**SERVICE SCHEDULE for February 23, 2019**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Buck Phillips **Prayer-** Buck Phillips

**Song Leader-** Mark Tally **Song Leader-** Bill McIlvain

**Communion:**

**-- Comments –** Brandon Esque **Comments –** Andy Fuller

**-- Assisting –** Phillip Dorn **Communion –** Darryl Griffing

**-- Assisting –** Roger German

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting –** Mark Jones

**-- Scripture –** Jared Davis **Scripture –** Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer-** Connor LaChappelle

**Wednesday Night – February 26, 2019**

**First Prayer–** Connor LaChappelle

**Song Leader –** Brandon Esque

**Invitation –** Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer –** Cliff Davis

**February 23 Evening Service** – Eli Hickey

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **February** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **23** | German | Please be considerate of others |
| **March 1** | Johnson | Police your area before leaving |

**Good Thoughts --**

**Procrastination -- This definition is not in any dictionary, but is should be included somewhere:**

**Folks putting off those things that they never intended to do, until a better time which never comes, using their good promises which never materialized, until finally they forget about it, (unless their spouse has a good memory!)**

**"Can't sleep? Try counting your blessings."**

**"A clear conscience makes a soft pillow."**

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***Schedule of Services***

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

**Wi-Fi Password: church1234**

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

**February 23, 2019**

***Various Churches***

1. What was the first church to send forth missionaries?

2. What church was Silas from?

3. What "more noble" church sent members to accompany Paul all the way to Athens?

4. What church was noted for hating the Nicolaitan heresy?

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***If I were The Devil***

**By Paul Harvey**

I would gain control of the most powerful nation in the world; I would delude their minds into thinking that they had come from man's effort, instead of God's blessings.

I would promote an attitude of loving things and using people, instead of the other way around; I would dupe entire states into relying on gambling for their state revenue.

I would convince people that character is not an issue when it comes to leadership. I would cheapen human life as much as possible so that the lives of animals are valued more than human beings.

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***If I Were The Devil***

**Continued**

I would take God out of the schools, where even the mention of His name is grounds for a lawsuit. I would come up with drugs that sedate the mind and target the young, and I would get sports heroes to advertise them.

I would get control of the media, so that every night I could pollute the mind of every family member with my agenda. I would attack the family, the backbone of any nation.

I would make divorce acceptable and easy, even fashionable. If the family crumbles, so does the nation. I would compel people to express their most depraved fantasies on canvas and movie screens, and call it art.

I would convince the world that people are born homosexuals, and that their lifestyles should be accepted. I would convince the people that right and wrong are determined by a few who call themselves authorities and refer to their agenda as politically correct.

I would persuade people that the church is irrelevant and out of date, and the Bible is for the naive. I would dull the minds of Christians, and make them believe that prayer is not important, and that faithfulness and obedience are optional.

Hmmm... I guess if I were the devil, I'd leave things pretty much the way they are... Good day.

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***Basketball Finals***

I know a lot of people who follow basketball religiously; and that saddens me. To think that anyone would put a game ahead of serving the Lord just reinforces the fact that idolatry is alive and well in America.

What saddens me more is to think that we will put a little league game or a movie or a vacation ahead of the One with whom we owe everything to. May we get our priorities straight! **[See Hebrews 10:25-31]**

***The 7 Ups***

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1.  Wake Up!! Decide to have a good day. ***"This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it." Psalms 118:24***

2.  Dress Up!! The best way to dress up is to put on a smile. A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks. ***"...for the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."    I Samuel 16:7***

3.  Shut Up!! Say nice things and learn to listen. God gave us two ears and one mouth, so He must have meant for us to do twice as much listening as talking. ***"He who guards his mouth preserves his life...."   Proverbs 13:3***

4.  Stand Up!!...For what you believe in. Stand for something or you will fall for anything. ***"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek, for in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." Romans 1:16, 17***

5.  Look Up !!...To the Lord for everything. ***"I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me".   Philippians 4:13***

6.  Reach Up!! ***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your path."   Proverbs 3:5-6***

7.  Lift Up!!...Your Prayers. ***"Be anxious for nothing but in everything, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." Phil. 4:6***

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Jerusalem [Acts 8: 5&14]

2. Antioch [Acts 15:34]

3. Berea [Acts 17:10-15]

4. Ephesus [Revelation 2:6]

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