**SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 13, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Darryl Griffing

**Morning Service Evening Service**

**Prayer-** Darryl Griffing **Prayer-** Roger German

**Song Leader-** Buck Phillips **Song Leader**- Roger German

**-- Comments** – Ben Wofford **Comments** – Andy Fuller

**-- Assisting –** Brandon Esque **Communion –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Ron Bailey

**-- Assisting –** Phillip Dorn

**-- Assisting –** Eli Hickey

**-- Scripture –** Josiah Phillips **Scripture –** Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer-** Dan Woodard **Closing Prayer**- Ron Bailey

**Wednesday Night – March 16, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Roger German

**Song Leader** – Eli Hickey

**Invitation –** Darryl Griffing

**Closing Prayer –** Buck Phillips

**March 27 Evening Service** – Buck Phillips

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **March** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **13** | Dorn | Please Be Considerate |
| **20** | Bailey | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts –**

**Light Reveals, Darkness Conceals**

**That’s obvious. We can see in the light but we can’t see in the dark. Anyone who has visited a cave knows what is absolute darkness. While there are many ways to illustrate the concept “Light Reveals, Darkness Conceals,” what the Bible says about light and darkness is paramount.**

**The more society drifts away from godly living, the darker it becomes. The contrast becomes more evident as our lights shine brighter.**

**We are witnessing the result of such contrast: The more evil is exposed, the more the light is hated.**

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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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***The Kings***

1. What Military man captured 31 kings?

2. What king of Moab sent the prophet Balaam to curse Israel?

3. What king of the Amalekites was hacked to pieces by Samuel?

4. What son of Gideon was proclaimed king in Shechem?

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***Leaky Faucets***

**By Jim Jonas**

In the few weeks since sister Winona Knowles has lived with Hobert and Sue, her house has been unoccupied. In that short time, the washers in a couple of faucets dried out and cracked. When the new owners came in and turned the faucets on, *voilà!* A home with one bath and three showers.

This story illustrates one of the most readily observable principles of our world: *Disuse leads to ruin.* It is true with rubber gaskets, automobile engines, appliances, tools, clothes – you name it. There is a creeping corruption that deteriorates things which stand still: dust, rust, rot, mildew, evaporation and other natural pollutants attack inanimate objects and render them useless over time.

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***Leaky Faucets***

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This principle also acts upon humans, both in body and mind. The muscles which are not exercised shrivel and weaken. Joints which are not used stiffen and ache. But most damaging of all is the spiritual inactivity which empties our minds of deep thought and ties our tongues in knots when we try to speak to someone about the Bible.

God expects every Christian to be useful to the extent of his or her abilities. It is the very activity of serving that hones our skills, refreshes our spirits and enables us to develop new talents for the Lord’s use. In reference to His use of parables, Jesus said, ***“For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him” (Matthew 13:12).*** This was so true of the Jews; not only did they forfeit the abundant blessings in their Messiah, they had only a weak and shallow concept of Mosaic Law and enjoyed none of the great riches which God had promised them through faithful compliance to it.

Jesus teaches the same truth in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30, esp. v 29). The man who had hidden his one talent was called a *“wicked and lazy servant”* and his talent was taken from him.

Some things can be learned only by doing them. We can have “personal work” classes all day long, but the only way to become an effective teacher is to do it. We can make all kinds of excuses to sit back and do nothing and in so doing we run the risk of losing all meaningful ability to serve God.

Look back at the past week or month. Ask yourself, “How have I used myself to the glory of God?” What skill are you currently trying to improve? Are you shiny with use, or rusty with neglect?

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**By Leslie Diestelkamp**

Morality pertains to that which is right and wrong, and for the Christian this is determined by God's attitude, and not by the changing customs of men and women. But there seems to be a tendency for us to accept something as right after it has been practiced so much that it is accepted by society, regardless of what God says about it.

If one will take the time to study the morals of the children of Israel, from the days of Jacob until the time of Christ, he will find that God never did smile upon immorality. In fact, when Israel became immoral God withheld his blessings. When Israel repented and became moral people God blessed them abundantly.

There are areas of immorality that not only seem to prevail in the world, but also seem to be prevailing among many of God's own people today. Each of these are soul-destroying. Each will render one's influence null and void for righteousness, and I believe they will cause God to withhold His blessings from His church, regardless of other areas of fidelity, such as purity of worship, organization, work, etc. The areas are as follows....

**1. Profanity and vulgarity** (including the use of euphemisms) have always been offensive to God, but are heard too often from the lips of God's people today (Titus 2:8; Matthew 12:36-37; Ephesians 4:29; Colossians 3:8).

**2. Drinking intoxicants**, whether bar-room drinking, social drinking or private drinking, defiles men and women, degrades the youth, leads to irresponsibility in other moral matters and brings shame, disgrace and even death (Proverbs 20:1; 23:29-35; Galatians 5:21).

**3. Nudity** (and near nudity) have always been shameful in God's sight.

Every biblical reference to nakedness indicates shamefulness. The mini-skirt is a disgrace to any Christian who wears it. It cannot be considered as that adornment that exemplifies holiness of heart, nor can it be considered adornment that produces purity of mind in others (Philippians 4:8). Such scanty attire is, in and of itself, lascivious and it produces licentiousness and lust in others (Galatians 5:19).

Let us remember that true morality does not adapt to the styles and customs of the world. And let us not forget that it is the duty of Christians to demonstrate high moral standards regardless of what the world does. The destiny of our souls depends upon it, and the welfare of the church is at stake.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Joshua [Joshua 12:9-24]

2. Balak [Numbers 22:2-6]

3. Agag [1 Samuel 15:8-32]

4. Abimelech [Judges 9:6]

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