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UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Feb. 5 The omnipotent God
Feb. 12 The omnipresent God
Feb. 19 The omniscient God
Feb. 26 The just God

SUNDAY PM

Feb. 5 Judgment Day
Feb. 12 What will happen to the Earth?
Feb. 19 Is there enough time?
Feb. 26 God will allow us to do wrong

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

February 5, 2012

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, James Bush, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Jean Reeder, Cheryl Akers, Kathy Briggs, Betty Jo's aunt, Erin's father, Robert Vanalstine, Jo Matheny, Jimmy Mortimore, John Mortimore, Tina Heinz, Jim Loper, Ronnie Morgan

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Gen. 1:1-5 **PM:** 2 Tim. 4:1,2

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Feb. 19 – Potluck and business meeting
Feb. 26 -- Singing at 5 p.m.
Feb. 26 – Business meeting

BY EXAMPLE Charles Coats

“A pattern; a mold”. These words adequately define the word “example”. We are all familiar with following patterns or using molds. Mothers have for years made jello figures using various molds that would cause the jello to form the pattern of the mold and create the image from the mold.

When I was a kid, we used to take plaster of paris and pour it into a footprint in the ground or into a mold we had. By doing so, we would have a likeness of the footprint or the mold. The plaster of paris would flow into the edges of the footprint or mold and give us the image we were wanting.

When we think of an example, we think of that which can be imitated. And, if imitated, we would have

the exact image of the thing or person being imitated. This can be either a good or bad thing, depending on that which is being imitated.

Young people have for years imitated something they saw on a video game or on television trying to make that happen in real life. The consequences of such are usually disastrous, and have led to the loss of life for some. This type of imitation is not good.

All of us can probably look at our lives and recognize an individual who was the type of person we really needed to be. They were a good influence on us and when we worked to imitate their life, all was good. This type of imitation is good.

The Bible teaches us to imitate those who walk in keeping with God's will (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 3:17). Those whom we are to imitate have proven themselves to be faithful servants of God whose example will lead us to Heaven. How wonderful it is that we have such people in this world!

The Bible also teaches us to be good examples that others can imitate (1 Tim. 4:12). We are to live our lives in such a way that others can imitate us.

Probably, the scary part of this whole idea of example is that there is someone (and probably several someones) using us as their example. They need guidance and realize that there are others who can help them. They may not always make the best choices in whom they will follow because there are people out there who are not living faithfully and who will lead someone astray. That person may be us.

It is for this reason that we want to constantly examine ourselves (2 Cor. 13:5) to be certain that we are an example that will lead someone to Heaven. Maybe we should ask ourselves, “If everyone were like me, would this world be a better place? Would others, who follow me, have the right example to follow to go to Heaven?”