**SERVICE SCHEDULE for March 20, 2022**

**Announcements for the Week** Buck Phillips

**Morning Service Evening Service**

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

**Song Leader-** Connor LaChappelle **Song Leader**- Curran LaChappelle

**-- Comments** – Eli Hickey **Comments** – Ben Wofford

**-- Assisting –** Ben Wofford **Communion –** Connor LaChappelle

**-- Assisting –** Dean Shacklock

**-- Assisting –** Cliff Davis

**-- Assisting –** Jared Davis

**-- Scripture –** Phillip Dorn **Scripture** – Josiah Phillips

**Closing Prayer-** John MacQuilliam **Closing Prayer**- Phillip Dorn

**Wednesday Night – March 23, 2022**

**First Prayer–** Bandon Esque

**Song Leader** – Buck Phillips

**Invitation –** Connor LaChappelle

**Closing Prayer –** Andy Fuller

**March 27 Evening Service** – Buck Phillips

**Upcoming Assignments**

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| **March** | **Communion** | **Cleaning** |
| **20** | Bailey | Please Be Considerate |
| **27** | Shacklock | Clean the area around your seat |

**Good Thoughts –**

**Look back and be grateful. Look ahead and be hopeful. Look around and be helpful. – Shared by John MacQuilliam**

**Since God has included you in His plans, make sure you include God in your plans.**

**When looking for faults, first use a mirror before using a telescope.**

**We don't change the message, the message changes us.**

**We set the sail; God makes the wind.**

**Wisdom has two parts: 1) Having a lot to say. 2) Not saying it.**

**Freedom from sin does not mean we are free to sin.**

**Some people lack the courage to die, while others lack the courage to live.**

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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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***Foot Coverings***

1. Who was told by God to take his shoes off because he was standing on holy ground?

2. Who told the people that he was not worthy to carry the Messiah’s sandals?

3. During what historic event were the Hebrews instructed to keep their shoes on and be ready to travel?

4. What were the best made shoes in the Bible?

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***Comfort***

**By Heath Rogers [Shared by Andy Dobbs]**

***“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Corinthians 1:3- 4).***

The word “comfort” is translated from a Greek word that means “to call to one’s side, to render aid to one.” This concept of comfort does not mean deliverance from pain and misery. Rather, it refers to strength and courage that one brings to us as we are enduring trials and tribulations.  

***Comfort***

**Continued**

Comfort is a welcomed friend and companion to those who are suffering. Notice some things that this passage teaches us about comfort.

**God is the source of comfort**. -- Strength and comfort can come through different channels, but all these channels ultimately flow from God. Our God is a merciful God. That is, He cares about His creation and is moved with pity for them. As such, He is ready, willing and able to impart His strength to those who call upon Him. This comfort can come in different ways. We can find strength and peace through prayer **(Philippians 4:6-7**). We can find comfort in the promises that are found in God’s Word. We are strengthened when we assemble to worship. And we are encouraged by the love shown to us by others.

**Godly people will need comfort.** -- Some have the misconception that if they serve God faithfully, and if their faith is strong enough, then they will never have any problems. This simply is not true. Paul was a faithful minister of Jesus Christ, serving in the capacity of an apostle, yet he suffered terribly for the cause of Christ **(2 Corinthians 1:8-9, 4:8-10, 11:23-28).** Paul did not blame God for these tribulations, nor did he abandon God because of them. Instead, he saw that God was a source of comfort during these tribulations.

**God comforts us in all our tribulation.** -- I have known of some Christians who have left the Lord and His church during times of trouble. When questioned about their absence, they replied, “I am just going through a tough time right now. When things get better, I will be back at church.” How sad. Why do some Christians believe that they must look to someone other than God for their help? There is no problem too big for God. The apostle Paul said, ***“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13)***. As long as one is serving God faithfully, there will never come a time in his life when God will abandon him. God’s comfort is available and sufficient for any problem we will face.

**Comfort is to be shared.** -- God allows suffering in the lives of His children, not solely as a means of chastening, but also as a means of equipping them to be more compassionate servants. As recipients of God’s mercy and comfort, we are obligated to extend these same blessings to others, and thus make ourselves a channel through which God’s comfort can flow to others.

For one to receive God’s strength and comfort in their hour of need, but not share it with others, is a sign of unkindness and ingratitude. Such a person should no longer expect to receive God’s comfort **(Matthew 18:32-33).**

Do you need comfort? God can give it. Are you burdened with the guilt of sin? Why not turn to God for forgiveness? When one repents of his sin **(Acts 2:38),** confesses his faith in Christ **(Romans 10:9-10),** and is baptized, his sins are washed away **(Acts 22:16)**. Such a cleansing will bring you comfort and peace with God. Do you know anyone who needs comfort? Share the comfort that you have received with someone else.

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***The Obstacle In Our Path***

**The importance of serving others**

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway. The peasant learned what many of us never understand!

Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

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**Answers from page 1**

1. Moses [Exodus 3:5]

2. John the Baptist [Matthew 3:11]

3. Passover [Exodus 12:11]

4. Shoes of the Hebrews who left Egypt lasted 40 yrs. [Deuteronomy 29:5]

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