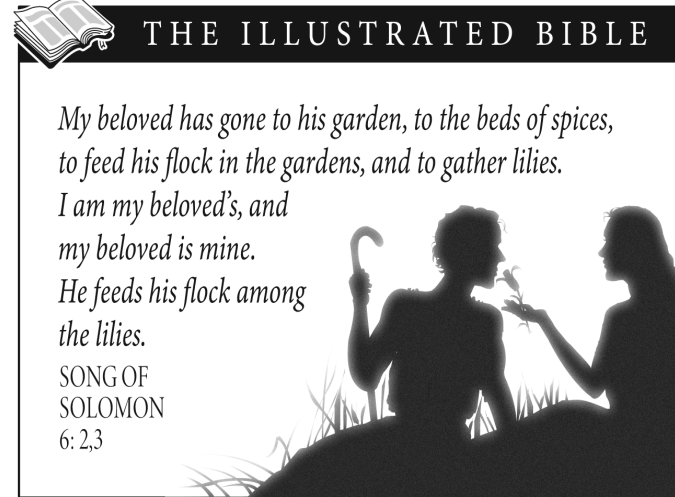
wilderness"? Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Joel

4. What did Jesus and Peter pay for with a coin found in a fish's mouth? Tax, Bread, Lodging, Sandals

5. From Proverbs 11, what word did Solomon use to describe soul winners? Warm, Wise, Wealthy, Wonderful

6. What prophet was saved from death by a talking donkey? Balaam, Ezekiel, Joel, Samuel

**Answers on bottom of Page 9**  
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My beloved has gone to his garden, to the beds of spices, to feed his flock in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine.

He feeds his flock among the lilies.

SONG OF SOLOMON  
6:2,3

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## Ananias And Saul

Acts 9:17-19

17 And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized. 19 And when he had received meat, he was strengthened. Then was Saul certain days with the disciples which were at Damascus.

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## God's Way

by Mabel Tipton  
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One of the strongest desires is to worship. This innate inclination was placed deep within our being by our creator. Though it is not always understood, it is at once recognizable. Often, the mere mention of the fact is adequate stimulant to awaken and activate a conscious awareness of this inborn yearning.

The tendency to hold someone or something in awe is universal. In fact, we are prone to gravitate toward a deity of some sort, whether fully conscience of that fact or not. If we fail to know the true God, we will invariably accept a false deity of one type or another.

There are many directions men have stumbled in search for the deity of their desires. Suffice it to say, the failure to find and follow the true God can only result in worshipping a false deity. Humanism, which places man at the center of the universe and rejects God totally and categorically, is perhaps the embodiment of many errors found in every form of idolatry. In some schools of thought, Satan himself is worshipped; for to embrace and propagate a lie, is to glorify the father of lies, who is Lucifer. If you worship the creature, rather than the Creator, you again follow the dictates of the devil. Humanism falls into each of these pits.

Deception is diabolical; it is the product of the devil, desiring to be worshipped. "**And Jesus knowing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts?**" (**Matthew 9: 4**) Satan will pervert scripture to achieve this end. He even transforms himself into an angel of Light. "**And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**" (**2 Corinthians 11: 14**)

Admiration can become adoration. When we worship falsely, we see the creature better than the Creator. Worship is so important. So our privilege of worshipping the true God becomes more precious than ever. Especially when we realize how Satan would like to rob us of it.

The maker of man, came as a man! The Creator assumed the role of a creature; a creature who took on Himself our nature in order to impart to us His nature. He who hung the stars in space, condescended to our estate through His death, burial and Resurrection. He made a way to become one with us.

If you want to learn more about HIM come join us at church.