**SERVICE SCHEDULE for May 17, 2020**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Roger German **Song Leader-** Mark Tally

**-- Comments –** Darryl Griffing **Comments –** Bill McIlvain

-- **Assisting –** TBD **Communion –** Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting –** Dan Woodward

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting –** TBD

**-- Scripture –** Josiah Phillips **Scripture –** Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Mark Tally **Closing Prayer-** Connor L

**Wednesday Night – May 20, 2020**

**First Prayer–** TBD

**Song Leader –** TBD

**Invitation –** TBD

**Closing Prayer –** TBD

**May 31 Evening Song Origins Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **May** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **17** | Esque | Take the time to police your area before you go. |
| **24** | Sammons | Volunteers are needed to pull weeds on the bank |

**COVID-19 -**

**More of our brethren are returning to worship with the group In the auditorium. We understand that there are some of our brethren who have serious concerns about COVID-19, and that is OK as well. So far there has been no problem maintaining the Social Distancing regulations.**

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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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***A Time To Dance [Ecclesiastes 3:4]***

1. What tribe took wives from among the dancers at Shiloh?

2. Who danced around the altar of their false god?

3. Who came out dancing after David killed Goliath?

4. Whose ill-fated daughter came out dancing after his victory over the Ammonites??

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***The Constant Battle With Impatience***

**By Al Diestelkamp**

Since patience is a virtue (2 Peter 1:6), it should be no great surprise that Satan would often challenge us with the temptation to be impatient.

Most people have had a lot of practice being impatient. We have grown accustomed to having what we want, when we want it. When that doesn't happen, we frequently become impatient, which inevitably leads to other problems.

A child may throw a tantrum if he has to wait his turn, or if his parents won't buy what he wants--right now! This immature attitude may simply be validation of the old saying, "The acorn doesn't fall far from the tree."

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***The Constant Battle With Impatience***

**Continued**

Many young parents have insisted on having--from the get-go--every advantage their parents had worked many years to obtain. Instead of patiently putting up with a used vehicle until they could afford to buy a brand-new car, they go ahead and buy one anyway. Often a second family income is necessary to pay for a luxury, and that demands a second car which might not otherwise be necessary.

The problem with impatience is that it is a chronic condition....

Getting what you want becomes a habit that is hard to break. Before "wants" are paid for, we convince ourselves that we “need" other things, and we need them now!

Impatience in material matters is bad enough, but it's especially destructive when it rears its ugly head in even more important areas of life. If patience has not been developed early in life, young people will likely become impatient in fulfilling their sexual urges, and will convince themselves that they "deserve" the pleasures reserved for marriage--especially if they are "in love."

Christians must fight against impatience in dealing with one another. We are commanded to ***"be patient with all" (1 Thessalonians 5:14),*** including the unruly, fainthearted and weak. In all our teaching we must show patience (2 Timothy 2:24).

We may even become somewhat impatient with our own pursuit of righteousness. For that reason we are warned not to ***"grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart" (Galatians 6:9).***

God promises great things to ***"those who by patient continuance in doing good seek for glory, honor, and immortality" (Romans 2:7***). Even when our righteousness brings trouble to us in the short-term, we are reminded to be ***"patient in tribulation" (Romans 12:12),*** for as we are reminded in another place, ***"be patient until the coming of the Lord...Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (James 5:7-8).***

***When Church Is Boring***

**By Frank Himmel**

What do you do when you find that church is boring?  It's time for a change!  Now the question is, change what?

Many folks think the answer is to change the church.  I just read an article about a new church created for men only, men who find church boring.  Discarding more traditional environments, they meet in a gymnasium one Saturday evening a month.  A rock band provides entertainment.  The preacher speaks in front of the scoreboard, with the clock running.  He guarantees to have them out in one hour!

Some might not go that far, yet they still insist on change.  Contemporary music, drama, and short sermons that are little more than pep talks are the order of the day.  Celebration and praise are the buzzwords.

Malachi lived at a time when people found "church" boring.  Speaking of Israel's worship, God said through the prophet, ***“You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it” (Malachi 1:13).***

God proposed two changes in these who turned up their noses at His worship.  One was to just stay home (1:10).  The better solution, the change He preferred, was to repent (2:2).  Notice what God did not approve of: changing the structure or activities of worship to accommodate individual tastes.

The one who leads the prayer can give more thought to what he says and the song leader can try to select more meaningful hymns.  But when worship as God directed is boring, the main change that is needed is in the heart of the worshiper.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Benjamin [Judges 21:20-23

2. The priests of Baal [1 Kings 18:26]

3. The women of Israel [1 Samuel 18:6-7]

4. Jeptha [Judges 11:34]

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