**SERVICE SCHEDULE for August 16, 2020**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Mark Tally **Song Leader-** Brandon Esque aChappelle

**-- Comments –** Andy Fuller **Comments –** Curran LaChappelle

-- **Assisting –** Jared Davis **Communion –** Mark Tally

**-- Assisting –** Lucian Griffing

**-- Assisting –** Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting –** Connor LaChappelle

**-- Scripture –** Dean Shacklock **Scripture –** Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** Phillip Dorn **Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodward

**Wednesday Night – August 19, 2020**

**First Prayer–** Lucian Griffing

**Song Leader –** Cliff Davis

**Invitation –** Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer –** Ron Bailey

**August 23 Evening Service** – Buck Phillips

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **August** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **16** | Johnson | Take the time to police your area before you go. |
| **23** | McIlvain | Cheerios and other cereals can draw ants. |

**Take Note**

**The Bible Classes have been a vital part of our local work here. Our appreciation goes to the teachers who selflessly devote to their students.**

**Work has commenced on the stage area. A special Thank You goes to the efforts of the men who are working on this project. Lord willing, we will continue the work next Saturday.**

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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**

**August 16, 2020**

***Some Lepers***

1. Who put his hand into his bosom and, drawing it out, found it leprous?

2. Who became a leper after he lied to the prophet Elisha?

3. Who told Moses to send lepers away from the Israelite camp?

4. What is the greatest number of lepers Jesus healed at any one time?

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***A World Too Busy For God***

**By Tom Edwards**

And the Doors Were Locked -- Have you ever thought of what the world would be like if everyone was just too busy for God? Could you imagine what it would be like if every church building, around the world, remained empty because everyone had "more important things" to do?

Non-Christians, thinking about attending a service, wanting to learn more about the Bible or just out of curiosity, would come to the building and find it locked -- no one there

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Can you imagine being that non-Christian who is now walking away from the building, disappointed, but slowly able to dispel from his mind that small burst of interest that he previously had toward investigating what the church and God's word was all about? The locked doors told him that it must not be that important.

Our Lack of Attendance Can Affect Others -- Have you ever thought about the newborn babe in Christ, who like a lamb learning to walk, is still a little wobbly, but seeking to become more sure-footed. It was just a few weeks ago that he arose from the watery grave of baptism in order to ***"walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:3,4),*** and he's excited about his new life in Christ and wants to grow to become everything that the Lord wants him to be.

But as he looks around in the thinned-out services, he has been noticing that the very ones who were there at his baptism are not even there for the Sunday morning Bible classes, the Sunday evening services, or the midweek services. His head hangs a little low with disappointment. Not only is his zeal diminished somewhat, but his joy also wanes. He presses on, however, because he knows God wants him to; but it is now with a little less enthusiasm, as he takes each rickety step.

Out of all of our duties as Christians, surely being faithful in attendance should be one of the easier ones to fulfill. As David states in ***Psalm 122:1, "I was glad when they said to me, `Let us go to the house of the Lord."'*** Today, the Lord's house is the church (1 Timothy 3:15). Are we glad that it exists? Are we glad that we can easily assemble as a local body of God's people? This surely is something we should never take for granted -- especially when we realize that there are some places at this very moment in which people would be thrown in jail for simply meeting together to have a worship service. Yet they continue to meet secretly.

In addition, how can we begin to impress the importance of the Lord and His church upon others if we ourselves have made them a minor importance in our own lives -- or have even gone so far as to become totally indifferent toward them? We might not actually feel this way in our hearts toward them, but perhaps our actions are giving a different message.

Putting God in Our Schedule -- This is not to say that secular jobs are not important. We can think of many careers in which people -- such as firemen, police officers, rescue workers, paramedics, doctors, etc. -- literally save lives by their profession. How important they are in our society. But no one can continually work 24 hours a day. As much as the paramedic might like to be on duty all the time to save more lives, it is just impossible for him to do so; but there are other paramedics. Work must, therefore, be scheduled. And in that schedule, we need to reserve time for God.

The Bible teaches that we are to ***"...consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24,25).***

A Life that Exhorts -- Your very presence encourages. It gives a message. Though faithfulness in attendance is not the only requirement to a harmonious walk with God, your presence is saying that God and the church are important in your life and certainly worth taking the time for. Out of all the many things you could be doing (though not with the Lord's approval), you have chosen to put God first in this matter. Your desire appears to be one concerned with pleasing the Lord, and it gives incentive to others to do likewise.

If we are getting so busy that we don't have time for God then we are way too busy. No matter how important a person's secular work is, it is not something that he or she can do 24 hours a day, continually. There must be a schedule. We need to take time to eat, time to sleep, time to work, and time for wholesome recreation; but none of that would even be possible had it not been for the Lord, who is the maker of time itself. Let us, therefore, be sure to always find time for God and put Jesus Christ in our schedule -- but not for merely "someday"; but, rather, for today! For according to my calendar, there is no listing for "someday." And, by finding time for the Lord now, we can then have the assurance that when time itself is over, we'll have blissfulness in heaven to enjoy for all eternity!

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Moses [Exodus 4:6]

2. Gehazi [2 Kings 5:27]

3. The Lord [Numbers 5:1-4]

4. Ten [Luke 17:12]

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