**SERVICE SCHEDULE for September 1, 2019**

**Announcements for the Week** Andy Fuller

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Andy Fuller **Prayer-** Andy Fuller

**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle **Song Leader-** Scott Lucas

**Communion:**

**-- Comments –** Buck Phillips **Comments –** Jason LaChappelle

**-- Assisting –** Lucien Griffing **Communion –** Darryl Griffing

**-- Assisting –** Roger German

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** David Johnson **Scripture –** Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** David Johnson **Closing Prayer-** Don Casper

**Wednesday Night – September 4, 2019**

**First Prayer–** Cliff Davis

**Song Leader –** Bill McIlvain

**Invitation –** Andy Fuller

**Closing Prayer –** Don Casper

**September 8 Morning Lesson –** Andy Dobbs

**September 29 Evening Scripture & Song Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **September** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **1** | McIlvain | Please Be Considerate |
| **15** | K. Fuller | Clean the area around your seat before leaving |

**Thought For Today --**

**You're not my first. You don't deserve that category. Being first means others will come after you-that we will eventually end. And we don't. You're my last, because you never left. ― B. Stevens**

**It is to the Cross that the Christian is challenged to follow his Master: no path of redemption can make a detour around it. ― Hans Urs von Balthasar, Unless You Become Like This Child**

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***Schedule of Services***

**Sunday: 9 a.m., 10 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: 7:00 p.m.**

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**Deacons: Cliff Davis, Darryl Griffing, Buck Phillips**

**September 1, 2019**

***Fast & Breaking Fast***

1. Who angered his father by unwittingly breaking a fast while pursuing the Philistines?

2. What two apostles prayed and fasted as they chose elders for the churches?

3. What king of Judah proclaimed a fast when the Moabites attacked?

4. What pagan king fasted after Daniel had been thrown into the lions’ den?

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***Who Deserves Hell?***

**By David Maxson**

***The people of the land have practiced extortion and committed robbery. They have oppressed the poor and needy, and have extorted from the sojourner without justice... Therefore I have poured out my indignation upon them. I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath. I have returned their own way upon their heads, declares the Lord GOD. [Ezekiel 22:29, 31]***

Several years ago, Vice President Joe Biden made some strong statements in response to the beheadings of two American journalists. He vowed that the U.S. would follow those terrorists "to the gates of hell until they are brought to justice, because hell is where they will reside."

***Who Deserves Hell?***

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Those are strong words.

I would argue that he is absolutely right. I believe you do, too. Even if you don't normally like the idea of hell or find it a little bit harsh, there's something about what these terrorists have done that is so barbaric and is just so wrong that hell seems to be an appropriate punishment.

Why do we think so? Why do we long for justice? Why does it bother us that these cold-blooded killers have not been punished?

It's because we bear the imprint of our Maker! God hates murder! He hates when the innocent suffers! He hates injustice! He hates sin!

Going a step further, it should be said that God hates injustice and sin much more deeply and profoundly than we do. Our view of sin is skewed because we're sinners. God is light and in him is no darkness at all. We are not pure light. Even the most righteous among us still has sin.

That's why we stand up and cheer when someone calls for someone who is a notorious sinner to go to hell. We see them (or, at least, perceive them) as worse than ourselves, and thus deserving of eternal punishment. Hell should be reserved for those who (in our mind at least) are really, really, REALLY bad!

But, maybe our view is not perfect. Perhaps God's righteous and holy ways and standards are a higher than our own. It could be that we fail to see our sin as that bad because we're so used to it and accustomed to it. Maybe if we saw sin from the perspective of One who does not sin and, indeed, cannot sin, we might see that all of us deserve to go to hell.

We need to hate sin. We need to hate it as God hates it! Pray to God to help us to see sin with His eyes and to eliminate it from our lives!

***“As Is, Where Is”***

**By Ron Adams**

***“As is, where is,”*** is a term used at auctions. It means that when you bid on an item and make the winning bid, it’s yours **“*as it now is, where it is now.****”* Life is a lot like that. We must take it as it is now, where we are now. We are not given the option of refusing to accept it until it is changed to our liking.

It is apparent that the Apostle Paul understood this concept when he wrote in ***Philippians 4:11: “Not that I speak from want; for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having an abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me***.”

There are many things which happen about which we have nothing to say. We had no voice in deciding when we were born, the family into which we were born, or the social, cultural and economic status of that family. There are many things which we have little control over: how others treat us, what kind of diseases we will contract, our length of life, etc.

Since we exert so little control over such external things, we must learn to accept life “as is, where is.” This is what produces contentment. Not that we wouldn’t like it to be different. Not that we shouldn’t try to improve our lot in life. It is accepting our present circumstances for now. When we accept ourselves “as we are, where we are,” we are able to face today, and gain strength to change things for tomorrow.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Jonathan [1 Samuel 14:24-27]

2. Paul & Barnabas [Acts 14:23]

3. Jehoshaphat [2 Chronicles 20:1-4]

4. Darius [Daniel 6:18]

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