**SERVICE SCHEDULE for April 5, 2020**

**Announcements for the Week** Darryl Griffing

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Darryl Griffing **Prayer-** Darryl Griffing

**Song Leader-** Bill McIlvain **Song Leader-** Bill McIlvain

**-- Comments –** Buck Phillips **Comments –** Andy Fuller

-- **Assisting –** Phillip Dorn **Communion –** Buck Phillips

**-- Assisting –** Roger German

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting –** Scott Lucas

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

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward **Closing Prayer-** Connor L

**Wednesday Night – April 1, 2020**

**First Prayer–** TBD

**Song Leader –** TBD

**Invitation –** TBD

**Closing Prayer –** TBD

**April 26 Evening Prayer & Song Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **April** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **5** | LaChappelle | Take the time to police your area before you go. |
| **12** | Shacklock | Cheerios and other cereals can draw ants. |

**COVID-19 -**

**These are unprecedented times. How do we worship the Lord on His day? In the past week there have been 12 people at the church building. There has been no problem maintaining the Social Distancing regulations. Most of you have been worshiping at home as we have made provisions to worship in a Virtual Environment. 5:00 service will be dedicated to prayer following the Lord’s supper observance.**

**COVID-19 has given us a lot to think 7 PRAY about. God is still in control and what happens in the next few weeks is still a part of His will. Keep praying!**

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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 Davin, Darryl Griffing, Buck Phillips**

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***More Priest Trivia***

1. In the time of the judges, what man was brassy enough to set up one of his sons as priest, though he had no authority to do so?

2. What priest led a reform movement in Judah, so that the people tore down their Baal temple and idols

3. What priest of Baal was killed in Jerusalem when a reform movement threw out all the idols?

4. What were the names of the two stones worn in the high priest’s breastplate and used to determine God’s will?

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***Stating The Obvious***

**By David Maxson**

***...apart from me you can do nothing. [John 15:5***]

You would think it would go without saying, but I still have to ask. Someone confides in me a serious problem...

It could be they've got a temptation they've been wrestling with for years. They've been struggling with this the greater part of their life and have all but given up in their fight against it.

It could be their marriage is on life-support. Divorce is not only on the table being discussed; it would appear to be inevitable. It's just a matter of time before lawyers are involved.  ***Stating The Obvious***

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It could be a problem with their kids or an issue at work or at church, but whatever it is it is bigger than them. They just feel helpless and overwhelmed by the circumstances they find themselves in.

It seems almost insulting to even ask the question seeing as the advice is so obvious, but ask I must... "Are you praying about this?"

Guess what? Most say no. Explains a big part of the problems, does it not? Without Jesus we're doomed to fail.

What about you? Whatever you're wrestling with, are you trying to do it by yourself? Or are you praying about it?

*Father God, I don't know why we try to do it without you! Be with us, Lord, and give us the strength we need.*

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***False Advertising***

**By Jim Jonas**

Things are often not what they appear to be. While recently shopping for a watch, we noted that some said “waterproof to 50m,” others said “waterproof to 100m,” and yet others said “waterproof to 150m.” I made some joke about not wearing it scuba diving, and the sales clerk began to explain that the labels were misleading.

She said the 50m designation meant incidental wetness like when washing a car or doing the dishes. The 100m designation meant taking a bath or swimming in a pool. The 150m designation meant as deep as one might go when snorkeling. She was actually reading this off a card that had been supplied by the manufacturer.

Lesson: Always read the fine print.

We come to expect this kind of chicanery from advertisers, but what about in our ordinary interaction with others? We are warned about being deceived by false teachers who flatter with smooth speech (2 Corinthians 11:13; 1 Timothy 4:1), by those who would rob us of our liberty in Christ (Colossians 2:8; Galatians 2:4); or by sin itself with all of its misleading promises (Hebrews 3:13). We are even warned against self-deceit (1 Corinthians 6:9; 15:33; Galatians 6:7).

Since we know that advertisers take liberty with the truth, and since we are forewarned that unscrupulous people will try to trick us on spiritual grounds, what is our duty? It is to be wary but not paranoid, careful but not cynical, discerning but not disparaging. We must do our homework, compare ideas and practices to the Biblical pattern, and proceed with caution.

It is difficult to be vigilant without becoming negative or assuming the worst in others. It is also difficult not to adopt deceitful practices as the “norm.” Since everyone else seems to play fast and loose with truth, posture and bluff and conceal facts, intentions, or feelings under some pretense, what difference does it make if I do it?

The difference is that we answer to God’s standards, not those of the majority around us. Christians are to put away lying and ***“speak truth with his neighbor” (Ephesians 4:25).*** We are to lay aside guile, hypocrisy and envy (1 Peter 2:1). Paul fiercely defended his honorable intentions when accused of preaching under false pretenses (1 Thessalonians 2:3; 2 Corinthians 12:16, said in sarcasm).

Brutally bludgeoning someone with unvarnished truth is not the antidote for deceitfulness (a la *American Idol’s* Simon Cowell). Some situations call for tact and a genuine desire to protect someone’s feelings without leaving a false impression. But pretending to be someone we really aren’t in order to curry favor or protect standing is dishonesty and calls our true character into question. If Jesus were to see us approach, could He honestly say, “A Christian, indeed, in whom is no guile” (John 1:47)?

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Micah [Judges 17:5]

2. Jehoida [2 Kings 11:17-20]

3. Mattan [2 Kings 11:18]

4. Urim and Thummim [Exodus 28:30]

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