**SERVICE SCHEDULE for October 31, 2021**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Mark Tally **Song Leader-** Bill McIlvain

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

**-- Assisting –** Andy Fuller **Communion –** John MacQuilliam

**-- Assisting –** Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Eli Hickey

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

**Closing Prayer-** Ron Bailey **Closing Prayer-** Ben Wofford

**Wednesday Night – November 3, 2021**

**First Prayer–** Eli Hickey

**Song Leader –** Josiah Phillips

**Invitation –** Ben Wofford

**Closing Prayer –** Jason LaChappelle

**October 31 Evening Song Origin Service**

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **October** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **31** | Bailey | Please Be Considerate |
| **Nov 7** | Griffing | Clean the area around your seat |

**Men’s Bible Study –**

**The men are invited to join in a bible study on the 1st Friday of the month. You are welcome to bring a friend or two with you. This month we will be gathering at John MacQuilliam’s home. “Service” is the subject of this study.**

**Plan to show up at his place around 6:00 and the study will commence around 7. Get with John regarding all of the particulars.**

**Singing Class –**

**There will be a new singing class offered to anyone who would like to learn more about song leading, shape notes and harmony singing in general. The time will be at 4:30 on Sunday evenings.**

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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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***Concerning Priests***

1. What oil was supposed to be used to anoint Israel’s priests?

2. What king fired all the priests appointed to serve pagan gods?

3. What kind of head coverings did the priests wear?

4. What priests – two of Aaron’s sons – were killed because they offered “strange fire” to the Lord?

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***Moses Wasn’t Complaining***

**By Edwin L. Crozier**

To our modern sensibilities, it just does not seem fair. Moses had been a great leader. Then one day, he let his temper get the better of him and did one wrong thing. In Numbers 20, the Israelites were complaining again. They had been delivered by the Lord repeatedly, but still they complained, ***“If only we had perished when our brothers perished before the Lord!”***

In vs.8, God told Moses to take his rod and Aaron and go ***“speak to the rock before their eyes, that it may yield its water.”***

Despite God’s clear instruction, Moses did not speak to the rock, he struck it. God responded in vs.12, ***“Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.”***

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We know the rest of the story. In Deuteronomy 34, Moses went to the mountaintop, was allowed to see the Promised Land and then died before the Lord without entering Canaan or enjoying its fruit.

That does not seem fair. One mistake and no Promised Land. However, though Moses faced consequences for his sin, he did not face eternal damnation. He was forgiven. Moses learned from God’s chastening and clearly repented.

Fast forward about 1500 years to the next time we see Moses. In Matthew 17:3, Moses appeared to Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration. Do you think he was complaining about never living in Canaan? Keep in mind, he had spent the previous 1500 years in the presence of God in paradise. I do not think Moses was complaining.

We often have a skewed view of what is fair and what is important on this side of death. However, when we enter eternity, our perception will clear up.

On this side of death, we get upset about facing consequences of sin, thinking it is somehow not fair. We are upset for the person who has to remain single or get out of an unlawful marriage because of past sin. We think it is unfair when someone got pregnant or caught a disease the one time they committed immorality. We wonder why God lets the one who got drunk only once have a car wreck and lose their legs. To us it just does not seem fair. We especially have trouble seeing someone who was forgiven but still facing sin’s consequences.

What we must remember is the one who learns from God’s chastening instead of complaining about how unfair it is will live through eternity with God. I venture to say no matter how unfair we thought things were here, when we enter heaven, we will not be complaining anymore. As Romans 8:18 says, we will learn that heaven is worth it all.

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***High Potency***

**By Edwin L. Crozier**

**HP + CP + CC = MI --** High Potency plus Close Proximity plus Clear Communication equals Maximum Impact.

In Matthew 5:13, Jesus said we are to be the salt of the earth.  But as salt, we have to have flavor.  If we have no taste, we cannot do our job.  That is the picture of potency. A further explanation of this can be seen a few verses later when Jesus said, ***"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven." [Matthew 5:16]***

High Potency means pointing people to God through our lives and actions.  They should be able to see our good works.  But instead of seeing them as a reason to praise us, they should see them as a reason to honor God.

As Christians, we should lead lives that impress others with our distinction.  They should see us as different.  While the world is untrustworthy, they should be able to see us as trustworthy.  While the world will slander, gossip and backbite, they know we will not.  While the world is overcome by the stresses and emotional anxieties of the world, they see in us a peace that goes beyond understanding.

The greatest way to demonstrate this High Potency is by bearing the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. [Galatians 5:22-23]

Another aspect of High Potency will be seen in how we speak and in what we speak.  God, His word and His church ought to be a part of our conversations.  When people praise us for some talent, let them know you give the thanks to God.  When people want to know what you did over the weekend, let them know you went to worship.

You do not have to cram it down people's throats.  Just mention it as though it was the most natural thing to say and move on.

When we are High Potency Christians, people will take notice and they will want what we have.  At that point, we will be able to teach them.  Let's be High Potency this week.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Olive Oil [Exodus 30:24]

2. Josiah [2 Kings 23:5]

3. A turban [Exodus 28:39]

4. Nadab and Abihu [Numbers 3:4]

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