**SERVICE SCHEDULE for July 25, 2021**

**Announcements for the Week** Cliff Davis

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Cliff Davis **Prayer-** Cliff Davis

**Song Leader-** Jason LaChappelle **Song Leader-** TBD

**-- Comments –** Andy Fuller **Comments –** Connor LaChapelle

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

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Assisting –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** Mark Tally **Scripture –** Dean Shacklock

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

**Wednesday Night – July 28, 2021**

**First Prayer–** Darryl Griffing

**Song Leader –** Buck Phillips

**Invitation –** Cliff Davis

**Closing Prayer –** Dan Woodward

**June 25 Morning Lesson –** Eli Hickey **& Evening Lesson –** Buck Phillips

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **July** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **25** | K. Fuller | Please Be Considerate |
| **Aug 1** | German | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts**

**True Christianity means: SERVE, even when we are not being served. LOVE, even when we may not be loved. HELP, even when we have not been helped. GIVE, even when we have not received.**

**How great it would be if we could see ourselves as others see us! What could we need more? The Bible urges*: “Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment” (***[***Romans 12:3***](about:blanksteplinkto4%2045%2012:3%203)***).***

**In order to see ourselves realistically we must *“In humility receive the implanted word….” (***[***James 1:21***](about:blanksteplinkto4%2059%201:21)***)*. Then we must use that word as a mirror in order to see our true spiritual condition and change what needs changing *(***[***James 1:23–25***](about:blanksteplinkto4%2059%201:23-59%201:25)***).***

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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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***Curses***

1. In what story did Jesus place a curse on the unrighteous?

2. What happened to the ground as a result of God’s curse?

3. What prophet ended his book with God’s threat to come and strike the land with a curse?

4. What epistle says that blessing and cursing should not come out of the same mouth?

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***Back To School Parents***

**By Edwin Crozier**

Parents need to get their children ready to go back to school by 1) developing our own personal contentment and 2) passing on conviction to our children. But that is not all we need to offer our children. Consider three more gifts we must give them.

**Courage:** We have worked on giving them conviction. Now we need to help them develop courage. 1 Peter 4:3-5 says the worldly will wonder why we don’t do what they do. Our kids will face that full-scale at school. Sadly, all too often, instead of teaching our kids to take courageous stands about modesty and morality, we crumble ourselves on issues like school dances and dress, making excuses about how these are once in a lifetime opportunities or rites of passage as they grow up. 

***Back To School Parents***

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Our children need to have courage to put their commitment to Christ above their commitment to school. What good will acing Spanish do them if they don’t know Christ’s will because they stayed home to study or work on school reports instead of assembling with the saints.

**Counsel:** Our kids’ peers are going to give them all kinds of counsel. Very little of it will be good. Our kids need a place to go to get good counsel.

Regrettably, we often think seeking counsel is our kid’s responsibility. We’d give them good counsel if they would just come ask us for it. The problem is we often act like people that no one would want to get counsel from.

We need to let our kids know that mistakes are part of life. We’ll still love them when they make theirs. We need to let our kids know that we are people they can trust with their questions, concerns, doubts, fears, relationships. We must not dismiss their problems as petty, their questions as baseless, their fears as unfounded. We need to let them know they are valid and we are here to help them grow through all these things. We need to be people that are approachable to ask for counsel.

**Comfort:** Sadly, all too often, now that we have grown and entered the “real world,” we forget how real school was to us. We forget how serious it was when our friends made fun of us. We forget how heartbreaking it was when the person we liked rejected us. We forget how scared we were when we messed up big and were afraid our parents would find out. Our kids are going through all of that.

We need to be a place of comfort for them. Just like Paul encouraged Christians to comfort one another in 2 Corinthians 13:11, we need to comfort our children. That is especially true when they come to us admitting mistakes and seeking forgiveness (cf. 2 Corinthians 2:7). They need to know that they can bring anything to us and we’ll offer our understanding and our love. Now here’s the hard part. They need to know that will be the case even when we disagree with them and even if we have to discipline them.

It may be our kids that are going to school. But we need to prepare as well. Let’s give our kids what they need so they can go back to school on a positive note.

**The photographer caught this special moment, what a privilege to see.**



***And Jesus spoke to Israel saying, " How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me.  Mathew 23:27***

***Psalm 91:4, He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection.***

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**Answers from page 1**

1. The story of the sheep and the goats [Matthew 25:31-41]

2. It brought forth thorns and weeds [Genesis 3:17-18]

3. Malachi [Malachi 4:6]

4. James [James 3:10]

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