**SERVICE SCHEDULE for November 17, 2019**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Buck Phillips **Prayer-** Andy Fuller

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

**Communion:**

**-- Comments –** Brandon Esque **Comments –** Connor LaChappelle

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

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Assisting –** Scott Lucas

**-- Assisting –** David Johnson

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

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer-** Lucian Griffing

**Wednesday Night – November 20, 2019**

**First Prayer–** Lucian Griffing

**Song Leader –** Roger German

**Invitation –** Jason LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer –** Darryl Griffing

**November 24 Evening Service – Erik Bourlog**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **November** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **17** | Esque | Take the time to police your area before you go. |
| **24** | A. Griffing | Cheerios and other cereals can draw ants. |

**Preaching For The Next 2 Weeks --**

**While Bill is away, we will be having 2 guest speakers. Erik Bourlog and Richard Boone will be presenting lessons and Jason LaChappelle will also be bringing a lesson.**

**Erik is one of the preachers at Embry Hills and Richard had been preaching and went back to secular work. Now he is wanting to “get back in the saddle” again. Buck Phillips has known him for a long time and Richard has been visiting with us from time to time, so you may recognize him when he comes.**

**Let’s do our best to welcome them.**

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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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**Elders: Jason LaChappelle, Bill McIlvain**

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

**November 17, 2019**

***Back From The Dead***

1. What man of Bethany was raised from his tomb by Jesus?

2. A man came to life again when his body came into contact with the buried bones of what prophet?

3. What was the name of the town where Jesus raised a widow’s son from the dead?

4. Who did Elisha raise from the dead?

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***Future Plans***

**By Gary Henry**

***“Come now, you who say, ‘Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit’; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say, ‘If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.’ But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil” (James 4:13-16).***

WHILE WE HAVE THE POWER TO MAKE FUTURE PLANS, WE DON’T ALWAYS HAVE THE POWER TO ACCOMPLISH THEM. When it comes right down to it, life in this world is a very uncertain business, as far as we are concerned.

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***Future Plans***

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We don’t really know what is going to happen, and much that does happen is beyond our power to control. So, as Christians, we should have the humility to say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

Henry Ward Beecher once said, *“We steal if we touch tomorrow. It is God’s.”* To make future plans that don’t take the Lord into account, and even to inquire into the future too closely, is to intrude into territory that does not really belong to us. Tomorrow is the Lord’s, and we should not try to seize it for ourselves.

In dealing with the future, we tend to go to extremes: either we do not make any plans at all or we make plans and then adopt an attitude about them that is too rigid and possessive. Surely there must be a good medium between these extremes, a balance between the foolishness of no planning and the arrogance of leaving the Lord out of our planning. Can we not make plans that are humble, plans which are important to us but which also bow reverently before the Lord’s sovereignty? I believe we can. It does not diminish the value of our planning to factor the Lord into our thinking and say, “If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that.”

So, we should make plans, but we should keep in mind that they may not materialize. That is not a bad thing, however. The world would be a poorer place if all our plans materialized, for God’s plans are much better than ours and we can be glad that His take precedence. It is in the brokenness of our expectations that God often accomplishes His greatest works*. “What we look for does not come to pass; God finds a way for what none foresaw” (Euripides).* Thinking rightly, we would not want it any other way.

*“There are no disappointments to those whose wills are buried in the will of God” (Frederick William Faber).*

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***The Cost of Forgiveness***

**By David Maxson**

***And as they were stoning Stephen... he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." [Acts 7:59-60]***

Nothing is harder than forgiveness. The longer I live, the more I am convinced of this. We would rather do just about anything than to forgive.

There are different levels of forgiveness. All forgiveness is not the same. There are many degrees of difficulty. Sometimes forgiveness is easy because the crime was committed in ignorance or it was unintended. Sometimes there is minimal injury and so it is easy to move on and move past the offense because it cost us so little.

But then there are times when forgiveness is costly; costly because the debt is heavy (whether physically, emotionally, or both). It may not be seventy times seven, but it feels that way. The wounds are deep and painful. The pain is intensified when we know the attack against us is intentional.

But the Scripture is clear when it tells us, ***"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another..."*** If the Scripture stopped there, we could easily rationalize an unforgiving spirit in some cases. We could dismiss some of our enemies by saying it is simply too costly to forgive them.

But the Scripture doesn't stop there: ***"forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." (Ephesians 4:32).***

We need this reminder of the cost of our forgiveness that we might forgive one another in the same way.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Lazarus [John 11:1-44]

2. Elisha [2 Kings 13:20-21]

3. Nain [Luke 7:11-15]

4. The son of the Shunammite woman [2 Kings4:32-35]

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