**SERVICE SCHEDULE for June 27, 2021**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle **Song Leader-** Bill McIlvain

**-- Comments –** Andy Fuller **Comments –** Darryl Griffing

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque **Communion –** Ben Wofford

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Scripture –** Darryl Griffing **Scripture –** Dean Shacklock

**Closing Prayer-** Ben Wofford **Closing Prayer-** Phillip Dorn

**Wednesday Night – June 30, 2021**

**First Prayer–** Darryl Griffing

**Song Leader –** Eli Hickey

**Invitation –** Buck Phillips

**Closing Prayer –** Dan Woodward

**June 27 Evening Lesson –** Eli Hickey

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **June** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **27** | Hickey | Please Be Considerate |
| **July 4** | Wofford | Clean the area around your seat |

**Mature Love --**

**Someone once said that when he was a boy he used to shine his father's shoes. He did this because his father told him to and he feared being punished if he didn't.**

**When he became an adolescent his father started to pay him a dollar to shine his shoes for him. He then would shine his father's shoes not just because he asked him to do it but because he wanted the money.**

**Now that he is a man he still shines his father's shoes but for a different reason. Whenever he goes home to see his father he'll ask if he can shine his shoes for him, but not because he fears being punished. He doesn't do it because he hopes to be paid either. He does it because he loves his father and wants to make him happy**

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

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***Find It In Revelation***

1. What did the rider on the white horse bring to the earth?

2. What color horse did Death ride?

3. What color did the moon become when the sixth seal was broken open?

4. What curious object was in the hand of the person sitting on the white cloud?

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***The Story of Rahab***

**From My reference Books**

Rahab’s story is part of the Israelites conquest of the Promised Land. Under the leadership of Joshua the fortified city of Jericho lies in the path of the advancing Israelite army. Joshua sends spies into the city to gather intelligence on the city’s defenses. Rahab plays an important part in the conquest of Jericho.

**About Her Family:** Rahab’s parents, brothers and sisters were alive at the time of her association with the spies Joshua sent out, but we are not given any of their names (Joshua 2:13). In the royal genealogy of Jesus, Rahab is referred to as being the wife of Salmon, one of the two spies that she sheltered, and helped escape. Rahab became the mother of Boaz, who married Ruth. Ruth’s son Obed was the father of Jesse, who was the father of David, through whose line Jesus was born.

***Rahab***

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Many have tried to prove that the Rahab in Jesus ancestry was a different Rahab from the one named as a harlot. We must remember that not only Rahab, but Tamar and Bathsheba were women that were also in the ancestry of Jesus. Also, some have tried to make the word “harlot” mean “innkeeper”, thus making Rahab the landlady of a wayside tavern. The Bible however makes no attempt to smooth over the unpleasant fact that Rahab had been a harlot.

**Her “Occupation”:** Three times Rahab is referred to as “the harlot”, and the Hebrew and Greek words have no other meaning than “harlot”. Evidently Rahab had her own house and lived apart from the rest of her family. Her house was built against the town wall with the room almost level to the top of the wall. The people of Jericho probably well knew the type of business Rahab was dealing.

While her name has come to be sanctified in the lineage of Jesus, Paul and James affix the label to her name “Rahab the harlot”. She still carried the evil name. She is an example of true repentance.

**Becoming Part of the Plan:** Rahab had heard and come to learn the facts of the exodus of Israel, the miracle of the Red Sea, and the overthrow of Shinon and Og (Joshua 2:9-11). These two spies were not there for her favors, but men of God with one mission in mind. Rahab planned their protection and escape. She hid them in some flax spread on the roof, and let them down with a rope over the city wall.

The two Jewish spies were in desperate straits with the Amorite pursuers hot on their trail. Rahab decided to hide and help them. The Kings men had tracked the spies to Rahab’s house, but she met them with a lie that sent them another way. If they had doubted her word, they would surely have searched the house, but off they went where Rahab sent them. As soon as the “coast was clear” Rahab let them down the city wall under the cover of darkness, and knowing the countryside, she guided the spies in the best escape route.

**Personal Sacrifice:** When Rahab hid the spies and helped them escape, she put her life and those of her family in peril. She had courage and a willingness to risk her own life. By this act, Rahab was betraying her own country, and the punishment surely would be death.

Rahab understood the sovereignty of God (Joshua 2:9-11). She was willing to sacrifice her life in a cause she knew to be of God. Rahab knew the Lord had given the land into the hands of the Israelites. She had knowledge of God’s miracles at the crossing of the Red Sea, and the victory God gave the Israelites over the two kings of the Amorites. Her confession that the God of the Israelites is “God in heaven above and on earth” demonstrates her faith.

**Salvation:** As Rahab sheltered the spies and aided in their escape, she received from them the promise that when they returned along with Joshua and his army, that she and her family would be spared alive. So they made the pact and she helped them escape. Her sign for the invading army would be a scarlet cord tied in the window

Rahab did lie to save the spies. We all know that lying is a sin. No matter which way we wish to view this lie, the fact remains that Rahab’s faith in God saved her.

God commanded Joshua to destroy both the city and the inhabitants. When Joshua entered the city, he set about the execution of God’s command, but respected the promise made to Rahab by the spies. Under the protection of the scarlet cord, Rahab and her family were brought out of the house (Joshua 6:17-25).

**Legacy:** Three references to Rahab in the New Testament reveal how she became a faithful follower of the Lord. She was given a place on the roll of the Old Testament faithful (Hebrews 11:31). Rahab and Sarah are the only two women who are designated as an example of faith. That makes her ranked along with Enoch, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, Moses and David. James adds that Rahab was justified by works (James 2:25).

Rahab teaches us that anyone, no matter how deep in sin, can change their ways and become a faithful child of God. Rahab’s story also demonstrates God’s complete forgiveness, no matter the sin. Rahab should give us hope. Her story teaches us that it is never too late to begin serving God. That no one is beyond redemption. And that God’s word will do its work.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Conquest [Revelation 6:2]

2. Pale [or pale green depending on the translation [Revelation 6:8]

3. Blood red [Revelation 6:12]

4. A sickle [Revelation 14:14]

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