Servants	Week of December 25	Opportunities

First Period

Glorify God and Communion

Welcome
David Alford

Song Leader
Victor Howard

Opening Prayer
Gary Perrault

Scripture Reading
Chase Newburn

Communion Lesson
Richard Perrault

"Praise and Exaltation"

Lord's Table
Randy Allen
Tom Bailey
David Taylor
David Jenkins

Closing Prayer
Sylvester Butler

Second Period

Commitment to God

Welcome
David Alford

Song Leader
Ben Holliday

Opening Prayer
David Alford

Sermon
Drew Motl

Why So Thankful ?

Announcements
David Alford

Closing Prayer
Dave Jenkins

Adult Bible Class

None Today

Wednesday Night:

Men's Class :

Richard Perrault

Being Godly Men

Ladies' Class:

Janie Perrault

Living Together as Fellow Heirs of the Grace of Life

I Peter 3:7

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Order of Service for

SPOTSYLVANIA CHURCH OF CHRIST

December 25, 2011

Glorifying God and the Lord's Supper
9:00
Fellowship
10:00-10:20
Commitment to God and Sermon
10:20-11:20
Bible Classes for all Ages
11:20
Wednesday Night Bible Study
7:00 pm

Those Who Serve Us

Evangelist	Richard Perrault
Elders	Dave Alford Dwight Wenger Victor Howard
Deacons	Tom Bailey Sylvester Butler Rich Male David Motl Joe Nicholas

From Richard's Desk

Taking The Plunge

When I was a sophomore and junior in high school, I lived in Dayton, Ohio. In the district that I lived in, most of us walked to school and as a result never had many snow days. Yet, we always looked forward to winter and the snow that came along with it.

During winter evenings and weekends we spent a lot of time ice skating and sledding. Sledding was perhaps the activity that we loved the most. Give a group of teenagers a car hood and a steep hill and the day was complete. The place that gave us the greatest thrill was called "Suicide Hill." It was part of a golf course in Kettering, Ohio which is a suburb to Dayton. The name selected for this provider of terror was not a stretch of the imagination; it was known to take many a victor out of their conquest. Even knowing the reputation of the hill, hundreds would be seen starring down from the top deciding whether to go or not; some walked away, others proceeded to take the plunge.

Looking down the slope and over the rest of the golf course, especially with a fresh cover of snow, everything looked peaceful, beautiful and refreshing. It would stay like this until the decision to go down the hill. We would lay our car hood down and pile five or six of us in it. A push was not needed, before the last person was on, we were moving. It was a long run and since the hood had no directional control you can imagine what it was like. Every second or third spin someone would disappear somewhere on the hill. If we were fortunate and did not hit a tree, we would look up and start laughing at all of those left to pick themselves up; bruises, sometimes broken bones, but always the eagerness to return to the top and do it all over again. The challenge, of course, was to stay in the car hood.

Our life, as believers, is somewhat like looking down "Suicide Hill." We see the beauty of the God given day and then decide to take the plunge. The plunge is just living the life that God gives us. It will be full of pleasures, enjoyment, and at every spin of excitement, there may be a spill. This spill is not something that we were expecting, because we have set out to enjoy the beauty of the day and the things God gives. Some of these spills are just those everyday occurrences that take place and take our minds off the day God created. Other spills are those caused by us not taking the challenge to overcome the things Satan throws in our path. When this takes place, the freshness of the day is gone.

The great poet, King David, once wrote when he was struggling with sin, ***"Purify me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow"*** (Psalm 51:7). Sin not only separates us from our God, but it also takes the beauty out of life, whether our sin or that of someone else. Things around us are no longer as sparkling as the fresh fallen snow.

On the other hand, the spill may have nothing to do with sin at all on our part. It may have to do with Satan doing everything he can to take away our joy and excitement. If Satan can rob us of the beauty, we see in the day, he has succeeded.

The Psalmist declares, ***"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"*** (Psalm 118:24). Enjoying the day the Lord has made and being willing to adventure out and see what God has for us is the plunge that we need to take. Knowing that to do so involves some risk. What risk? The risk that we may allow Satan to take away our excitement for living and that cannot happen if we just pick ourselves up and take the plunge again.

Every time we looked down "Suicide Hill," we would wonder who was going to make it to the bottom. The real enjoyment of the day was living it and being able to pick ourselves up, walk to the top and tackle it again.

Let us, together, take the plunge and enjoy the excitement that God has planned for us this day.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Gathering and Sing	**Jan. 6**	**7:00 PM**		
Marriage Mentoring Mattters	**Starting Sunday Jan. 8**	4:00 PM	At the building	*Couples will develop a passion for marriage through personal spiritual growth*
Family Rally	Weekend of April 20	TBA	Our Building	*Battle scars of Surrender* Speaker: Billy McGuiggan

Remember in Prayer

Sick List	Those Away in the Military	
Gerald Motl	Kyle Kniskern	Joshua Wells
Elaine Petterson	Dae Howard	Jessica Searcy
Ivene's Grandmother	Doug Rowe	

Special Requests

Dwight Wenger and Family
Christa Newburn and Family
Julian Riddick
Those Traveling