**SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 20, 2019**

**Announcements for the Week** Cliff Davis

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Cliff Davis **Prayer-** Andy Fuller

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

**Communion:**

**-- Comments –** Buck Phillips **Comments–** Connor LaChappelle

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis **Communion –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Scott Lucas

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque

**-- Assisting –** David Johnson

**-- Scripture –** Connor LaChappelle **Scripture –** Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Phillip Dorn **Closing Prayer-** Lucian Griffing

**Wednesday Night – October 23, 2019**

**First Prayer–** Jared Davis

**Song Leader –** Connor LaChappelle

**Invitation –** Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer –** Cliff Davis

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **October** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **20** | Williams | We urge everyone to check your pew area and |
| **27** | Davis | Pick up any loose papers, wrappers, etc. |

**Good Thoughts --**

**Trouble and prayer are closely related. Trouble often drives men to God in prayer, while prayer is but the voice of men in trouble. - E.M. Bounds**

**Circumstances which we have resented, situations which we have found desperately difficult, have all been the means in the hands of God of driving the nails into the self-life which so easily complains. - Alan Redpath**

**For these attacks do not contribute to make us frail but rather show us to be what we are. - Thomas a Kempis**

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***Schedule of Services***

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

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

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***Under The Influence***

1. Absalom wanted to avenge the rape of his sister, Tamar, so he waited until the rapist was very drunk. Who was this drunk, later slain by Absalom’s men?

2. This king of Israel, who ruled barely two years, was assassinated while drunk. Who was he?

3. What Syrian king was getting drunk at a time when he was supposed to be making war on the Samaritans?

4. What Persian queen refused to obey her drunken husband’s order that she appear before his besotted guests?

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***Distractions On The Road***

**By Greg Gwinn**

Surely you've seen them - those drivers who are so busy talking on their cellular phones that they sit through a green light or ignore some other important traffic situation. The "topper" to this was seen the other day on a busy street near here. A woman driver was talking on her cell phone AND eating a sandwich - all while driving her car. Stop! Please! I want to get off the road!

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***Stumbling Blocks***

**Continued**

Driving is a serious activity that demands our devoted attention. Things like cell phones and sandwiches tend to distract us, making driving even more dangerous. When two or more such distractions are added together watch out! An accident is sure to follow.

Now, make a spiritual application. (You knew I was going to do that, didn't you?) Living life in this world is a very serious activity. It demands our undivided attention. The problem is that we too often allow ourselves to be distracted by the things of this world. When that happens, a spiritual accident is sure to follow.

And, we're not just talking about the sinful things that can distract us. Certainly, there are plenty of those. Wickedness abounds in our society and we are confronted with multiple temptations every day. Constant vigilance is necessary. But, more than this, there is the danger that we will get so busy with our day-to-day affairs that we might forget what our main pursuit is supposed to be. Our jobs, our families, our recreation and a host of other things can crowd God out of our lives.

Add two or three such distractions together and you are simply a spiritual accident looking for a place to happen. Be careful! Stay focused. ***"Reach forth unto those things which are before"*** and ***"press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"(Philippians 3:13,14).***

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***Profession Versus Performance***

**By David Maxson**

***“What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ And he answered, ‘I will not,’ but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him." [Matthew 21:28-32]***

I have a tendency to be all talk and no action. I have talked about lots of diets I wanted to try, exercise programs I thought would be helpful, foreign languages I wanted to learn, adventurous hikes I wanted to try, and dozens of other big ideas that never translated into real action. Talking about things can sound really good. You can sound like a really disciplined, interesting, adventurous type person. But if it's only talks then in the end it's worthless.

Now, think about this in a spiritual context. When it comes to the will of God are we all about doing his will or are we just talk? God expects (and deserves) more than our profession. He wants performance. Jesus said, ***"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 7:21)***

Don't treat the will of God the same way you treat other areas of your life (diet, exercise, etc.). Stop talking about doing God's will. Be a doer of God's will (James 1:22).

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***Powerful Memories***

When Winston Groom's novel Forrest Gump was published in 1986, its heroine was a child of the 60's who sowed some wild oats before finally settling down as a wife and mother. But when the blockbuster movie version was released, a very different Jenny showed up. Drug-addled and suicidal, she eventually got AIDS and died. What was the reason for her inner turmoil? In one of the film's most unsettling scenes, Forrest watches Jenny throw stones at the already weather-beaten house of her childhood. The house held powerful memories of abuse at the hands of her father.

When Jenny finally stops throwing stones and begins to weep, Forrest says, "Sometimes there just aren't enough rocks." ***[Ephesians 4:31-32] Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. [32] Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.***

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Amnon, Absalom’s half-brother [2 Samuel 13:28]

2. Elah [1 Kings 16:9]

3. Ben-hadad [1 Kings 20:13-19]

4. Vashti [Esther 1:3-12]

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